

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

P11.2620 Race, Ethnicity, Class and Gender in American Cities

Time and Place:

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 Wednesday
 4:30- 6:10 PM
 Silver Room 515

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Purpose

This course examines the politics of race, ethnicity, gender and class in cities. It traces the evolution of these relationships from the 1840s to the present, focusing on group conflict and the political distribution of resources.

Five questions guide the readings and discussions:

How do groups gain and retain political power?
 What are the strategies and mechanisms for excluding groups from power?
 How have groups gained and sustained political power?
 What is the connection between race and gender in the power dynamics?
 What are the differences in political struggles in different cities?

The student is expected to keep abreast of the readings, engage in class discussions, and make a short final oral presentation. As a rule, I pass out my lecture notes to facilitate discussion. A series of written assignments, a final class presentation, and a final paper are required. A list of assignments will be distributed in class and posted on Blackboard. Email all assignments to my assistant at vivian.yela@nyu.edu with (Last Name)/P11.2620/Assignment (#) in the subject heading.

Guest speakers will be invited to cover specific topics.

Required Texts

Carmichael, Stokely & Hamilton. Black Power: The Politics of Liberation in America. New York: Random House, 1967.

Cohen, Adam & Elizabeth Taylor. American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley: his battle for Chicago and the nation. Boston: Little, Brown, & Company, 2000.

DuBois, Ellen Carol & Vicki L. Ruiz. Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Woman's History. New York: Rutledge, 1990.

Erie, Steven P. Rainbow's End: Irish-American and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988.

Higham, John. Strangers in the Land; Patterns of American Nativism 1860- 1925. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1955.

The Complete Report of Mayor LaGuardia's Commission on the Harlem Riot of 1935. New York: Arno Press, 1969. (Copy will be made available)

In addition, please read the following periodicals daily:
The New York Times, Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal

COURSE OUTLINE:

Objectives and Framework

Note: (B) signifies that the reading is available through Blackboard.

Week 1: September 6

Introduction to Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in American Cities.

Overview of the course, introduction to the theories and a review of syllabus.

Weeks 2 & 3: September 13 & 20

Theoretical and conceptual perspectives of race, ethnicity, gender and class.

Readings:

Bohmer, Peter. Radical Theories of Racism and Racial Inequality. (B)

Blauner, Robert. Internal Colonialism and Ghetto Revolt, Social Problems, Volume 16 (B)

Cao, Lan. "The Diaspora of Ethnic Economies: Beyond the Pale," William and Mary Law Review, 3/1/2003 (B)

DuBois, Ellen Carol & Vicki L. Ruiz. Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Woman's History. New York: Routledge, 1990. Ch. 4.

Feagan, Institutional Racism (Handout)

Hicks, John. On the Application of Theories of Internal Colonialism, 1-9

Kerner Commission Report (Handout)

Manchester College Peace Studies Institute, Description of National Violence Index

Pedraza, Silvia. "Beyond Black and White," Social Science History (B)

Saunders, Jimmy. "Ethnic Boundaries and Identity in Plural Societies" Annual Review of Sociology, 1/1/2000 (B)

Siegel, Deborah. "The Legacy of the Personal: Generating Theory in Feminisms Third Wave" Hypatia 6/22/1997 (B)

"The Tower of Babel: Bridging the divide between critical race theory and mainstream civil rights scholarship," Yale Law School Journal

Stafford, Walter. "Bringing Historically Marginalized Groups of Color into the Study of the Administrative State." Journal of Public Affairs Education, 1999.

Winant, Howard. Race and Race Theory. Annual Review of Sociology. 1/1/2000 (B)

Weeks 4, 5 & 6: September 27, October 4 & 11

Politics, Economics & the Shaping of Racial, Class, and Gender Outcomes, 1840s-early 1900s

Assignment 1 Due: September 27

Assignment 2 Due: October 11

Readings:

DuBois, Ellen Carol & Vicki L. Ruiz. Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Woman's History. New York: Routledge, 1990. Chapters 6, 7, 11, & 13.

Erie, Steven P. Rainbow's End: Irish-American and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988. Chapters 3 & 4.

