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HISTORY 402

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AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY 1870 TO THE PRESENT

Texts:

Sam B. Warner, Jr., STREETCAR SUBURBS: THE PROCESS OF
GROWTH IN BOSTON, 1870-1900
Jacob Riis, HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES: STUDIES AMONG
THE TENEMENTS OF NEW YORK
William Riordan, PLUNKITT OF TAMMANY HALL
Elliott Rudwick, RACE RIOT IN EAST ST. LOUIS JULY 2, 1917
Kenneth T. Jackson, THE KU KLUX KLAN IN THE CITY, 1915-1930
Edward Greer, BIG STEEL: BLACK POLITICS AND CORPORATE
POWER IN GARY, INDIANA
Henry F. Bedford, TROUBLE DOWNTOWN: THE LOCAL CONTEXT OF
TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICA

Course Meetings and Requirements:

We require students to attend two lectures and one discussion section per week.

There will be a mid-term and a final examination, both in essay format. The mid-term will be given on March 15 and will cover lectures and readings for sections I-III of the course.

Writing Assigment:

Students enrolled in the course for 3 credits will write one short (5-7 pages) essay-review based upon at least one book and two articles on a particular topic. Students enrolled in the course for 4 credits will write an essay-review (8-12 pages) based upon at least one book and 4 articles, or two books. Reading for these essay-reviews will be in addition to the required reading for the course. We will hand out in class a format for the essay-reviews as well as suggested readings arranged by topic.

Grades:

Grades in the course will be based upon performance on the examinations, the writing assignments, and participation in discussion sections. Improvement in performance over the course will find its reward; all students who improve the quality of their work will also improve the quality of their grade.

Students take note: the instructor lectures under various topical headings rather than following a strict chronological pattern. To aid your chronological knowledge, the instructor has provided two "timelines" that indicate major items of interest to

us in this course.

Readings:

The specific order of reading assignments will be given in discussion sections. The first book to be discussed will be Warner's Streetcar Suburbs; we urge class members to begin reading that book soon.

LECTURE TOPICS

<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Date</u>
I. URBAN AMERICA: AN OVERVIEW	
1. The Problems of Urbanization	Jan. 25
2. The City in American Thought and Fiction	27
II. THE PHYSICAL RISE OF THE MODERN CITY	
1. Steel Rails and the National Diffusion of Cities	Feb. 1
2. Cities in the New South and the Last West	3
3. The Decline of the "Walking City"	8
4. The Industrial Growth of American Cities	10
III. SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY AND PATHOLOGY OF AMERICAN CITIES	
1. Work and Workers in Urban America	15
2. The "New" Immigration to the Urban Villages	17
3. Housing the Urban Masses	22
4. The Rush to Suburbia	24
5. Black Migration and Urbanization	March 1
6. The Rise of the Black Ghetto	3
7. The City as Sewer	8
8. Engineering the Metropolis	10
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IV. POLITICS AND REFORM IN THE CITIES	
1. The Urban Origins of Progressive Reform	22
2. City Planning as Social Reform	24
3. City Bosses and the Politics of Survival	April 5
4. Oiling the Urban Machine	7
5. Cities in the "New Era"	12
6. Cities in the Great Depression: Or, What Happened to the Political Machine?	14
V. THE CITY AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS	
1. Cities in the Fabric of State and National Government	19

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| 2. The Politics of Demography: Urb, Suburb, and Exurb | 21 |
| 3. Running Cities from the White House | 26 |
| 4. The Federal Government and Urban Affairs | 28 |

