***Study Guide – Mini 1***

*This mini-exam will consist of 70 points, and may contain multiple-choice, T/F, matching, and/or short answer questions.*

**From lecture/films**

* Families Historically
  + Public vs. Private Families – evolution in early America
  + Rise of “private family” in early 1900s
    - Aspects that increased/decreased
* Purposes of marriage (film)
  + Evolving nature of pair bonding reasons, marriage formation/bases (e.g., love, etc.)
  + Possible vs. Actual Family marriage/family practices in existence
* TV families across time (film)
  + Ideals vs. realities – historically and today
  + Representation accuracy diversities: class, race, sexual orientation, functionality
  + Gender representations
* PEW Research trends (film & site/article stats)
  + Marriage “in decline”?
  + Increase in unmarried child births
  + 1 parent families 🡪 more challenging for kids? OR role of $?
* Family Systems
* Family Comm Environments
  + 3 factors that determine comm.environ. type: Expressiveness, Struct.Traditionalism, Conflict Avoidance
  + Circumplex Model
    - Cohesion
      * 4 types/levels (disengaged, separated, connected, enmeshed)
    - Flexibility
      * 4 levels (chaotic, flexible, structured, rigid)
* Privacy & Family Boundaries
  + Systemic vs. Info Boundaries
  + External vs. Internal Systemic Boundaries
    - Physical aspects that can affect permeability
    - Different reasons for setting boundaries
    - Factors that affect system. boundaries
  + Internal vs. External Family Privacy Orientations
  + Basics of Comm Privacy Management Theory (by Petronio)
  + 4 types of Boundary Coordination Patterns

**From readings**

* Coontz (2000)
  + Reason for initial historical “decline” of extended kinship
  + Myths regarding: (a) “Affective individualism” & family Rs, (b) Time spent with children, (c) Nuclear or other “ideal” structures
  + Aspects of family economy: (Sources of resource-attainment & Diff. ways resources distributed *w/i* families)
  + Various expectations of roles for children
  + Pros vs. Cons of marriage/family life vs. single
* Schrodt (2009)
  + Basics of Koerner & Fitzpatrick’s (2002) General Theory of Family Comm
  + Associat. b/w family strength & satisfaction among: (Expressiveness, Struct.Traditionalism, ConflictAvoid)
* Durham (2008)
  + VCF couples’ S-D processes:
    - Rules-driven determ. of appropriateness
      * 4 different criteria used/found
    - Confidant selection-external boundary linkages determ. by same 4 criteria *and* Acceptance/similarity
    - Concealment characteristics
      * WHO they chose to hide from & 2 main Reasons for concealment