

# Community SWB

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## outline

Steve Balin: Lynx

Campbell ch7,ch12-14

Specific studies about communities/neighborhoods

## NECESSARY readings

- Cloutier et al. (2014)
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- Ma et al. (2017)
- Pfeiffer and Cloutier (2016)
- Helliwell et al. (2018) NOTE: data are publicly available!!
- Musikanski et al. (2017)
- Mouratidis (2017)
- see next slide for explanation

## lots of readings

- not necessarily that you have to read everything
- but do skim through everything, at least abstracts
- and do read those that are close to what you are doing
- there will be few slides
  - and most of class will be discussion of these readings
  - so please be prepared to discuss them!
- reference list is on the last slide

## jupyter now works better and off-campus

- `https://theaok.github.io/lab/#jupyter`

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## what is it

- my friend real estate developer in Philly
- draft of our project

## draft

- Americans, including Millennials, are lonely.
- And they can't change it—
  - they simply don't have time for social engagement
  - in today's fast paced living.
- The only time they have is at their home,
  - where they are isolated.



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- Volumes have been written about this problem,
  - but little have been done.
  - Steve's approach of "convenient connection"
  - is changing it.
- This is an idea of co-living or co-housing but better.
  - Unlike most other developers,
  - Steve is personally committed to the idea.
- And he has assembled a team of academics,
  - community leaders, and businesspeople
  - to carry out his visionary project.
- iSteve here some details about specifics, like instiagtors

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- Notably, social connection is key for happiness.
- You cannot be happy if you are socially disconnected.
- Again, Americans, including Millennials, are disconnected.
- Social media do not help,
  - and actually in many ways make us more disconnected.
- Social disconnection is a primary reason
  - for Americans unhappiness.
- Initial evidence shows that Lynx
  - residents are connected and happy.
  - At Lynx, you will be connected and happy.

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