

Government and Politics 461
Metropolitan Government
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30– 1:45
Tydings Hall 0102
Spring 2008

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About the course:

This class is about the politics of American cities. In particular, we will focus on power and how it is distributed among various political actors. Class discussions and reading assignments will cover a variety of issues including: the evolution of cities and suburbs; patterns of residential segregation and their consequences; the political economy of cities; political machines and reform politics; minority politics and empowerment; immigration induced change in the demography and politics of urban areas; biracial/ multiracial coalition politics; and federal urban policy.

Regular attendance at lectures is expected. **Assigned reading should be completed prior to lectures**, as participation in class discussions is strongly encouraged. At my discretion, exemplary participation may be rewarded in your final grade.

To better facilitate your learning in this course, I will post a series of reading guides on my department website. I strongly recommend that you consult them to help you identify core concepts in the assigned reading. Course requirements include two in-class midterms (50%), five short in-class reading quizzes (10%) and a final exam (40%). The midterms will be comprised of short answer/short essay questions and will cover all readings and lectures to that point. The final exam in this course is cumulative and will include short answer and short essay questions.

The required books for this course are:

- Paul Grogan and Tony Proscio. (2000) *Comeback Cities*.
- Douglas S. Massey and Nancy A. Denton (1993) *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*.
- William Julius Wilson (1996). *When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor*
- Course Pack (Available at the College Copy Center – 7319 Baltimore Ave #B. Located next to R.J. Bentley's (301-985-5100) – go downstairs – Hours: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm – CASH ONLY.)

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1

January 29: Introduction

January 31: Urban Renewal (Film)

WEEK 2

February 5: The Evolution of Urban/Suburban America

February 7: The Evolution of Urban/Suburban America

- **Massey and Denton**, *American Apartheid* Chapters 1 through 4 (1-114)

WEEK 3

February 12: Housing and Segregation (**Reading Quiz #1**)

- **Massey and Denton**, *American Apartheid* Chapters 3 through 8 (115-236)

February 14: Housing and Segregation

WEEK 4

February 19: Housing and Segregation

Course Pack:

- **Paul A. Jargowsky.** (2005) "Stunning Progress, Hidden Problems: The Dramatic Decline of Concentrated Poverty in the 1990s." In Berube et al. (eds.) *Redefining Urban & Suburban America*.
- **Michael Emerson, George Yancey and Karen J. Chai** (2001) "Does Race Matter in Residential Segregation? Exploring the Preferences of White Americans." *American Sociological Review* 66 (922-935).

February 21: The Political Economy of Cities (**Reading Quiz #2**)

Course Pack:

- **Peterson, Paul** (1981) *City Limits*, Chapter 2 "The Interests of the Limited City" (17-38).

WEEK 5

February 26: The Political Economy of Cities

Course Pack:

- **Swanstrom, Todd** (1988) "The Politics of Urban Development" in Kantor and Judd (eds.) *The Politics of Urban America*. (272-288).

February 28: Film – Street Fight

WEEK 6

March 4: **MIDTERM #1**

March 6: Machine Politics and Reformers

Course Pack:

- **Judd and Swanstrom**, *City Politics*, Chapters 3 & 4

WEEK 7

March 11: Machine Politics and the Reformers

Course Pack:

- Bridges, Amy (1999) *Morning Glories: Municipal Reform in the Southwest*. Chapters 6 and 7 (pp.125-174)

March 13: Minority Incorporation

Course Pack:

- Browning R.P, D.R. Marshall and D.H. Tabb (1990) *Racial Politics in American Cities*. Introduction and Chapter 1 (3-30).
- Carmichael, Stokely and Charles V. Hamilton (1967) *Black Power* Chapter 3 "The Myth of Coalition" (58-84).

WEEK 8: SPRING BREAK!!

WEEK 9

March 25: Minority Incorporation

Course Pack:

- Sonenshein, Rafael (1993) *Politics in Black and White* Chapter 1 "Overview: Biracial Coalition Politics." (3-20).
- Kaufmann, Karen M. (1998) *Urban Affairs Review* "Racial Conflict and Political Choice: A Study of Mayoral Voting Behavior in Los Angeles and New York" (655-684).

