

Urban Politics¹
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Goals & Objectives

My teaching philosophy emphasizes three primary objectives. I strive to (a) foster understanding of key concepts and their wider applicability (b) construct a collaborative atmosphere in which students feel comfortable trying out new ideas, and (c) encourage students to appreciate and value course ideas.

Learning is a two-way street. Students are expected to do their part by keeping up with course readings, raising questions in class, and actively participating in discussions.

Office Hours

In addition to regularly scheduled office hours, additional office hours are available by appointment. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss paper theses, outlines, and drafts with the instructor. Please don't hesitate to stop by; my door is always open.

Midterm Course Evaluation

Halfway through the semester, students are asked to complete an optional (but strongly encouraged) midterm course evaluation. This is a chance for students to offer constructive comments on the course. After midterm evaluations are completed, the instructor will discuss potential changes to the course.

Course Requirements

Thesis Statement Identification: Throughout the course of the semester, select ten book chapters or articles. For each book chapter or article selected, write 1-2 sentences summarizing the main thesis. What is the author's main point? What did the author want you to learn? Thesis summaries are due Friday 5pm of the week in which the article or chapter is assigned. Graded on completion. *10% of final grade.*

Critical Essays: Three critical essays. 1500 words each. Topics to be announced. Essays due at the beginning of class. Due dates TBA. *75% of final grade.*

Final Exam: Short answer questions. Some exam questions will be provided periodically in lecture. *15% of final grade.*

¹Draft syllabus. Last updated: November 9, 2015.

Readings & Schedule²

Week 1: Introduction

1. Jacobs, Jane. *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. New York: Random House, 1961.
2. Lukas, J. Anthony. *Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families*. New York: Vintage Books, 1985.

Week 2: Pluralism & Regime Theory

1. Robert Dahl (1961). *Who Governs?*
2. Bachrach, Peter and Morton Baratz. 1962. "Two Faces of Power," *American Political Science Review* 56(4): 947-52.
3. Clarence Stone (1989). *Regime Politics: Governing Atlanta*.
4. Burns, Peter and Matthew O. Thomas. 2006. "The Failure of the Non-Regime: How Katrina Exposed New Orleans as a Regimeless City," *Urban Affairs Review* 41: 517-27.

Week 3: The City as a Growth Machine

1. John R. Logan and Harvey L. Molotch (1987). *Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place*.
2. Richard DeLeon (1992). *Left Coast City: Progressive Politics in San Francisco, 1976-1991*.
3. Gerber and Phillips, 2003. "Development Ballot Measures, Interest Group Endorsements and the Political Geography of Growth Preferences." *American Journal of Political Science* 47:625-39.

Week 4: The Market & Globalization

1. Tiebout, Charles M. 1956. "A Pure Theory of Local Expenditures." *Journal of Political Economy* 64(5): 416-24.
2. Paul Peterson (1981). *City Limits*.
3. Jefferey M. Sellers (2002). *Governing from Below: Urban Regions and the Global Economy*.
4. Cox, Kevin R. "The Local and the Global in the New Urban Politics: A Critical View." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 11, no. 4 (1993): 433-448.

²The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Week 5: Machine & Reform Politics

1. Steve Erie (1988). *Rainbow's End: Irish Americans and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985*.
2. Amy Bridges (1997). *Morning Glories: Municipal Reform in the Southwest*.
3. Krebs, Timothy B. 2005. "Money and Machine Politics: An Analysis of Corporate and Labor Contributions in Chicago City Council Elections," *Urban Affairs Review* 41:47-60.

Week 6: Racial Coalitions & Conflict

1. Rufus Browning, Dale Marshall, and David Tabb. (1986). *Protest is Not Enough: The Struggle of Blacks and Hispanics For Equality in Urban Politics*.
2. Richard A. Keiser (1997). *Subordination or Empowerment? African American Leadership and the Struggle for Urban Political Power*.
3. Hajnal, Zoltan. 2001. "White Residents, Black Incumbents, and a Declining Racial Divide." *American Political Science Review* 95(3): 603-17.
4. Mladenka, Kenneth. "Blacks and Hispanics in Urban Politics," *American Political Science Review* (1989).

