HISTORY 402
MR. SCHULTZ

AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY 1870 TO THE PRESENT

Texts:

Raymond A. Mohl, THE NEW CITY: URBAN AMERICA IN THE INDUSTRIAL AGE, 1860-1920
Jon C. Teaford, THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN CITY: PROBLEM, PROMISE, AND REALITY
Sam Bass Warner, Jr., STREETCAR SUBURBS: THE PROCESS OF GROWTH IN BOSTON, 1870-1900
William Riordan, PLUNKITT OF TAMMANY HALL
Kinko’s Packet of Readings

COURSE MEETINGS AND REQUIREMENTS:
We require all students to attend two lectures (75 minutes) and one (50 minute) discussion section each week. We will take attendance at the discussion section meetings. All examinations will be in essay format. There will be a mid-term (scheduled for March 14), and a final examination, scheduled (by the College) for Friday, May 12, at 7:45 A.M.

Writing Assignment:
All undergraduate students enrolled in the course will write one short (4-8 pages) essay-review based upon a sufficient variety of materials to allow analysis of differing viewpoints on the subject. Reading for the essay-review will be in addition to that required for the course in general. We will hand out in class a format for the essay review and a selected set of suggested readings. You are not confined to that list. You may choose other materials after consultation with either the Teaching Assistant or the Instructor. Students eager to do a research paper based on primary materials rather than the essay-review may do so. Any and all graduate students enrolled in the course must write an original research paper as must any undergraduate honors students.

Readings:
We will give the specific order of reading assignments in discussion sections.

Grading Policies:
We will evaluate your work in the course based upon the essay examinations, the writing assignment, and attendance at and participation in the required discussion sections. Improvement in performance over the semester will always result in a higher grade; in cases where a final grade hovers between two possibilities, the student whose work has shown improvement will receive the higher of the two possibilities.
## COURSE OUTLINE AND LECTURE TOPICS

### LECTURE TOPICS

#### I. URBAN AMERICA: AN OVERVIEW

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#### II. THE PHYSICAL RISE OF THE MODERN CITY

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#### III. THE SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN CITIES

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#### IV. POLITICS AND REFORM IN THE CITIES

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** SPRING RECESS **

Mar. 23-Apr. 1

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#### V. A NATION OF CITIES

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* * * FINAL EXAMINATION. MAY 12 * * *
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS #1

- the heyday of the ethnic urban villages
- the volume of "new" immigration exceeds that of "old"
- the spatially segregated city

1860
- the walking city
- horse-cars

1870
- electric trolleys

1880
- completion of national rail network

1890
- start of Great Migration
- 1890 blacks
- 1900 of urban govt.
- 1910 automobile

1900
- new forms

1920
- the formation and growth of black ghettos

1930

- founding of Birmingham
- industrial growth of "New South"
- urban progressivism

- the formation of growth of the political machines

- growth of new cities in the far west
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS, #2

[PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CITIES]

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Burnham Chicago Plan

Euclid v. Ambler Case

"Great Depression"

"Greenbelt Cities"

New Deal and Fair Deal Welfare Legislation

Federal Highway Act

Revenue Sharing

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Tenement House Reform Movement

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City Beautiful Movement

City Efficient Movement

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