AMERICAN URBAN HISTORY II

This is a seminar course that explores the history of selected features of the physical environment of urban America. Among the features considered are parks, cemeteries, tenements, suburbs, zoos, skyscrapers, department stores, supermarkets, and amusement parks. The course gives students experience in working with primary documentation sources through its selection of readings and class discussions. Students then have the opportunity to apply this experience by researching their own historical questions and writing a term paper.

1. Introduction  

2. Parks  


3. Amusement Parks  

September 8

September 15

September 22
Film: Coney Island (P.B.S., 1991)


4. Discussion of Term Papers September 29

5. Suburbs October 6


Palos Verdes Protective Restrictions (1923).


6. Tenements October 13


7. **Skyscrapers**

   October 20


8. **Department Stores**

   October 27


9.  Supermarkets  


10. Armories  


11. Public Baths  


12. Zoos


James Turner, Reckoning with the Beast (Baltimore, 1980).


13. Cemeteries


14. Conclusion

December 15