Lecture 1
(Mon Sep 08, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture I: The Problem: Neighborhood Decline

Readings

Medoff, Peter and Holly Sklar. Streets of Hope. Chapter 1


Questions to Guide Your Reading

How well does the Wilson's thesis explain Roxbury's decline or what happened in Detroit in the mid 20th century?

Are suburbs fated to experience the same decline as inner cities?

Lecture 2
(Mon Sep 15, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture II: Theories of Neighborhood Change

Readings

Sampson, Robert J. Chapter 7—Theory of Collective Efficacy in Great American City.


Assignment

For the ecological/filtering, political economy and social/community theories, respectively, assume these models of neighborhood decline are correct and are the primary mechanisms through which neighborhoods decline. What direction do these theories point to when thinking of how to address neighborhood decline? Note that you should consider the political economy and social/community theories separately.

Lecture 3
(Mon Sep 22, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture III Taking Measure of Community

Readings

Holstein, James A. and Jaber F. Gubrium. 1995. The Active Interview. Read this in preparation for conducting your field interviews.
In-Class Discussion


Lecture 4
(Mon Sep 29, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture IV Gentrification

Readings


Freeman, Lance. Chapters 3-6 in There Goes the Hood.


Lecture 5
(Mon Oct 06, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture V Community Development Strategy: A Historical Perspective

Readings


Assignment

What assumptions about poor neighborhoods motivated earlier policies toward neighborhood revitalization? How successful were these efforts? Drawing on the theoretical discussions from earlier in the semester, speculate on the obstacles to success for these efforts.

Lecture 6
(Mon Oct 13, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture VI Community Development Strategy

Readings

Medoff, Peter and Holly Sklar. Streets of Hope. Chapter 2.


Lecture 7
(Mon Oct 20, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture VII Community Development Strategies: Mobilizing

https://courseworks.columbia.edu/portal/tool/3a56a3e9-24f1-4007-968d-18cftb3d0d962/printFriendly
Readings


Sampson, Robert J. Chapter 8—Civic Society and the Organizational Imperative *Great American City*


Assignment

Neighborhood Analysis Due

Lecture 8
(Mon Oct 27, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture VIII Midterm

Lecture 9
(Mon Nov 03, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture IX Eminent Domain & Community Benefits Agreements

Readings


Medoff, Peter and Holly Sklar. *Streets of Hope*. Chapter 5.

Lecture 10
(Mon Nov 10, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture X Market Based Approaches

Readings


Assignments

Interview Summaries Due

Lecture 11
(Mon Nov 17, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture XI The Importance of Capital


Lecture 12
(Mon Nov 24, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture XII Deconcentrating the Poor

Readings


Lecture 13
(Mon Dec 01, 2014 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM)

Lecture XIII FINAL PRESENTATIONS