HISTORY 402

AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY 1870 TO THE PRESENT
11:45-1:00, M,T,W,R, 1111 Hum.

TEXTS:

Howard Chudacoff, THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN URBAN SOCIETY (2d ed.)
Sam Bass Warner, Jr., STREETCAR SUBURBS: THE PROCESS OF GROWTH IN BOSTON, 1870-1900
William Riordan, PLUNKITT OF TAMMANY HALL
Reprint Collection of Articles on Urban America (purchase at Kinko's)

Examinations:

There will be two examinations, one scheduled on July 7th, the second a final examination on August 4th. Both examinations will be essay questions and will take place in class. The instructor will hand out study questions in advance of each examination.

Because of the pressures of time and the amount of material in the course, you must do the reading promptly and regularly. If you fall behind, you will find catching-up difficult. You also will profit more from the lectures and discussion of the material when you have read about the topic in advance.

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 those readings. You may choose other materials after consultation with 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.

Please Note: The instructor has organized lectures under various topical headings rather than in a strictly chronological order. To aid your chronological awareness (this is a history course that discusses changes over time) the instructor has provided two "timelines" that pinpoint items of principal interest to us in this course.
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the heyday of the ethnic urban villages

the volume of "new" immigration exceeds that of "old"

the spacially segregated city

1850 1870 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930

horse-cars electric trolleys start of Great Migration

1880 completion of national rail network 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

the formation and growth of black ghetto

Mr. Schultz
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS, #2
(Physical Construction and Reconstruction of Cities)

Heyday of Public Parks Movement, Sanitation Reform, & Provision of Public Services (Water, Sewer, etc)

- "Great White City" at Columbian Exposition
- Burnham Chicago Plan
- Euclid v. Ambler Case

New Deal and Fair Deal Welfare Legislation
- "Great Depression"
- "Greenbelt Cities"

Federal Highway Act
- Revenue Sharing

1870
- Tenement House Reform Movement
- City Beautiful Movement

1880
- Automobile
- City Efficient Movement
- Ebenezer Howard & the "Garden City" Concept

1890
- Large-scale Black Migration

1900

1910
- Ebenezer Howard & the "Garden City" Concept

1920
- Large-scale Black Migration

1930
- Federal Housing Legislation

1940
- Regional Planning Assoc. of Amer.

1950
- Creation of HUD

1960
- Regional Planning Assoc. of Amer.

1970
Suggested Topics and Readings for Essay-Reviews

Upon consultation with the instructor(s), students may choose one of the following topics, or any other appropriate one of their choice, for the essay-review. We urge you to begin work on this as early in the semester as possible.

Architectural History

Lewis Mumford, *The Brown Decades: A Study of the Arts in America, 1865-1895*

Vincent Scully, *American Architecture and Urbanism*

Building

James Marston Fitch, *American Building: The Historical Forces that Shaped It* (2d ed.)

Carl W. Condit, *American Building*

Landscape

John B. Jackson, *American Space: The Centennial Years, 1865-1876*

William H. Whyte, *The Last Landscape*

Urban. scape

Kevin Lynch, *Image of the City*

Christopher Tunnard & Boris Pushkarev, *Man-Made America: Chaos or Control?*

or,

John A. Kouwenhoven, *The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York*

Harold M. Mayer & Richard C. Wade, *Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis*

Inter-city Transportation

Jean Gottman, *Megalopolis*

George N. Hilton & John F. Dye, *The Electric Interurban Railways in America*

Intraurban Transportation


George M. Smerk, *Urban Mass Transportation: A Dozen Years of Federal Policy*

Metropolitan Growth


Allan Pred, *The Spatial Dynamics of U.S. Urban-Industrial Growth, 1800-1914*

Urban Biography

Robert M. Fogelson, *Fragmented Metropolis, Los Angeles 1850-1930*

Bayard Still, *Milwaukee* (rev. ed.)
Urban History

Urban Crime


Roger Lane, "Urbanization and Criminal Violence in the Nineteenth Century," *Jour. of Social History*, II (Dec., 1968)


Urban Violence

Elliott Rudwick, *Race Riot in East St. Louis*

Kenneth T. Jackson, *The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930*

