History 901 Seminar in American Urban History Mr. Schultz

Required Texts:

David R. Goldfield and Blaine A. Brownell, Urban America: From Downtown to No Town (1979)
Kenneth A. Lockridge, A New England Town: The First Hundred Years (1970)
Morton and Lucia White, The Intellectual Versus the City (1962)

Recommended Texts: (Syntheses, Readers, Bibliographies)

Syntheses

Sam Bass Warner, Jr., The Urban Wilderness: A History of the American City (1972)
Zane L. Miller, The Urbanization of Modern America: A Brief History (1973)
Blake McKelvey, American Urbanization; A Comparative History (1973)

Readers

Raymond A. Mohl and Neil Betten (eds.), Urban America in Historical Perspective (1970)
Raymond A. Mohl and James F. Richardson (eds.), The Urban Experience: Themes in American History (1973)
Bibliographies

[All works cited above under "Syntheses" and "Readers" contain useful bibliographies. In addition see:]


Course Outline

1. Introduction: The Study of Urban History Jan. 20
   (no reading assigned)
2. Intellectual and Cultural Responses to the City Jan. 27
   Core Reading: Whites, Intellectual Versus the City
   Additional Reading:
   1. George Dunlap, The City in the American Novel, 1789-1900 (1934)
   3. Anselm Strauss, Images of the American City (1961)
   5. David R. Weimer, The City as Metaphor (1966)
  12. Leo Marx, The Machine in the Garden (1964)
17. Raymond Williams, *The Country and the City* (1973)
19. Parke Dixon Goist, *From Main Street to State Street* (1977)

3. Communities and Families in Colonial America

**Core Reading:** Lockridge, *New England Town*

4. The City in Colonial America

5. Cities in an Expanding Nation

**Core Reading:** Wade, *Urban Frontier*

6. Cities in the Old South

7. Immigration to Urban America

8. Urban Institutions
   (Asylums, Schools, Police, Fire, Prisons, etc.)

9. **NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK – **

10. Work and the Conditions of Labor

11. The Rise of the Black Ghetto

12. City Bosses and Urban Reform

13. The Expanding Metropolis: Suburbanization

**Core Reading:** Warner, *Streetcar Suburbs*

14. The Federal Government and the Cities

15. Cities in Post World War II America

**Core Reading:** Hirsch, *Making the Second Ghetto*

16. To be discussed

3. Feb.  10
4. Feb.  17
5. Feb.  24
6. Mar.  2
7. Mar.  9
8. Mar. 16
9. Mar. 23
10. Mar. 30
11. Apr.  6
12. Apr. 13
13. Apr. 20
14. Apr. 27
15. May  4
Title: [Goldfield, David R. and Brownell, Blaine A., Urban America: From Downtown to No Town (Boston, 1979) or, Bittick, Marvin C., "Cities I Have Hated," Journal of Absurd History, XII (May, 1982), 647-698.]

Subject: {e.g. Immigration, Blacks, Communities; Politics, etc.}

Major Points or Argument: