

G. 594. Seminar in Social Geography: The Turbulent City
Professor David Wilson
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This seminar explores the complexity of the city as an evolving and turbulent landscape. We will be engaging a multiplicity of cities in our readings and discussion, e.g., Chicago, Los Angeles, London, Capetown, Mumbai, St. Louis, Detroit, Berlin, Manchester, and New York. Our concern is with the swath of current economic, political, cultural, and social forces that are constituted in and reverberate across the city in current global and neoliberal times. Topical issues addressed include the city as a globalizing entity, rights to the city, the racialized urban economy, the new local state in the city, contemporary urban governance, nature in the city, and the new gentrification. Readings for the course reflect a mix of classic pieces, theoretical-conceptual expositions, and contemporary empirical applications of ideas and theories.

Class Format: This class is an advanced graduate seminar that will involve weekly reading and discussion. Seven main topics about the contemporary city will be covered; each will involve two weeks of analysis. All students are expected to read the six readings for that two week module (three readings per week). Each class will entail a critical review and investigation of the three readings that week.

Grading: - Final Paper – due last day of class
- Two Critical Topical Reviews – due the fifth and tenth weeks of class

I. GLOBALIZATION, NEOLIBERALISM, AND THE CITY

Wilson, David, 2007. "City Transformation and the Global Trope: Indianapolis and Cleveland," Globalizations, 4, 29-44.

Klodawsky, Fran, 2009. "Home Spaces and Rights to the City: Thinking Social Justice for Chronically Homeless Women," Urban Geography, 30, 591-610.

Kingfisher, Catherine, 2007. "Spatializing Neoliberalism." In K. England and K. Ward (eds.) Neoliberalization: States, Networks, People (London: Blackwell) 195-222.

Domosh, Mona, 2004. "Postcolonialism and the American City," Urban Geography, 25, 742-754.

Hackworth, Jason, 2010. "Faith, Welfare, and the City: the Mobilization of Religious Organizations for Neoliberal Ends," Urban Geography, 31, 750-773.

Rubin, Jasper, 2011. "Waterfront In the Age of Urbanism." In G. Desfor et.al. (eds.) Transforming Urban Waterfronts: Fixity and Flow (London: Routledge) 143-165.

II. CITY AS "GO-GLOBAL" PROJECT

McCann, Eugene, 2013. "Policy Boosterism, Policy Mobilities, and the Extraspective City," Urban Geography, 34, 5-29.

Keil, Roger, 2009. "The Urban Politics of Roll-With-It Neoliberalization," City, 13, 11-41.

Smith, K., 2010. "Scared By, Of, In, and for Dubai," Social and Cultural Geography, 11, 263-283.

Lehrer, Ute and Jennifer Laidley, 2008. "Old Mega-Projects Newly Packaged? Waterfront Redevelopment in Toronto," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 32, 10-32.

Martinez, Javier G., 2007. "Selling Avant-Garde" How Antwerp Became A Fashion Capital (1990-2002), Urban Studies, 44, 2449-2464.

Eisinger, Peter, 2000. "The Politics of Bread and Circuses: Building the City For the Visitor Class," Urban Affairs Review, 35, 316-332.

III. CITY AS IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE AND PROCESS

Wilson, David, Beck, Dean, and Adrian Bailey, 2009. "Neoliberal-Parasitic Economies And Space Building: Chicago's Southeast Side," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 99, 604-626.

Wilson, David, 2011. "Neoliberal-Parasitic Economies in Motion: the Chicago Case," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, in press.

Peck, Jamie, 2001. "Workfare: the Basics." In J. Peck, Workfare States (New York: Guilford) 32-81.

Huey, Laura and Thomas Kemple, 2007. "Let the Streets Take Care of Themselves: Making Sociological and Common Sense of Skid Row," Urban Studies, 44, 2305-2319.

Doussard, Marc, 2013. Degraded Work: the Struggle At the Bottom of the Labor Market (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota)1-170

Chaskin, Robert J. and Mark L. Joseph, 2009. "Building Community in Mixed-Income Developments: Assumptions, Approaches, and Early Experiences," Urban Affairs Review, 45, 71-92.