Police in the City

James F. Richardson, *Urban Police in the United States*

Roger Lane, *Policing the City: Boston, 1822-1885*

Immigrants in the Cities


Humbert Nelli, *The Italians in Chicago, 1880-1930*

Blacks in the Cities

Edward N. Rabinowitz, *Race Relations in the Urban South, 1865-1920*

St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton, *Black Metropolis*

or

Florette Henri, *Black Migration: Movement North 1900-1920*

Karl and Alma Taeuber, *Negroes in Cities: Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Change*

Black Ghettos

Gilbert Osofsky, *Harlem: The Making of a Ghetto*

Kenneth L. Kusmer, *A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930*

Urban Slums

Gerald D. Suttles, *The Social Order of the Slum*

Harvey W. Zorbaugh, *The Gold Coast and the Slum*

Social Mobility in the Cities

Howard Chudacoff, *Mobile Americans: Residential and Social Mobility in Omaha, 1880-1920*

Thomas Kessner, *The Golden Door: Italian and Jewish Immigrant Mobility in New York City, 1880-1915*
Urban History

Urban Finances

Roger E. Alcaly & David Mermelstein (eds.), The Fiscal Crisis of American Cities
Dick Netzer, Economics of the Property Tax, chs. IV, V
George F. Breake, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the United States, ch. V

Housing

Roy Lubove, The Progressives and the Slums
Thomas Lee Philpott, The Slum and the Ghetto: Neighborhood Deterioration and Middle-Class Reform, Chicago, 1880-1930

Landscape Architects and the City

Laura Wood Roper, FLO: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted
Norman T. Newton, Design on the Land: The Development of Landscape Architecture, chs. XXI-XXIV, XXVIII-XX IX, XXXI-XXXIV

Garden Cities

Ebenezer Howard, Garden Cities of Tomorrow (1898, U.S. edition 1965)
Clarence S. Stein, Toward New Towns for America

City Planning

Mel Scott, American City Planning since 1890, chs. 1-5
Roy Lubove, Community Planning in the 1920's

Urban Renewal

Jane Jacobs, The Death and Life of Great American Cities
Charles Abrams, The City is the Frontier, Part II

Urban Planners

Thomas S. Hines, Burnham of Chicago: Architect and Planner
Robert A. Caro, The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York

Urban Government

Ernest S. Griffith, A History of American City Government, 1870-1900
Kenneth Fox, Better City Government

Urban "Liberal" Politics

Frederic C. Howe, The City The Hope of Democracy
John D. Buenker, Urban Liberalism and Progressive Reform

Urban Political Machines

Seymour Mandelbaum, Boss Tweed's New York
Zane L. Miller, Boss Cox's Cincinnati
Urban Political Machines (contd)

Theodore J. Lowi, At the Pleasure of the Mayor: Patronage & Power in New York City, 1898-1958
Milton Rakove, Don't Make No Waves, Don't Back No Losers: An Insider's Analysis of the Daley Machine

Urban Reformers

Allen F. Davis, Spearheads for Reform: The Social Settlements and the Progressive Movement, 1890-1914
Melvin G. Holli, Reform in Detroit: H. S. Pingree and Urban Politics

Urban-Federal Government Relations

Mark I. Gelfand, A Nation of Cities: The Federal Government and Urban America, 1933-1965


Urban Elites

E. Digby Baltzell, Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of a National Upper Class

Urban Working Classes

John Cumbler, Working-Class Community in Industrial America
Herbert G. Gutman, Work, Culture & Society in Industrializing America, Parts I & III

Working Class Quarters

Robert A. Woods & Albert J. Kennedy, The Zone of Emergence
Herbert J. Gans, The Levittowners

Company Towns

Stanley Buder, Pullman: An Experiment in Industrial Order and Community Planning
Bennett M. Berger, Working-Class Suburb: A Study of Auto Workers in Suburbia

Religion in the City

Henry P. May, Protestant Churches and Industrial America
Will Herberg, Protestant-Catholic-Jew

Education in the City

Lawrence A. Cremin, The Transformation of the School