Lecture 1 Tuesday Sep 06, 2016 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 20 th century?

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

Lecture 2 Tuesday Sep 13, 2016 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 Tuesday Sep 20, 2016 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

The Fifth Avenue Committee: The Membership Organization Decision. Available on-line for $2.75 at http://www.ksgcase.harvard.edu/casetitle.asp?caseNo=1626.0 (Links to an external site.) (make sure you select the academic not corporate category).

Lecture 4 Tuesday Sep 27, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture IV Gentrification

Readings


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


Lecture 5 Tuesday Oct 04, 2016 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 Tuesday Oct 11, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture VI Community Development Strategy

Readings

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


Lecture 7 Tuesday Oct 18, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture VII Community Development Strategies: Mobilizing

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

Assignment
Neighborhood Analysis Due

Lecture 8 Tuesday Oct 25, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture VIII Midterm

Lecture 9 Tuesday Nov 08, 2016 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 Tuesday Nov 15, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture X Market Based Approaches

Readings

Assignments
Interview Summaries Due

Lecture 11 Tuesday Nov 22, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture XI The Importance of Capital


Lecture 12 Tuesday Nov 29, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture XII Deconcentrating the Poor

Readings


Lecture 13 Tuesday December 1, 2016 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Lecture XIII FINAL PRESENTATIONS