

## AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY I

1. Introduction February 3

2. Political Machines February 10

Testimony of Richard Croker to the Mazet Committee (1900)

William L. Riordan, Plunkitt of Tammany Hall (New York, 1963)

Samuel P. Hays, "The Politics of Reform in Municipal Government in the Progressive Era," Pacific Northwest Quarterly, October 1964, pp. 157-168

Robert K. Merton, Social Theory and Social Structure (New York, 1957), pp. 60-82

Joseph R. Gusfield, Symbolic Crusade (Urbana, 1969), introduction, chs. 1 & 7

3. Police February 17

Testimony of Captain Max Schmittberger to the Lexow Committee (1895)

Robert M. Fogelson, Big-City Police (Cambridge, 1977), chs. 1-5 & 11

Ramsey Clark, Crime in America (New York, 1970), ch. 9

Jerry V. Wilson, Police Report (Boston, 1975), ch. 8

4. Discussion of Paper Topics February 24

## 5. Courts

March 3

Ellen Ryerson, The Best Laid Plans: America's Juvenile Court Experiment (New York, 1978), chs. 1, 2 and 4.

In re Gault, in President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, Task Force Report: Juvenile Delinquency (Washington, D. C., 1967), pp. 57-76

New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, In the Matter of the Investigation of the Magistrates' Courts (New York, 1932), pp. 13-56

Martin A. Levin, "Urban Politics and Judicial Behavior," Journal of Legal Studies (January, 1972), pp. 193-221

Reginald Heber Smith, "Small Claims Procedure is Succeeding," Journal of the American Judicature Society, vol. 8, pp. 247-257

Carl R. Pagter, Robert McCloskey and Mitchel Reinis, "The California Small Claims Court," California Law Review, vol. 52, pp. 876-898

Philip Schrag, "Bleak House 1968: A Report on Consumer Test Litigation," N.Y.U. Law Review, volume 44, pp. 115-158

## 6. Schools

March 10

J.M. Rice, "Our Public School System," essays on Boston and New York City from The Forum (1894)

David B. Tyack, The One Best System (Cambridge, 1974), parts 3 & 4

David Rogers, 110 Livingston Street (New York, 1968), ch. 8

Alan Ehrenhalt, The Lost City: Discovering the forgotten Virtues of Community in the Chicago of the 1950s (New York, 1995), ch. 11

Paul D. Chapman, Schools as Sorters : Lewis M. Terman, Applied Psychology, and the Intelligence Testing Movement, 1890-1930 (New York, 1988), chs. 2 and 4

## 7. Welfare

March 17

Michael B. Katz, In the Shadow of the Poorhouse (New York, 1986), chs. 1-3

Herman Melville, The Piazza Tales (New York, 1963), pp. 19-65

Richard Elman, The Poorhouse State (New York, 1961), part 1, chs. 1 & 3

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "The Crisis in Welfare," The Public Interest, Winter 1968, pp. 3-29

## SPRING BREAK

### 8. Electric Railways April 1

Glen E. Holt, "The Changing Perception of Urban Pathology: An Essay on the Development of Mass Transit in the United States," in Kenneth T. Jackson and Stanley K. Schultz, eds., Cities in American History (New York, 1972), pp. 324-343

Paul Barrett, "Public Policy and Private Choice: Mass Transit and the Automobile in Chicago Between the Wars," Business History Review, Winter 1975, pp. 473-497

Stanley Mallach, "The Origins of the Decline of Urban Mass Transportation in the United States," Urbanism Past and Present (1979), pp. 1-17

Robert M. Fogelson, The Fragmented Metropolis: Los Angeles, 1850-1930 (Berkeley, 1993), ch. 8

Robert M. Fogelson, Downtown: Its Rise and Fall, 1880-1950 (New Haven, 2001), ch. 2

### 9. Public Authorities April 7

Robert A. Caro, The Power Broker (New York, 1974), chs. 28, 33, 37, & 48

Robert M. Fogelson, Downtown: Its Rise and Fall, 1880-1950 (New Haven, 2001), ch. 6

### 10. Housing April 14

Jacob Riis, How the Other Half Lives (New York, 1890), chs. 1-8 & 21

Roy Lubove, The Progressives and the Slums: Tenement House Reform in New York City 1890-1917 (Pittsburgh, 1962), chs. 2, 4, & 5

Tenement House Department and Tenement House Committee of the Charity Organization Society, For You (New York, 1917)

John Modell and Tamara K. Hareven, "Urbanization and the Malleable Household: An Examination of Boarding and Lodging in American Families," in Tamara K. Hareven, ed., Family and Kin in Urban Communities, 1700-1930 (New York, 1977), pp. 164-186

## 11. Prisons

April 21

Attica (a film by Cinda Firestone, 1973, available on DVD at Rotch Library).

David J. Rothman, The Discovery of the Asylum (Boston, 1971), pp. 57-109

Gresham Sykes, The Society of Captives (New York, 1958), chs. 1, 2, & 4

Testimony of Robert Matthews, in U.S. House of Representatives, Select Committee on Crime, Hearings on American Prisons in Turmoil (Washington, D.C., 1972), part 1, pp. 750-773

## 12. Hospitals

April 28

Charles Rosenberg, The Care of Strangers: The Rise of America's Hospital System (New York, 1987), chs. 4-10

Ruth Coser, Life in the Wards (East Lansing, Michigan, 1962), chs. 3 & 6

William H. Glaser, "American and European Hospitals," in Eliot Friedson, ed., The Hospital in Modern Society (Glencoe, Illinois, 1963), pp. 37-72

David Charles Sloane and Beverlie Conant Sloane, Medicine Moves to the Mall (Baltimore, 2003), ch. 1.

## 13. Universities

May 5

Thorstein Veblen, The Higher Learning in America (New York, 1968), chs. 1 & 3

Lawrence R. Veysey, The Emergence of the American University (Chicago, 1965), ch. 5

Donald Alexander Downs, The New Politics of Pornography (Chicago, 1989), ch. 1

Catherine A. MacKinnon, "Not a Moral Issue," Yale Law & Policy Review, Spring 1984, pp. 321-345

Thomas I. Emerson, "Pornography and the First Amendment: A Reply to Professor MacKinnon," Yale Law & Policy Review, Fall 1984, pp. 130-143

Alan Dershowitz, untitled article in Film Comment, December 1984, pp. 33-34

Jennifer A. Koberstein, "Colleges Debating Their Proper Role in Curbing Pornography on Campus," Chronicle of Higher Education, July 30, 1986, pp. 27-28

14. Conclusion

May 12

MIT OpenCourseWare  
<http://ocw.mit.edu>

11.013J / 21H.231J American Urban History I  
Spring 2005

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: <http://ocw.mit.edu/terms>.