Part I: Course Logistics

Problem Set #8 is optional/extra credit

Part II: Review of Problem Sets #6

What did you find?
What questions are unanswered?

Part III: Structural holes and social capital

Student presentation

What literatures inform this perspective on social-structural issues
  Power-dependence (Cook, Emerson)
  Weak ties literature/job-finding (Granovetter)
  Betweenness and closeness centrality and power (Freeman)
  Social cohesion and its information effects (cliques, cores)
  Structural equivalence, strictly defined (Burt, Breiger, others)
  Sociological work on social capital/social resources (Coleman, Lin, others)
  Strategic contingencies theory (Burt, Hickson, Pfeffer & Salancik, others)

What constitutes a structural hole?
  Redundancy, autonomy/constraint
  Using cohesion and structural equivalence as a way to find structural holes
  *Structures are productive to some ends*

Part IV: Structural holes and social capital continued

What is social capital?
  Focus on productive uses
  Focus on relations that have certain *attributes* that are productive to some ends

Much of the literature uses the term very carelessly
The focus on relations may be overdone, to some extent
  Putnam focuses on loss of relations over the loss of particular attributes
  Viewing civic associations as a black box – a la two-mode network analysis

Underestimating the cost of “pruning” one’s network

Part V: Lab session: Creating Hole Signatures Charts

Download: www.albany.edu/faculty/kretheme/HoleSigEx.zip

**Assignments**
- Readings per the syllabus. Try to read both W & F chapters and the two articles. Review any notes you might have on logit models
- Complete Problem Sets #7