



# DOUG MASSEY AND DURABLE INEQUALITY



# THE PROCESS OF STRATIFICATION

- Massey defines **stratification** as “the unequal distribution of people across social categories that are characterized by differential access to scarce resources”
- These resources can take a number of forms:
  - material (e.g., income),
  - symbolic (e.g., social status),
  - even emotional (e.g., affection or acceptance).

