

University of Illinois
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Geography 483
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URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Course Description: The objective of this course is to provide you with the broad background of theories, concepts, and methods of research necessary for understanding how and why our cities have reached their current status. The focus is on examining the internal structure of the North American city. This includes analysis of the commercial, industrial, and residential sectors of the urban environment. Particular emphasis is placed on the range of urban theories developed to explain both urban structure and contemporary urban ills.

Course Requirements:	Mid- term	25 percent
	Final Exam	25 percent
	Panel Discussion	25 percent
	Response Paper	25 percent

Panel Discussion: In groups of 5, you will examine a contemporary problematic issue facing the U.S. city. Each person will speak from a prepared outline for 5 to 7 minutes. Details will be provided in a handout.

Response Paper: All students will write a 4 to 5 page essay that examines a selected current ill or vexing issue in American cities today (e.g., crime, gentrification, underfunded public schools) and explains them by reference to a dominant conceptual perspective (chosen by the student). This paper will be due the sixth week of class.

Readings: Geography 483 Reader (found at Illini Union Bookstore) that consists of:

Ward, K., 2008. "Capital and Class," in Hall, T., Hubbard, P. and J.R. Short The Sage Companion to the City (Beverly Hills: Sage) 108-122.

Lake, R.W., 1983. "Introduction." In R.W. Lake (ed.) Readings In Urban Analysis (New Brunswick: Center For Urban Policy Research) ix-xxv.

Wilson, D., 2007. Cities and Race: America's New Black Ghetto (London: Routledge) 1-48.

Jones, K.T. and J. Popke, 2010. "Re-Envisioning the City: Lefebvre, Hope VI, and the Neo-liberalization of Urban Space," Urban Geography, 31, 114-134.

Davis, M., 1992. "Fortress Los Angeles: the Militarization of Urban Space." In M. Sorkin (ed.) Variations On A Theme Park: the New American City and the End of Public Space (New York: Noonday).

Bennett, Larry, 2006. "Transforming Public Housing." In J.P. Koval et. al., The New Chicago (Philadelphia : Temple University) 269-276.

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Heynen, N., 2009. "Bending the Bars of Empire from Every Ghetto for Survival: The Black Panther Party's Radical Anti Hunger Politics of Social Reproduction and Scale," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 99, 406-422.

Suchar, C.S., 2006. "The Physical Transformation of Metropolitan Chicago." In J.P. Koval et.al., The New Chicago (Philadelphia: Temple University) 56-76.

Hamnett, Chris, 2000. "Gentrification, Post-Industrialism and Industrial and Occupational Restructuring in

Global Cities.” In G. Bridge and S. Watson (eds.) A Companion to the City.

Heimlich, R.E., 1989. "Metropolitan Farming: Farming in the City's Shadow," Journal of the American Planning Association, 55, 457-467.

Wilson, D. And P. Moss, 1997. "Spatiality Studies in Urban Geography." In R. Hetchison (ed.) New Trends in Urban Sociology (New York: JAI) 1-24.

TOPICS

I. Approaches to Understanding the Metropolitan Area

Urban Ecology
Neo-Classical Analysis
Behavioral Analysis
Urban Managerialism
Marxism
Structurationism

** Ward, K., 2008. "Capital and Class," in Hall, T., Hubbard, P. and J.R. Short The Sage Companion to the City (Beverly Hills: Sage) 108-122.

** Lake, R.W., 1983. "Introduction." In R.W. Lake (ed) Readings in Urban Analysis (New Brunswick: CUPR) ix – xxv.

Brenner, N. et. al., 2003. State/Space: A Reader (Oxford: Blackwell).

Brenner, N. and N. Theodore, 2002. Spaces of Neoliberalism (Oxford: Blackwell).

Atkinson, Rob, 1999. "Discoveries of Partnership and Empowerment in Contemporary British Urban Regeneration," Urban Studies, 36, 59-72.

Dear, M., 2000. The Postmodern Urban Condition (Oxford:Blackwell).

