I am still tinkering with some of the assigned readings, but the books for this course will not change.

Urban Politics and Policy
Mondays and Wednesdays  2:00 to 3:15

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About the course:
This class is about urban poverty, the detrimental effects of concentrated poverty on the people that live in these neighborhoods, and the efficacy of various public policies that have been employed to improve the life chances of the urban poor. This course approaches these topics through an explicitly political lens, evaluating the roles that elite institutions, mass behavior, class and race-based power disparities, and public opinion play in the development and implementation of urban policy. Class discussions and reading assignments will cover a variety issues including: the role of federal policy in shaping the evolution of cities and suburbs; patterns of racial/economic segregation and their respective consequences for urban populations; the political economy of cities in relation to development and redevelopment policies; inter-ethnic conflict, demographic change; and the potential for multiracial electoral strategies to succeed in helping the urban poor. Discussions and assessments of various urban policies will be integrated throughout the readings and lectures in this course.

Regular attendance at lectures is expected. Assigned readings should be completed prior to lectures, as this will facilitate better class discussion.

Course requirements include two in-class exams and one written assignment. The exams will be comprised of short answer/short essay questions and will cover all assigned reading and lectures preceding the exam. The writing assignment will be discussed later in the quarter. Your final grade in the course will be calculated as follows:

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If you miss an exam due to illness, please email me prior to the exam (health permitting) and bring required documentation for an excused absence on the first day of your return. Any other absence (aside from illness) must be discussed with and excused by me.

The required books for this course are:


- **Paul Grogan and Tony Proscio.** 2000. *Comeback Cities: A Blueprint for Urban Neighborhood Revival*
The three required books will be available for purchase through the student store and on Amazon. I will also try to put copies of these books on reserve in the library.

All other reading assignments will be available through CCLE under the weekly tabs.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1:
October 6: Introduction (please read the Iceland chapter to prepare for this class)
October 8: Urban Renewal and the Foundations of Urban Poverty
FILM: New York: A Documentary Film – Episode 7: 1945 to present

Assigned Reading:
Massey and Denton, American Apartheid, Chapters 1 through 4 (1-114)

WEEK 2:
October 13: Concentrated Poverty
October 15: Concentrated Poverty

Assigned Reading:
Massey and Denton, American Apartheid, Chapters 5 through 7 (115-216)

WEEK 3:
October 20: Joblessness
October 22: Joblessness

Assigned Reading:
William Julius Wilson: When Work Disappears. Introduction & Chapters 1-7 (pp. xiii-206)
WEEK 4:
October 24: American Perceptions of Poverty
October 26: The Political Economy of Cities

Assigned Reading:
Stable URL: http://www.jstor.org/stable/2749633

WEEK 5:
November 3: Exam #1
November 5: City Politics

Assigned Reading:
Sonenshein, Raphael. 1993. Politics in Black and White Chapter 1 "Overview: Biracial Coalition Politics." (3-20)
Kaufmann, Karen M. 2004. The Urban Voter: Group Conflict and Mayoral Voting Behavior in American Cities Introduction (pp.1-8), Chapter 2 (pp. 37-60), and Chapter 4 (87-11).

WEEK 6:
November 10: Racial and Ethnic Identity Politics
November 12: Racial and Ethnic Identity Politics

Assignment: due by beginning of class on November 10th: Watch Spike Lee’s, “Do The Right Thing” You can rent the film from Amazon or iTunes, you can watch it on Netflix, or you can view it in the library.

Assigned Reading:
Stable URL: http://www.jstor.org/stable/4122928
Price, Melanye T. 2009. Dreaming Blackness, Chapter 2 “Beyond Martin and Malcolm: Ordinary Citizens Talk about the Civil Rights Legacy and Community Problems” (pp.31-58)
Lawrence Bobo and Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. 1990. *American Political Science Review* "Race, Sociopolitical Participation and Black Empowerment" (377-393)


**WEEK 7:**
November 17: Immigration and Urban Politics
November 19: Limitations of Urban Power

Assigned Reading:

**Roger Waldinger.** 2001. *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America.* Chapter 1 (pp.1-21) and Chapter 3, *Up From Poverty,* (pp.80-116)


**WEEK 8:**
November 24: History of Federal Urban Policy
November 26: NO CLASS – Happy Turkey Day!

Assigned Reading:
**John Iceland,** *Poverty in America, Third Edition.* 2013. Chapter 7, “Poverty and Policy” (22-38)

**WEEK 9:**
December 1: Private Markets and Urban Policy
December 3: Governmental Approaches to Community Uplift

Assigned Reading:
**Grogan and Proscio:** *Comeback Cities.* (pp. 1-150)

**David Rusk,** *Inside Game/Outside Game* Chapter 9 - "Montgomery County Maryland: Mixing Up the Neighborhood" (pp. 178-200).

**WEEK 10:**
December 8: Exam#2
December 10: Looking Toward the Urban Future

Assigned Reading:
Margaret Turner and Lynette Rawlings. 2005. “Overcoming Concentrated Poverty and Isolation: Lessons from Three HUD Demonstration Initiatives” The Urban Institute (pp. 1-38)
http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/311205_Poverty_FR.pdf

** Final Exam: There will be no in-class final exam for this course.