Parker Exam: SOC2500

Long Essay Questions (60%)

Answer the following questions using material from our class readings & lectures. **Be sure to cite your sources and define your terms.** You have a maximum of 1500 words to complete each question.

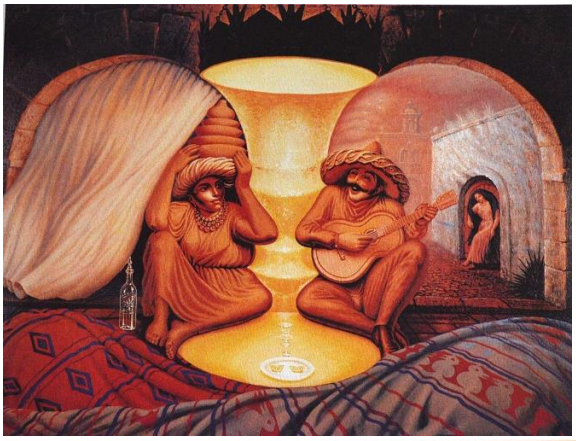
1. What are 'categories,' and in what sense are they socially constructed? Using concepts and findings from across our course lectures, explain and illustrate how categories are socially constructed, by whom, and how they matter for social life.

2. Discuss how signs, symbols, and rituals are different ways of 'being together,' socially speaking. Use at least two perspectives from our course.

Short Essay Questions (40%)

Select two of the following questions and answer them using material from our class readings & lectures. **Be sure to cite your sources and define your terms.** You have a maximum of 500 words to complete each question.

1. Use Griswold's Cultural Diamond Model or Hall's Extended Linear Communication Model to analyze one of the following cultural objects. Ensure that you touch on all relevant aspects of each model.







2. Can scientific facts be produced and explained in an ‘objective’ culture-free manner? If so, how so? If not, why not? Illustrate your answer using readings from our class.

3. How can we understand taste and fashion from a cultural perspective? What roles do experts, gatekeepers, markets, and class play in the social production of taste and fashion? Explain your answers using multiple sources from our course.