Harvey, D., 1988. "Class-Monopoly Rent, Finance Capital, and the Urban Revolution," in Robert Lake (ed.) Readings in Urban Analysis (New Brunswick: (CUPR) 250-277.

Thrift, N., 1995. "A Hyperactive World." In R.J. Johnston, P.J. Taylor, and M.J. Watts (eds.) Geographies of Global Change (London: Basil Blackwell) 18-36.

II. Models of Metropolitan Growth and Change

Circuits of Capital-Uneven-Development Model
Industrial Relocation Model
Political Economy of Place Model

** Wilson, D., 2007. Cities and Race: America's New Black Ghetto (London: Routledge) 1-48

** Jones, K.T. and J. Popke, 2010. "Re-Envisioning the City: Lefebvre, Hope VI, and the Neoliberalization of Urban Space," Urban Geography, 31, 114-134. .

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Gilliland, J. and S. Olson, 2010. "Residential Segregation in the Industrializing City: A Closer Look," Urban Geography, 31, 29-58.

Harvey, D., 2000. Spaces of Hope (California: University of California

Jonas, A. and D. Wilson, 1999. The Urban Growth Machine: Critical Perspectives Two Decades Later (Albany: SUNY).

Collins, Chik, 1999. "Applying Bakhtin in Urban Studies: the Failure of Community Participation in the Ferguslie Park Partnership," Urban Studies, 36, 73-90.

King, R. 1989a. "Capital Switching and the Role of Ground Rent: 1 Theoretical Problems," Environment and Planning A, 21, 445-462.

III. **Redeveloping the City**

Urban Renewal

Supply Based Approaches

Demand Based Approaches

Urban Enterprise Zones and Recent Concepts

** Davis, M., 1992. "Fortress Los Angeles: the Militarization of Urban Space." In M. Sorkin (ed.) Variations on a Theme Park: the New American City and the End of Public Space (New York: Noonday).

** Bennett, Larry, 2006. "Transforming Public Housing." In J.P. Koval et. al., The New Chicago (Philadelphia : Temple University) 269-276.

O'Hanian, S., 2003. "Bush Flunks Schools," The Nation, December, 9-14.

Defilippis, J., 2004. Unmaking Goliath (London: Routledge).

Katz, B. and D. Jackson, 2004. "Purging the Parasitic Economy," technical report, Brookings Institution, 7 September, 7pgs.

Burawoy, M., 2000. Global Ethnography (Berkeley: University of California).

Wilson, D., Beck, D., and A. Bailey, 2009. "Neoliberal-Parasitic Economies and Space Building: Chicago's Southwest Side," Annals of the American Association of American Geographers, 99, 604-626.

Perle, E.D., Lynch, K., and J. Horner, 1994. "Perspectives on Mortgage Lending and Redlining," Journal of the American Planning Association, 60, 344-355.

Beatley, T., Brower, D.J., and W.H. Lucy, 1994. "Representation in Comprehensive Planning: An Analysis of the Austin Plan Process," Journal of the American Planning Association, 60, 185-197.

IV. **Contemporary Problem 1 - Inner City Slum Persistence**

Congregation Thesis

Subculture of Poverty Thesis

Daily-Life Environment Thesis

Institutionalist Thesis

Class Monopoly Rent Thesis

** Wilson, D., 2007. Cities and Race: America's New Black Ghetto (London: Routledge). 73-100.

** Heynen, N., 2009. "Bending the Bars of Empire from Every Ghetto for Survival: The Black Panther Party's Radical Anti Hunger Politics of Social Reproduction and Scale," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 99, 406-422.

Theodore, N., 2006. "Closed Borders, Open Markets: Immigrant Day Laborer's Struggle

For Economic Rights." In J.P. Koval et. al., The New Chicago (Philadelphia: Temple University) 269- 276.

Montag, W., 1997. "The Universalization of Whiteness: Racism and Enlightenment." In Mike Hill (ed.) Whiteness: A Critical Reader (New York: New York University).

