








## Community, Identity, and Place

### Module III Lecture Guide: Part II

## II. Community versus Identity

- A. What is “community”?
- B. What does “communal” mean?
- C. Understanding other terms related to the concept of “community”:

-  neighbor / neighboring
-  kinship
-  ritual
-  secular
-  face-to-face communications
-  primary versus secondary groups
-  individuality

## D. Expanding the Concept of Community

### 1. America the Melting Pot

*America is “the great Melting Pot, where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming!...The real American has not yet arrived. His is only the Crucible. I tell you – he will be the fusion of all races, the coming superman.”*

--Israel Zangwill, *The Melting Pot*, 1908

#### a. The Browning of America

-  What does this mean?

#### b. Melting Pot versus Stewpot

-  How is a “stewpot” different from a “melting pot”?


### 2. The Global Community

## E. Threats to Community

1. Sociologist Louis Wirth (1897-1952) and the concept of alienation, in *Urbanism as a Way of Life* (1938)

**large population size + density + heterogeneity →**

2. French sociologist Emile Durkheim (1858-1917) and the concept of anomie, in *The Division of Labor in Society* (1893)

 Definition of **anomie**.

3. Atomization

- a. Louis Wirth and definition of “minority” (1945)
- b. subculture
- c. subcommunity
- d. Herbert Gans (1927-) and “ethnicity”

## Optional Online Readings and Experiences to Explore for Part II of Module III

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Hampton, Keith N., and Barry Wellman. “Long Distance Community in the Network Society: Contact and Support Beyond Netville.” *American Behavioral Scientist*, Vol. 45, No. 3, November 2001, pp. 477-496. Online at

< <http://web.mit.edu/knh/www/downloads/HamptonWellmanABSv45n3.pdf> >

Rodriguez, Richard. “The Browning of America.” *Public Broadcasting Service Online NewsHour*. February 18, 1998.

< [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/essays/february98/rodriguez\\_2-18.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/essays/february98/rodriguez_2-18.html) > .

Webley, Paul. “Life in the City: Lecture Outline.” Read about the famous social psychology incident referred to as *The Bystander*, at

<<http://www.ex.ac.uk/~PWebley/psy1002/citylife.html>>.

Wellman, Barry (Director of Netlab, a scholarly network studying computer networks, communication networks, and social networks) and his publications about “Netville” at < <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~wellman/publications/publications.html> - netville >