VI. THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF URBAN AMERICA

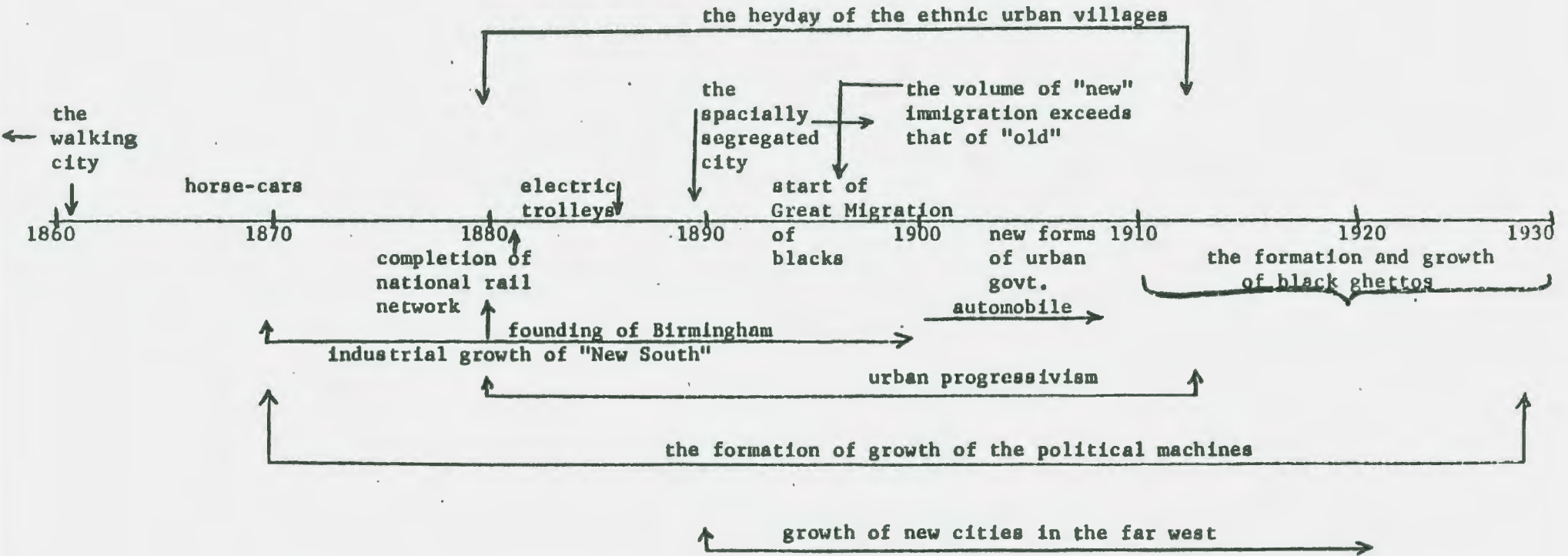
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| 1. The Tanning of the Nation: The Sunbelt Cities | May | 3 |
| 2. Financing the Cities: Or, Who Gets What, When,
Where, How, Why--and Should They? | | 5 |
| 3. The Fiscal Crises of Urban America | | 10 |
| 4. Cities for Sale? The Future of Urban America | | 12 |

POPULATION AND RANK OF TWENTY LARGEST U.S. CITIES, 1870-1970

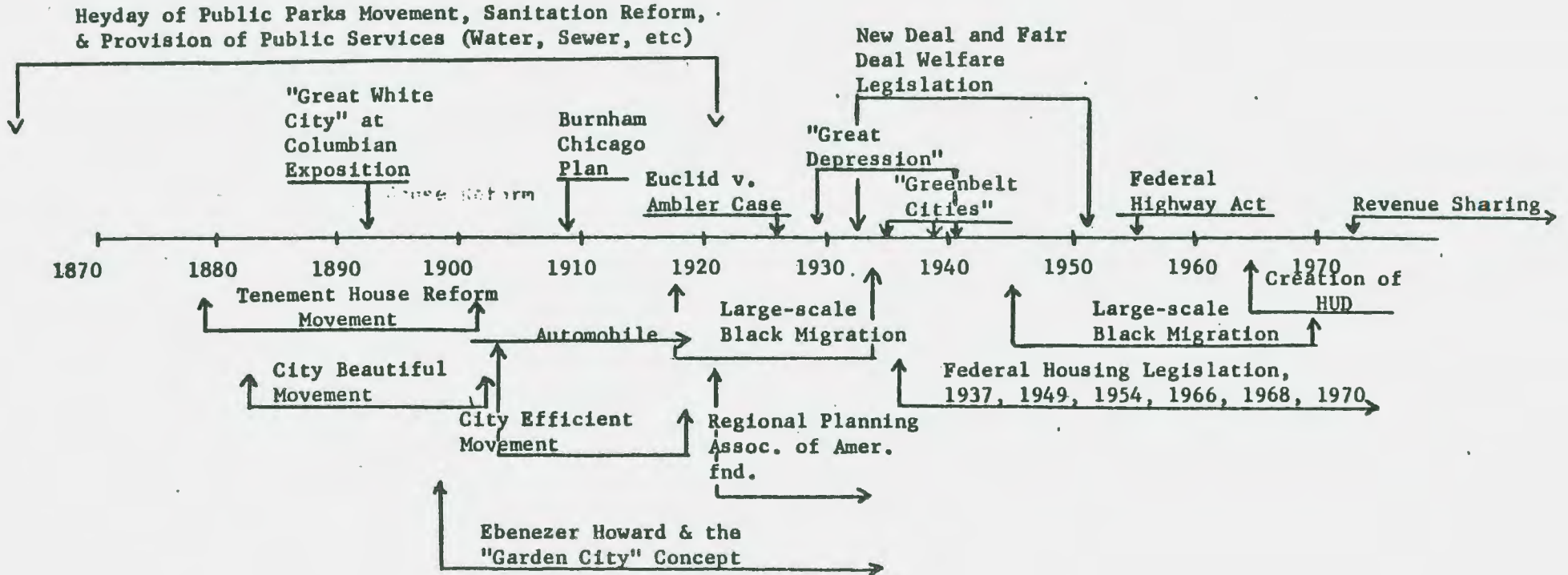
(Population in thousands; listed in rank order for 1870; figure in parentheses gives rank as of 1970 for twenty largest cities)