IV. CITY AS SITE OF GOVERNMENTALITY AND BIOPOWER

Adey, Peter, 2009. "Facing Airport Security: Affect, Biopolitics, and the Preemptive Securitization of the Mobile Body," Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 27, 274-295.

Cloke, Paul, May, John, and Sarah Johnson, 2008. "Performativity and Affect in the Homeless City," Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 26, 241-263.

Anjaria, J.S., 2009. "Guardians of the Bourgeois City: Citizenship, Public Space, and Middle Class Activism in Mumbai," City & Community, 8, 391-406.

Blakeley, G., 2010. "Governing Ourselves: Citizen Participation and Governance in Barcelona and Manchester," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 34, 130-145.

O'Dougherty, Maureen, 2006. "Public Relations, Private Security: Managing Youth and Race at the Mall of America," Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 24, 131-154.

Blomley, Nicholas, 2012. "Colored Rabbits, Dangerous Trees, and Public Sitting: Sidewalks, Police, and the City," Urban Geography, 33, 917-935

V. RACE, RACIALITY, AND THE CITY

Wilson, David, 2009. "Racialized Poverty in U.S. Cities: Toward A Refined Racial Economy Perspective," Professional Geographer, 61, 139-150.

Twine, France W., 2004. "A White Side of Black Britain: the Concept of Racial Literacy," Ethnic and Racial Studies, 27, 878-907.

McLaughlin, Eugene, 2005. "Recovering Blackness/Repudiating Whiteness: the Daily Mail's Construction of the Five White Suspects Accused of the Racist Murder Of Stephen Lawrence." In K. Murji and J. Solomos (eds.) Racialization: Studies in Theory and Practice (Oxford: Oxford University) 163-189.

Wilson, David, 2013. "Chicago's South Side Blues-Scape: Creeping Commodification and Complex Human Response." In F.W. Twine and B. Gardener (ed.) Geography of Privilege (London: Routledge) 71-94.

Bonds, Anne, 2013. "Economic Development, Racialization, and Privilege: Yes In My Backyard Prison Politics and the Reinvention of Madras, Oregon," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 103, 1389-1405.

Knapp, Anthony and Igor Vojnovik, 2013. "Rethinking the Growth Machine: How to Erase a Chinatown From the Urban Core," Urban Geography, 34,53-85.

VI. UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT, UNEVEN REDEVELOPMENT, AND THE CITY

Mah, Alice, 2010. "Memory, Uncertainty and Industrial Ruination: Walker Riverside, Newcastle Upon Tyne," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 34.2, 398-413.

Larner, Wendy, 2009. "Neoliberalism, Mike Moore, and the WTO," Environment and Planning A, 41, 1576-1593.

Schlichtman, S., 2008. "The Niche City Idea: How A Declining Manufacturing Center Exploited the Opportunities of Globalization," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 33.1, 105-125.

Bonnet, Francois, 2009. "Managing Marginality in Railway Stations: Beyond the Welfare and Social Control Debate," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 33.4, 1029-1044.

Gonzalez, E.R. and R. P. Lejanno, 2009. "New Urbanism and the Barrio," Environment and Planning A, 41, 2946-2963.

Merrifield, Andy, 1995. "Situated Knowledge Through Exploration," Antipode, 27, 49-70.

VII. CITY AS SITE OF POLITICAL RESISTANCE

Young, Iris Marion, 1990. "Five Faces of Oppression." In I.M. Young, Justice and the Politics of Difference (Princeton: Princeton University) 39-65.

Mitchell, Don and Nik Heynen, 2009. "The Geography of Survival and the Rights to The City: Speculations on Surveillance," Urban Geography, 30, 611-632.

Harvey, David, 2000. Spaces of Hope (Berkeley: University of California).

Kamale, Amin Y, 2010. "Defending Illicit Livelihoods: Youth Resistance in Harare's Contested Spaces," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 34.1, 55-75.

Pendras, Mark, 2010. "Confronting Capital Mobility," Urban Geography, 31, 479-497.

Crossa, Veronica, 2009. "Resisting the Entrepreneurial City: Street Vendors' Struggle in Mexico City's Historic Center," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 33.1, 43-63.