March 27: Minority Empowerment

Course Pack:

- L. Bobo and F. D. Gilliam Jr. 1990. *American Political Science Review* "Race, Sociopolitical Participation and Black Empowerment." (377-393).
- F. D. Gilliam Jr. and K.M. Kaufmann. 1998. *Urban Affairs Review* "Is There an Empowerment Life Cycle? Long-Term Black Empowerment and Its Influence on Voter Participation." (741-765).
- Karen M. Kaufmann. 2003. *Political Science Quarterly* "Black and Latino Voters in Denver: Responses to Each Other's Political Leadership." (107-125).

WEEK 10:

April 1: Thinking about Racial and Ethnic Identity Politics (**Reading Quiz #3**)

Course Pack:

- Marable, Manning. 1994. "Building Coalitions among Communities of Color: Beyond Racial Identity Politics" In *Blacks, Latinos and Asians in Urban America*, James Jennings (ed.) (29-43).
- Steele, Shelby. 1990. "Ghettoized by Black Unity" *Harpers Magazine* (20-23).

April 3: **NO CLASS** (Professor Kaufmann will be out of town for a conference)

WEEK 11

April 8: Limitations of urban power (**Reading Quiz #4**)

Course Pack:

- Reed, Adolph, Jr. 1986. "The Black Urban Regime: Structural Origins and Constraints" *Comparative Urban and Community Research* (138-189).

April 10: **MIDTERM #2**

WEEK 12

April 15: Urban Inequality

- **William Julius Wilson:** *When Work Disappears*. Chapters 1 – 4 (pp. 1-110).

April 17: Urban Inequality

- **William Julius Wilson:** *When Work Disappears*. Chapters 5-8 (pp. 111-238)

WEEK 13

April 22: Immigration and Urban Politics

Course Pack:

- Roberto Suro. 1998. "Strangers among Us: How Latino Immigration is Transforming America. Chapter 1, pp. 2-26
- Roger Waldinger. 2001. *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America*. Chapter 1 (pp.1-21) and Chapter 3, *Up From Poverty*, (pp.80-116)
- Roger Lowenstein. "The Immigrant Equation" *The New York Times Magazine* July 9, 2006 p.36.

April 24: November 15: Ethnic Identities, Ethnic Politics and the Prospects for Multiracial Coalitions

Course Pack:

- DeSipio, Louis (1996) "More than the Sum of its Parts: The Building Blocks of a Pan-Ethnic Latino Identity." In *The Politics of Minority Coalitions: Race, Ethnicity, and Shared Uncertainties*. Wilbur C. Rich (Ed.) Westport, CT: Praeger. (Pp.177-189)
- Nakanishi, Don T. "Political Trends and Electoral Issues of the Asian American Population" In *America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences*. Neil J. Smelser, W.J.Wilson and Faith Mitchell (Eds.). (170-199).
- Kaufmann, Karen M. 2003. "Cracks in the Rainbow: Group Commonality as a Basis for Latino and African-American Political Coalitions." *Political Research Quarterly* 199-210.

WEEK 14:

April 29: Ethnic Identities, Ethnic Politics and the Prospects for Multiracial Coalitions

Course Pack:

- Kaufmann, Karen M. 2007 "Immigration and the Future of Black Power in American Cities" *Du Bois Review* 4:1:1-18.

May 1: Federal Urban Policy

Course Pack:

- **Judd and Swanstrom,** *City Politics*, Chapters 7 and 8

WEEK 15

May 6: Models for Urban Revitalization (**Reading Quiz #5**)

- **Grogan and Proscio:** *Comeback Cities*. (pp. 1- 181)

May 8: Models for Urban Revitalization

- **Grogan and Proscio:** *Comeback Cities* (pp. 183-268).

WEEK 16

May 13: Models for Urban Revitalization

Course Pack:

- David Rusk. *Inside Game/Outside Game* Chapter 9 - "Montgomery County Maryland: Mixing Up the Neighborhood" (pp. 178-200).

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, May 20th 1:30 – 3:30