		1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970
1	New York (1)	942	1,206	1,515	3,437	4,767	5,620	6,930	7,455	7,892	7,782	7,895
2	Philadelphia (4)	674	847	1,047	1,294	1,549	1,824	1,951	1,931	2,072	2,003	1,949
3	Brooklyn (-)	396	567	806	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	St. Louis (18)	311	351	452	575	687	773	822	816	857	750	622
5	Chicago (2)	299	503	1,100	1,699	2,185	2,702	3,376	3,397	3,621	3,550	3,367
6	Baltimore (7)	267	332	434	509	558	734	805	859	950	939	906
7	Boston (16)	251	363	448	561	671	748	781	771	801	697	641
8	Cincinnati (-)	216	255	297	326	364	401	451	456	504	503	453
9	New Orleans (19)	191	216	242	287	339	387	459	495	570	628	593
10	San Franc. (13)	149	234	299	343	417	507	634	635	775	740	716
11	Buffalo (-)	118	155	256	352	424	507	573	576	580	533	463
12	Washington (9)	110	147	189	279	331	438	487	663	802	764	757
13	Newark (-)	105	137	182	246	347	415	442	430	439	405	383
14	Louisville (-)	101	123	161	205	224	235	308	319	369	391	361
15	Cleveland (10)	93	160	261	382	561	797	900	878	915	876	751
16	Pittsburgh (-)	86	156	239	322	534	588	670	672	677	604	520
17	Jersey City (-)	83	121	163	206	268	298	317	301	299	276	261
18	Detroit (5)	80	116	206	286	466	994	1,569	1,623	1,850	1,670	1,512
19	Milwaukee (12)	71	116	204	285	374	457	578	587	637	741	717
20	Albany (-)	69	91	95	94	100	113	127	131	135	130	116
	Providence (-)	69	105	132	176	224	238	253	254	249	207	179
	Indianapolis (11)	48	75	105	169	234	314	364	387	427	476	745
	Memphis (17)	40	34	64	102	131	162	253	293	396	498	624
	Kansas City (-)	32	56	133	164	248	324	400	399	457	476	507
	Minneapolis (-)	13	47	165	203	301	381	464	492	522	483	434
	San Antonio (15)	12	21	38	53	97	161	232	254	408	588	654
	Houston (6)	9	16	28	45	79	138	292	385	596	938	1,233
	Los Angeles (3)	6	11	50	102	319	577	1,238	1,504	1,970	2,479	2,816
	San Diego (14)	2	3	16	18	40	74	148	203	334	573	697
	Seattle (-)	1	4	43	81	237	315	366	368	468	557	531
	Dallas (8)	-	10	38	43	92	159	260	295	434	680	844
	Phoenix (20)	-	-	3	6	11	29	48	65	107	439	582

TIMELINE OF
MAJOR EVENTS #1



TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS, # 2
(PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CITIES)



Suggested Topics and Readings for Essay-Reviews

Upon consultation with the instructor(s), students may choose one of the following topics, or any other appropriate one of their choice, for the essay-review. We urge you to begin work on this as early in the semester as possible.

Architectural History

Lewis Mumford, The Brown Decades: A Study of the Arts in America, 1865-1895
 Vincent Scully, American Architecture and Urbanism

Building

James Marston Fitch, American Building: The Historical Forces that Shaped It (2d ed.)
 Carl W. Condit, American Building

Landscape

John B. Jackson, American Space: The Centennial Years, 1865-1876
 William H. Whyte, The Last Landscape

Urbanscape

Kevin Lynch, Image of the City
 Christopher Tunnard & Boris Pushkarev, Man-Made America: Chaos or Control?

or,

John A. Kouwenhoven, The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York
 Harold M. Mayer & Richard C. Wade, Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis

Inter-city Transportation

Jean Gottman, Megalopolis
 George N. Hilton & John F. Due, The Electric Interurban Railways in America

Intraurban Transportation

George Rogers Taylor, "The Beginnings of Mass Transportation in Urban America, Parts I and II," The Smithsonian Journal of History, I (Summer, Autumn, 1966), 35-50, 31-54
 George M. Smerk, Urban Mass Transportation: A Dozen Years of Federal Policy

Metropolitan Growth

Eric E. Lampard, "History of Cities in Economically Advanced Areas," Economic Development and Cultural Change, III (Jan., 1958), 81-136
 Allan Pred, The Spatial Dynamics of U.S. Urban-Industrial Growth, 1800-1914

Urban Biography

Robert M. Fogelson, Fragmented Metropolis, Los Angeles 1850-1930
 Bayard Still, Milwaukee (rev. ed.)