Wilson, D., 2005. Inventing Black-On-Black Violence: Discourse, Space, Representation (Syracuse: Syracuse University).

Wilson, W.J., 1991. "The Black Community in the 1980's: Questions of Race, Class, and Public Policy," Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 454, 26-41.

Mele, Christopher, 1999. Selling the Lower East Side (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota).

Wilson, W.J., 1987. The Truly Disadvantaged (Chicago: University of Chicago).

V. **Contemporary Problem 2- Gentrification Dynamics**

Scale of Phenomena

Characteristics of Process

Demand Side Explanations

Supply Side Explanations

** Sucher, C.S., 2006. "The Physical Transformation of Metropolitan Chicago." In J.P. Koval et. al., The New Chicago (Philadelphia: Temple University) 56-76.

** Hamnett, Chris, 2000. "Gentrification, Post-Industrialism and Industrial and Occupational Restructuring in Global Cities." In G. Bridge and S. Watson (eds.) A Companion to the City.

K.S. Moore, 2009. "Gentrification in Black Face? The Return of the Black Middle Class to Urban Neighborhoods," Urban Geography, 30, 118-142.

Wyly, E., and D. Hammel, 2001. "Gentrification, Housing Policy, and the New Context of Urban Redevelopment," Critical Perspectives On Urban Redevelopment (London: Elsevier) 211-276.

Smith, N., 2002. "New Globalism, New Urbanism: Gentrification As Global Urban Strategy," Antipode, 34, 212-231.

Short, J.R., 2005. Urban Theory (Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan). "The Competitive City" 111-124

Slater, T., 2004. "Municipally Managed Gentrification in South Parkdale, Toronto," Canadian Geographer, 48, 303-325.

Mills, C.A., 1988. "Life on the Upslope: the Postmodern Landscape of Gentrification," environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 6, 169-190.

Short, J.R., 1989. "Yuppies, Yuffees, and the New Urban Order," Transactions, Institute of British Geographers, 14, 177-188.

VI. **Contemporary Problem 3 - Preservation of Prime Agriculture Land**

Master Plan

Direct Land Purchase by Government

Granting of Tax abatements

Planned Unit Developments

Transfer of Development Rights

** Heimlich, R.E., 1989. "Metropolitan Farming: Farming in the City's Shadow," Journal of the American Planning Association, 55, 457-467.

Daniels, T.L., 1991. "The Purchase of Development Rights: Preserving Agricultural Land and Open Space," Journal of the American Planning Association, 57, 4, 421-432.

Daniels, T.L. and A.C. Nelson, 1986. "Is Oregon's Farmland Preservation Working?" Journal of the American Planning Association, 52, 1, 22-32.

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Foruseth, O.J. and J.T. Peirce, 1982. Agricultural Land in An Urban Society, A.A.G. Discussion Paper (Washington: AAG).

VII. **Contemporary Problem 4 - Space Versus Spatiality in Urban Analysis**

Space As Passive Container

Space As Constructed Causal Influence

** Wilson, D. And P. Moss, 1997. "Spatiality Studies In Urban Geography." In R. Hutchison (ed.) New Trends In Urban Sociology (New York: JAI) 1-24.

Gibson-Graham, 2002. "Beyond Global Versus Local: Economic Politics Outside the Binary Frame." In A. Herod and M.W. Wright (eds.) Geographies of Power (London: Blackwell) 25-60.

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Cresswell, Tim, 1996. In Space/Out Space (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota).

Soja, E., 1989. Postmodern Geographies (London: Verso).

Liggett, H. and D.C. Perry, 1995. Spatial Practices (Beverly Hills: Sage).

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Keith, M., 1995. "Shouts of the Street: Identity and the Space of Authenticity," Social Identities, 2, 297-315.

VIII. **Panel Discussions on Contemporary Urban Issues**

Gentrification Dynamics

Ghetto Dynamics

Urban Decline Dynamics

Public Housing Dynamics

Sports Dynamics