Garcia, Mario. Americanization and the Mexican Immigrant, 1860-1930 (handout)

Higham, John. Strangers in the Land; Patterns of American Nativism 1860- 1925. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1955. **Chapter?**

Litwack, North of Slavery (Handout)

Spain, Daphne. "How Women Saved the City" (handout)

Weeks 7, 8, & 9: October 18, 25, & November 1

The Early 1900s through the New Deal

Assignment 3 Due: November 1

Readings:

Cohen, Adam & Elizabeth Taylor, American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley: His Battle for Chicago and the Nation. Boston: Little, Brown, & Company, 2000. Prologue, Chapters 1 & 2.

Cohen, Lizabeth. Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990.

Fogelson, Robert & Richard Rubenstein, ed. Mass Violence in America. The Complete Report of Mayor LaGuardia's Commission on the Harlem riot on March 19, 1935
Hofstadter, Richard. The Age of Reform. Chapter 6

Gordon, Linda "Social Insurance & Public Assistance: The Influence of Gender in Welfare Thought in the U.S., 1890-1935", The American Historical Review, Vol. 97, Issue 1, (Feb 1992), 19-54 (B)

Klarman, "Race and the Courts in the Progressive Era" (handout)

Logan, Rayford. The Negro in American Life and Thought: The Nadir 1877-1901. New York: Collier books, 1965.

McGerr, Michael. "Political Style & Women's Power, 1830-1930." The Journal of American History, Vol. 77, Issue 3, (Dec 1990) 864-885 (B)

Weeks 10 & 11: November 8 & 15

Preparing for Institutional Change: The Civil Rights Movement and the Cities, 1940s-1960s.

Cohen, Adam & Elizabeth Taylor. American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley: His Battle for Chicago and the Nation. Boston: Little, Brown, & Company, 2000. Chapters 3-6

DuBois, Ellen Carol & Vicki L. Ruiz. Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Woman's History. New York: Routledge, 1990. Chapter 26 & 28

Myrdal, Gunnar. The American Dilemma: the Negro Problem and the Modern Democracy. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1944.

McWilliams, Carey. Brothers Under the Skin. Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 1946.

Erie, Steven P. Rainbow's End: Irish-American and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988. Chapters 5 & 6.

Wilson, James Q. Negro Politics: The Search for Leadership. New York: Free Press, 1965.

Weaver, Robert Clifton. Negro Labor: A National Problem. New York: Harcourt Brace and Company, 1946.

Weaver, Robert Clifton. The Negro Ghetto. New York: Russell & Russell, 1967.

Kenneth Mack, "Law and Mass Politics in the Making of the Civil Rights Lawyer, 1931-1941,

The Journal of American History (B)

Thomas A. Guglielmo, “Fighting for Caucasian Rights: Mexicans, Mexican American, and the Transnational Struggle for Civil Rights in World War 11 Texas” The Journal of American History

Anthony Chen, “The Hitlerian Rule of Quotas”: Racial Conservatism and the Politics of Fair Employment Legislation in New York State, 1941-1945

Week 12: No Class on November 22

Weeks 13 & 14: November 29 & December 6

New Issues of Race, Ethnicity and Class: 1960s-2000

Assignment 4 Due: November 29

Cohen, Adam & Elizabeth Taylor. American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley: His Battle for Chicago and the Nation. Boston: Little, Brown, & Company, 2000. Chapters 7-15

DuBois, Ellen Carol & Vicki L. Ruiz. Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Woman's History. New York: Routledge, 1990. Chapter 29.

Erie, Steven P. Rainbow's End: Irish-American and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1988. Chapter 7.

Garcia, F. Chris. Latinos and the Political System. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1988.

Carmichael, Stokley & Hamilton. Black Power: The Politics of Liberation in America. New York: Random House, 1967.

Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders

Week 15 & 16: December 13 & 20

Presentations and Final Paper

Final Paper Due: December 20

Bring hard copy to class and email Vivian at vy8@nyu.edu by the end of the day.

Other Recommended Readings

Other Recommended Readings for Weeks 1-3:

Abramovitz, Mimi. Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Time to the Present. Boston: South end Press, 1988. Chapter 1

Anderson, Alan & George W. Pickering, Confronting the Color Line: the Broken Promise of the Civil Rights Movement in Chicago. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1986. pp. 21-43

Bonacich, Edna & John Modell. The Economic Basis of Ethnic Solidarity: Small Business in the Japanese American Community. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1980. pp. 13-46.

Brittan, Arthur & Mary Maynard. Sexism, Racism, and Oppression. New York: Blackwell, 1984. Chapter 7.

