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AMH 3460: U.S. URBAN HISTORY

Required Texts:

Alan M. Kraut, *Silent Travelers*
Tyler Anbinder, *Five Points*
Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*
Kevin Boyle, *Arc of Justice*
Elizabeth Hinton, *America on Fire*
David A. Ansell, *The Death Gap*

Course Requirements:

AMH 3460 will examine the growth and development of the American city. It will focus particular attention on the historical forces that contributed to the emergence of modern urban problems, such as racial, class, and ethnic divisions as well as public-health and criminal-justice disparities. A midterm examination, a short paper, and an end-of-semester examination will be required. The midterm examination will be given on October 14 and will be worth 25 percent of your grade, and the paper, due on November 23 (at the start of class and in hard copy), will be four pages in length and worth 25 percent of your grade. In addition, 25 percent of your course grade will be based on attendance, which is required, and class participation. The end-of-semester examination, on December 7 (at 10:40 am), will be worth the final 25 percent of your grade. 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). Students cannot pass AMH 3460 unless they take both examinations and submit the paper, and there will be no make-up examinations, except in cases of medical emergencies. Cell phones should not be used during class, and laptop computers should be used only for note taking. 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. Students must conform to the university's conduct policy regarding cheating and the use of copyrighted materials, which can be reviewed at www.dso.ufl.edu/scsr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/. Finally, students are expected to provide professional feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on giving this feedback is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and the course-evaluation results will be available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Class Schedule and Reading Assignments:

1. Aug. 24, 26 Cities in the Age of Discovery
 No Reading Assignment
2. Aug. 31, Sept. 2 Urban Society in Colonial America
 No Reading Assignment

3. Sept. 7, 9 The Industrial Revolution
Reading Assignment: Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 1-4
4. Sept. 14, 16 Immigration and the Remaking of the American City
Reading Assignment: Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chaps. 1-2
5. Sept. 21, 23 Bare-Knuckle Boxing and Recreational Violence
Reading Assignment: Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 5-9
6. Sept. 28, 30 The Rise of the Political Machine
Reading Assignment: Anbinder, *Five Points*, chaps. 10-14
7. Oct. 5, 7 Death in the Industrial City
Reading Assignment: Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chaps. 3-9
8. Oct. 12, The "New Immigrants"
Reading Assignment: Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*
- Oct. 14 Midterm Examination
9. Oct. 19, 21 The Great Migration and the Birth of the American Ghetto
Reading Assignment: Boyle, *Arc of Justice*, prologue-chap. 3
10. Oct. 26, 28 Race and Suburbs in the Age of the Automobile
Reading Assignment: Boyle, *Arc of Justice*, chap. 4-epilogue
11. Nov. 2, 4 Racial Segregation and Public Policy in the Twentieth-Century City
No Reading Assignment
12. Nov. 9 Poverty, Crime, and the Rustbelt
Reading Assignment: Hinton, *America on Fire*
13. Nov. 16, 18 The Post-Industrial City
Reading Assignment: Kraut, *Silent Travelers*, chap. 10
14. Nov. 23 Race and Inequality in the Modern City
Reading Assignment: Ansell, *The Death Gap*, chaps. 1-8
15. Nov. 30, Dec. 2 Urban America in the Twenty-First Century
Reading Assignment: Ansell, *The Death Gap*, chaps. 9-13
16. Dec. 7 End-of-Semester Examination
No Reading Assignment