***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