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Tuesdays, 2:00-4:40

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Through reading and research, this course examines major issues in urban politics, history, and sociology. This course is designed for advanced undergraduates with a substantial background in the social sciences.

All books, or at least those for which we will be reading the bulk of the text, are available for purchase in the campus bookstore. They are also on reserve at the circulation desk of Rush Rhees Library; they are on two-hour reserve, but I can change that on request. (You might also consider online sources, including Amazon.com, for book purchases.) The required books are these—

William Cronon, *The Great River: The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation* (New York: Norton, 1991).
Kenneth T. Jackson, *The Discovery of the Great Lakes* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985).
Thomas J. Sugrue, *The Origins of the Urban Crisis* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996).
Gerald Gamm, *The Urban Crisis* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999).
William L. Riordon, *The Urban Crisis* (New York: Penguin, 2011).

(Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993).
Paul E. Peterson, *The Urban Crisis* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981).
Edward Glaeser, *The Urban Crisis* (New York: Penguin, 2011).

All other readings are available at the course website on Blackboard. To access the Blackboard readings off-campus, you will first need to download and run VPN, so that your computer can be viewed as part of the University's network. You can find VPN at

Sept. 2 Introduction

Sept. 9 Cities in the Wilderness

Henry Adams,

(1889; rpt. New York: Library of America, 1986), vol. 1,

chap. 1.

William Cronon,

(New York: Norton,

1991), 1-30, 55-147.

Sept. 16 Industrialization

William Cronon,

, 148-350.

Sept. 23 Suburbanization

Kenneth T. Jackson,

(New

York: Oxford University Press, 1985), 1-44, 73-189, 231-282.

Sept. 30 Housing and Jobs

Kenneth T. Jackson,

, 190-230.

Thomas J. Sugrue,

(Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996), 1-152.

Oct. 7 Parishes and Congregations

Gerald Gamm,

(Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999), 1-221.

Oct. 21 City Neighborhoods

Thomas J. Sugrue, *Harlem, Chicago*, 181-271.
Gerald Gamm, *Chicago's Black Metropolis*, 222-287.

Oct. 28 Bosses and Reformers

William L. Riordon, *Chicago's Bosses and Reformers*, edited with an introduction by Terrence J. McDonald (Boston: Bedford Books, 1994), vii-ix, 1-134.
Amy Bridges, "Winning the West to Municipal Reform," *Journal of American Studies* 27 (1992), 494-518.
Jessica Trounstine, "Dominant Regimes and the Demise of Urban Democracy," *Journal of American Studies* 68 (2006), 879-93.
Gerald Gamm and Thad Kousser, "No Strength in Numbers: The Failure of Big-City Bills in American State Legislatures, 1880-2000," *Journal of American Studies* 107 (2013), 663-78.

Nov. 4 Community Power

Robert A. Dahl, *Plural Democracy* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1961), 1-165, 223-28, 305-325.

Nov. 11 Immigration

Alejandro Portes and Alex Stepick, *Immigrant America: A New Perspective* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993).

Nov. 18 City Limits

Paul E. Peterson, *City Limits* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981), ix-xiii, 1-65, 93-222.
Clarence N. Stone, "City Politics and Economic Development: Political Economy Perspectives," *Journal of American Studies* 46 (1984), 286-99.
Clarence N. Stone, "Atlanta: Protest and Elections Are Not Enough," *Journal of American Studies* 19 (1986), 618-25.

Nov. 25 Race and Rights, North and South

Thomas J. Sugrue, "Affirmative Action from Below: Civil Rights, the Building Trades, and the Politics of Racial Equality in the Urban North, 1945-1969,"
91 (2004), 145-173.

Dennis A. Deslippe, "'Do Whites Have Rights?': White Detroit Policemen and 'Reverse Discrimination' Protests in the 1970s,"
91 (2004), 932-960.