Week 7: Immigration & Political Incorporation

1. Michael Jones-Correa (1998). *Between Two Nations: The Political Predicament of Latinos in New York City*.
2. Reul Rogers. (2006). *Afro Caribbean Immigrants and the Politics of Incorporation: Ethnicity, Exception, or Exit*.
3. Jones-Correa, Michael and Lorrie Frasure. 2010. "The Logic of Institutional Dependency: The Case of Day Laborer Policy in Suburbia." *Urban Affairs Review* 45(4): 451-482.

Week 8: Voting in Cities & Their Suburbs

1. Karen Kaufman (2004). *The Urban Voter: Group Conflict and Mayoral Voting Behavior in American Cities*.
2. Zoltan Hajnal. (2009). *America's Uneven Democracy: Race, Turnout, and Representation in City Politics*.
3. Oliver, J. Eric and Shang E. Ha. 2007. "Vote Choice in Suburban Elections," *The American Political Science Review* 101(3): 393-408.
4. Jackson, Kenneth T. *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.

Week 9: Urban Political Participation & Civic Engagement

1. Ackelsberg, Martha A. "Communities, Resistance, and Women's Activism: Reflections on Democratic Theory." In *Resisting Citizenship: Feminist Essays on Politics, Community, and Democracy*. 26-38. New York: Routledge, 2010.
2. J. Eric Oliver. (2010). *The Paradoxes of Integration: Race, Neighborhood, and Civic Life in Multiethnic America*.
3. Nicole P. Marwell (2007). *Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City*.
4. Fung, Archon. *Empowered Participation: Reinventing Urban Democracy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004.
5. Weber, Bret A., and Amanda Wallace. "Revealing the Empowerment Revolution: A Literature Review of the Model Cities Program." *Journal of Urban History* 38, no. 1 (2012): 173-192.
6. Trounstein, Jessica. 2006. "Dominant Regimes and the Demise of Urban Democracy," *Journal of Politics* 68(4): 879-93.

Week 10: Fiscal Policy in Cities

1. Esther Fuchs (1992). *Mayors and Money: Fiscal Policy in New York and Chicago*.
2. Gerber, Elisabeth and Daniel J. Hopkins. 2011. "When Mayors Matter: Estimating the Impact of Mayoral Partisanship on City Policy," *American Journal of Political Science*. 55(2): 326-39.
3. Baqir, Reza. 2002. "Districting and Government Overspending" *Journal of Political Economy* 110(6): 1318-54
4. Craw, Michael. 2008. "Taming the Local Leviathan: Institutional and Economic Constraints on Municipal Budgets." *Urban Affairs Review* 43(5): 663-90.

Week 11: The Fragmented Metropolis

1. Nancy Burns (1994). *Formation of American Local Governments: Private Values in Public Institutions*.
2. Weiher, Gregory. *The Fractured Metropolis: Political Fragmentation and Metropolitan Segregation*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991.
3. Gary Miller (1981). *Cities by Contract: The Politics of Municipal Incorporation*.
4. Mullin, Megan. 2008. "The Conditional Effect of Specialized Governance on Public Policy," *American Journal of Political Science* 52(1):125-141.
5. Berry, Christopher R. *Imperfect Union: Representation and Taxation in Multilevel Governments*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

6. Ostrom, Vincent et al. "The Organization of Government in Metropolitan Areas: A Theoretical Inquiry," *American Political Science Review* (1961).

Week 12: Urban Decline & Renewal

1. Thomas J. Sugrue. (1998). *The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit*.
2. Derek S. Hyra. (2008). *The New Urban Renewal: The Economic Transformation of Harlem and Bronzeville*.
3. Glasgow, Garrett, Paul G. Lewis, and Max Neiman. 2012. "Local Development Policies and the Foreclosure Crisis in California: Can Local Policies Hold Back National Decline?" *Urban Affairs Review* 48(1): 64-85.

Week 13: Desegregation & Busing

1. Hochschild, Jennifer L. *The New American Dilemma: Liberal Democracy and School Desegregation*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984.
2. Anderson, Elizabeth. *The Imperative of Integration*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010.
3. Farley, Reynolds, Howard Schuman, Suzanne Bianchi, Diane Colasanto, and Shirley Hatchett. "Chocolate City, Vanilla Suburbs: Will the Trend toward Racially Separate Communities Continue?" *Social Science Research* 7, no. 4 (1978): 319-344.
4. Massey, Douglas S., and Nancy A. Denton. *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993.