

**Soci 6420**  
**Short Essay #4: Shared Causal Mechanisms**  
**Due Tuesday, November 15**

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**Background**

Reskin (2003) argues that the balkanization of sociology has limited our ability to understand inequality because balkanization encouraging authors to develop separate theories for race, class, gender etc. She suggests that breaking down sub-discipline boundaries might help us discover causal mechanisms that play a role in generating multiple forms of inequality.

**Assignment** (no more than 5 double-spaced pages)

1. How does McCall help answer Reskin's call for a more integrated approach to the study of inequality?
2. What do McCall's results suggest about the likelihood that gender, class, and race inequality are caused by the same factors?