Chan, Sucheng. Entry Denied: Exclusion and the Chinese Community in America, 1882-1943. Philadelphia, Temple University Press, 1991.

Conk, Margo. "Immigration Reform and Immigration History: Why Simpson-Mazzoli Did not Pass" in Urban Ethnicity in the United States: New Immigrants and Old Minorities. Beverly Hills: Sage Publications, 1985. pp. 25-51

Domhoff, William. Who Rules America Now pp. 1-15

Foner, Eric. Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877. New York: Harper & Row, 1988.

Hermon George, Jr. American Race Relations Theory: A Review of Four Models. Lanham: University Press of America, 1984. pp. 177-207

Hochschild, Jennifer. The New American Dilemma: Liberal Democracy and School Desegregation. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984. pp 1-12

Hogan, Michael. The Irish Soldiers of Mexico. Guadalajara: Fondo Editorial Universitario, 1998.

Ignatiev, Noel. How the Irish Became White. New York: Routledge, 1995.

Kessner, Thomas. Fiorello H. LaGuardia and the Making of the Modern. New York. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1989.

Rex, John & David Mason, ed. Theories of Race and Ethnic Relations. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986.

Saxton, Alexander. "Historical Explanations of Racial Inequality." The Rise and Fall of the

White Republic: Class politics and mass culture in nineteenth-century America. London: Verso, 1990.

Sniderman & Tetlock, Symbolic Racism: Problems of Motive Attribution in Political Analysis (copy)

Solomon, Barbara. Black Empowerment: Social Work in Oppressed Communities. New York: Columbia University Press, 1976. pp. 31-104

Takaki, Ronald. Iron Cages: Race and Culture in Nineteenth-century America. New York: Random House, 1979.

Takaki, Ronald. Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans. New York: Penguin Books, 1990. Chapters 2 & 3

Verba, Sidney & Gary Orren, Equality in America: The view from the top. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1985. pp. 1-21; 246-266.

Woodham– Smith, Cecil. The Great Hunger: Ireland 1845-1849. New York: Harper & Row, 1962.

Woodward, Comer Vann. The Strange Career of Jim Crow. New York: Oxford University Press, 1966.

Other Useful Readings for Weeks 4-6:

Abramovitz, Mimi. Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Time to the Present. Boston: South end Press, 1988. Chapter 2, 3, 4 & 5

Blee, Kathleen. Women of the Klan: racism and Gender in the 1920's. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991.

Curry, Leonard. The Free Black in Urban America 1800-1850: The Shadow of the Dream. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981. pp 1-14

Dinnerstein, Leonard. The Leo Frank Case

Doyle, Donald. New Men, New Cities, New South: Atlanta, Nashville, Charleston, Mobile, 1860-1910. Chapel Hill: University North Carolina Press. 1990.

Ernst, Robert & Lawrence Hugg. Black America: Geographic Perspectives. Garden City: Anchor

Press, 1976. pp. 9-34.

Garcia, Mario. Mexican Americans: Leadership, Ideology, and Identity, 1930-1960. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989., pp.1-62

Glazier, Jack. Dispersing the Ghetto: The Relocation of Jewish Immigrants Across America. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998.

Higginbotham, Leon. In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process. New York: Oxford University Press, 1962. pp. 100-150

Jackson, Kenneth. The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930. New York: Oxford University Press, 1967.

Jones, Jacqueline. Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work and the Family, From Slavery to the Present. New York: Basic Books, 1985

Klein, Ethel. Gender Politics: From Consciousness to Mass politics. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1984. Chapters 2 & 5.

Meier, August. Negro Thought in America: 1880-1915; Racial Ideologies in the Age of Booker T. Washington. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1963.

Nash, Gary. The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness, and the Origins of the American Revolution. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1979. pp 1-32

Nash, Gerald. The American West Transformed: The Impact of the Second World War. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1985.

Rischin, Moses. The Promised City: New York's Jews. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1962.

Still, Bayrd. Urban America: A history with Documents. Boston: Little Brown and Company, 1974.

Ward, David. Cities and Immigrants: A Geography of change in Nineteenth-Sentury America. New York: Oxford University Press, 1971.

Other Useful Readings, Sessions 7-9

Taylor, Clarence. Knocking At Our Door: Milton Galamison and the Struggle to Integrate New

York City Schools. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997.