Urban Finances

- Roger E. Alcala & David Mermelstein (eds.), The Fiscal Crisis of American Cities
Dick Netzer, Economics of the Property Tax, chs, IV, V
George F. Break, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the United States, ch. V

Housing

- Roy Lubove, The Progressives and the Slums
Thomas Lee Philpott, The Slum and the Ghetto: Neighborhood Deterioration and Middle-Class Reform, Chicago, 1880-1930

Landscape Architects and the City

- Laura Wood Roper, FLO: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted
Norman T. Newton, Design on the Land: The Development of Landscape Architecture, chs. XXI-XXIV, XXVIII-XXIX, XXXI-XXXIV

Garden Cities

- Ebenezer Howard, Garden Cities of Tomorrow (1898, U.S. edition 1965)
Clarence S. Stein, Toward New Towns for America

City Planning

- Mel Scott, American City Planning since 1890, chs. 1-5
Roy Lubove, Community Planning in the 1920's

Urban Renewal

- Jane Jacobs, The Deathand Life of Great American Cities
Charles Abrams, The City is the Frontier, Part II

Urban Planners

- Thomas S. Hines, Burnham of Chicago: Architect and Planner
Robert A. Caro, The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York

Urban Government

- Ernest S. Griffith, A History of American City Government, 1870-1900
Kenneth Fox, Better City Government

Urban "Liberal" Politics

- Frederic C. Howe, The City The Hope of Democracy
John D. Buenker, Urban Liberalism and Progressive Reform

Urban Political Machines

- Seymour Mandelbaum, Boss Tweed's New York
Zane L. Miller, Boss Cox's Cincinnati

Urban Political Machines (contd)

Theodore J. Lowi, At the Pleasure of the Mayor: Patronage & Power in New York City, 1898-1958

Milton Rakove, Don't Make No Waves, Don't Back No Losers: An Insider's Analysis of the Daley Machine

Urban Reformers

Allen F. Davis, Spearheads for Reform: The Social Settlements and the Progressive Movement, 1890-1914

Melvin G. Holli, Reform in Detroit: Hazen S. Pingree and Urban Politics

Urban-Federal Government Relations

Mark I. Gelfand, A Nation of Cities: The Federal Government and Urban America, 1933-1965

Urban America and the Federal System (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Report M-47, October, 1969)

Urban Elites

E. Digby Baltzell, Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of a National Upper Class

Robert Dahl, Who Governs? Democracy and Power in an American Community

Urban Workingclasses

John Cumbler, Working-Class Community in Industrial America

Herbert G. Gutman, Work, Culture & Society in Industrializing America, Parts I & III

Workingclass Quarters

Robert A. Woods & Albert J. Kennedy, The Zone of Emergence

Herbert J. Gans, The Levittowners

Company Towns

Stanley Buder, Pullman: An Experiment in Industrial Order and Community Planning

Bennett M. Berger, Working-Class Suburb: A Study of Auto Workers in Suburbia

Religion in the City

Henry F. May, Protestant Churches and Industrial America

Will Herberg, Protestant-Catholic-Jew

Education in the City

David B. Tyack, The One Best System: A History of American Urban Education
Pgs. 71-291

Lawrence A. Cremin, The Transformation of the School

Urban Crime

- David R. Johnson, Policing the Urban Underworld: The Impact of Crime on the Development of the American Police, 1800-1887
Roger Lane, "Urbanization and Criminal Violence in the Nineteenth Century," Jour. of Social History, II (Dec., 1968)
Humbert Nelli, "Italians and Crime in Chicago, 1890-1920," American Jour. of Sociology (1969)

Urban Violence

- Elliott Rudwick, Race Riot in East St. Louis
Kenneth T. Jackson, The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930

Police in the City

- James F. Richardson, Urban Police in the United States
Roger Lane, Policing the City: Boston, 1822-1885

Immigrants in the Cities

- Moses Rischin, The Promised City: New York Jews, 1870-1914
Humbert Nelli, The Italians in Chicago, 1880-1930

Blacks in the Cities

- Howard N. Rabinowitz, Race Relations in the Urban South, 1865-1890
St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton, Black Metropolis

or

- Florette Henri, Black Migration: Movement North 1900-1920
Karl and Alma Taeuber; Negroes in Cities: Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Change

Black Ghettos

- Gilbert Osofsky, Harlem: The Making of a Ghetto
Kenneth L. Kusmer, A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930

Urban Slums

- Gerald D. Suttles, The Social Order of the Slum
Harvey W. Zorbaugh, The Gold Coast and the Slum

Social Mobility in the Cities

- Howard Chudacoff, Mobile Americans: Residential and Social Mobility in Omaha, 1880-1920
Thomas Kessner, The Golden Door: Italian and Jewish Immigrant Mobility in New York City, 1880-1915