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AMH 3460: U. S. URBAN HISTORY

Texts:

Howard Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society* (8th ed.)
Alan M. Kraut, *Silent Travelers*
Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives* (Dover edition)
Kevin Boyle, *Arc of Justice*
Eric Schneider, *Vampires, Dragons, and Egyptian Kings*
Matthew Desmond, *Evicted*

Course Requirements:

This course will explore the growth and development of the American city. A midterm examination, a research paper, and a final examination will be required. The midterm examination, which will be on February 22, will be worth 20 percent of your grade, and the paper, which will be due on March 29 (at the beginning of class), will be four pages in length and will be worth 20 percent of your grade. An additional 20 percent of the course grade will be based on attendance, which is mandatory, and class participation. A cumulative final examination will be given on May 2 (at 3:00 p.m.) in 111 Keene-Flint Hall and will be worth 40 percent of your grade. Students cannot pass this course unless they complete both examinations and submit the required paper, and there will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. This course will employ UF's grading scale (A=4.0; A-=3.67; B+=3.33; B=3.0; B-=2.67; C+=2.33; C=2.0; C-=1.67; D+=1.33; D=1.0; D-=0.67; E=0.0). Anyone requiring special classroom accommodations must register with the Dean of Students Office and discuss his or her particular needs with me during the first three weeks of the semester. Finally, students must comply with the university's honesty policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/scctr/>.

Lectures and Reading Assignments:

1. Jan. 7, 9, 11 Cities and Empires
 No Reading Assignment
2. Jan. 14, 16, 18 Urban Society in Colonial America
 Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 1
3. Jan. 23, 25 The Age of Mobocracy and Revolution
 Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 2
4. Jan. 28, 30, Feb. 1 The Making of the American Working Class

- Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 3
5. Feb. 4, 6, 8 Immigrants in the City
Reading Assignment: Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chapters. 1-2
6. Feb. 11, 13, 15 Bare-Knuckle Boxing and Recreational Violence
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 4
7. Feb. 18, 20 The Boss and the Political Machine
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 6
- Feb. 22 Midterm Examination
8. Feb. 25, 27, Mar. 1 Death in the Industrial City
Reading Assignment: Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chapters. 3-9
9. Mar. 4, 6, 8 Spring Break (no classes)
No Reading Assignment
10. Mar. 11, 13, 15 The “New” Immigrants
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 5; Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*
11. Mar. 18, 20, 22 Race and the Birth of the African American Ghetto
Reading Assignment: Boyle, *Arc of Justice*
12. Mar. 25, 27, 29 The Automobile and the City
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 7
13. Apr. 1, 3, 5 Racial Segregation and Public Policy in the Twentieth-Century City
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapter 8; Schneider, *Vampires, Dragons, and Egyptian Kings*
14. Apr. 8, 10, 12 The Rustbelt
Reading Assignment: Desmond, *Evicted*
15. Apr. 15, 17, 19 The Post-Industrial City
Reading Assignment: Chudacoff et al., *The Evolution of American Urban Society*, chapters 9-10; Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chapter. 10
16. Apr. 22, 24 Historical Perspectives on the Future of the American City
No Reading Assignment