Duerst-Lahti, Georgia. "The Government's Role in Building the Women's Movement." Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 104, Issue 2, (Summer, 1989) 249-268

Gomez -Quinones, Juan. Chicano Politics: Reality and Promise 1940-1990. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1990.

Fogel, Simple Justice

Burk, Robert. The Eisenhower Administration and Black Civil Rights. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1984.

McAdam, Douglas. Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982.

Other Useful Readings: Weeks 10-15

Bloom, Jack M. Class, Race and the Civil Rights Movement. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1987.

Browning, Rufus, Dale Marshall & David Tabb, Protest is Not Enough: The Struggle of Blacks and Hispanics for Equality in Urban Politics. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1984.

Cruse, Harold. The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual

Erie, Stephen "Rainbow's End: From the old to the New urban Ethnic Politics" in Urban Ethnicity in the United States, pp. 249-276.

Falcón, Angelo. Black and Latino Politics in New York City: Race and Ethnicity in a Changing Urban Context. New York: Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, 1985.

Falcón, Angelo. "A History of Puerto Rican Politics in New York City" in Puerto Rican Politics, James Jennings and Monte Rivera (ed)

Falcón, Angelo & Christopher Hanson. Latinos and the Redistricting Process in New York City: An Assessment and Profiles of the New Latino Assembly, State Senate and Congressional Districts. Institute for Puerto Rican Policy. October 1992.

Falcón, Angelo. A Puerto Rican Political Participation: New York City and Puerto Rico by the Institute For Puerto Rican Policy, Inc.

Falcón, Angelo. Puerto Ricans and the Politics of Racial Identity in Racial and Ethnic Identity:

Psychological Development and Creative Expression, Herbert W. Harris, Howard C. Blue, and Ezra E.H. Griffith, eds.

Glazer, Nathan. Affirmative Discrimination: Ethnic Inequality and Public Policy. New York: Basic Books, 1975. pp. 196-220

Green, Charles & Basil Wilson. The Struggle for Black Empowerment in New York City: Beyond the Politics of Pigmentation. New York: Praeger, 1989.

Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, The 1989 Mayoral Election and Charter Revision Vote in New York City

Jaynes, G.D. & Williams, eds. A Common Destiny: Blacks and American Society. Wasington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1989. pp. 269-328

Jennings, James. Race, Politics and Economic Development: Community Perspectives. London: Verso, 1992.

Jones-Wilson, Faustine. The Changing Mood in America: Eroding Commitment? Washington: Howard University Press, 1977. pp. 182-229

Kwong, Peter. The New Chinatown. New York: Hill and Wang, 1987. pp 81-106

Marine, Gene. The Black Panthers. New York: New American Library, 1969.

Mollenkopf, John & Manuel Castells. Dual City: Restructuring New York. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1991.

Morris, Alton. The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement

Perry, Huey. "Deracialization as an analytical construct in American Urban Politics" (handouts from symposium in Urban Affairs Quarterly, December 1991)

Piven, Frances Fox & Richard Cloward, The New Class War, pp. 1-39

Preston, Michael, Lenneal Henderson & Paul Pryear. The New Black Politics pp. 137-291

Reed, Aloph " The Black Urban Regime: Structural Origins and Constraints" Power, Community and the City

Rodriquez, Clara. Puerto Ricans: Born in the U.S.A. Boston: Unwin Hyman, 1989. pp. 1-19

Rudwick, Elliott. From Plantation to Ghetto

Recent Changes in Affirmative Action (handout)

Shefter, Martin. Political Crisis/Fiscal Crisis: The Collapse and Revival of New York City. New York: Basic Books, 1985. Chapter 7

Skerry, Peter. "Immigration and the Affirmative Action State" Public Interest, Summer 1989 pp. 86-10

Smith, Robert. "Politics is not Enough: The Institutionalization of the African American Freedom Movement."

Stafford, Walter. "Economic Decline and the Rise of the New Conservatism" in The Myth of Black Progress, Al Pinkney, ed.

Stafford, Walter. Segmentation in New York Municipal Agencies. New York: CSS Institute for Community Empowerment, 1989.

Stafford, Walter. "Whither the Great Neo-Conservative Experiment in New York City," from Race, Politics and Economic Development, James Jennings (ed), (Verso, New York)

Welch, Susan & Lee Sigelman. The Politics of Hispanic Americans: Insights from National Surveys, 1980-1988.