

Spring 2014
Pol. Sci. 103B/USP 113
Tues/Thurs 3:30-4:50 pm
HSS 1330

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POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES

I. COURSE OUTLINE

- A. Why Study Los Angeles? Regional, State, National and Global Significance
- B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development, 1850-1973
 - 1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads and Real Estate
 - 2. Early 20th Century: the Politics of Progressivism
 - 3. Postwar World War II Political and Economic Development
- C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth, 1973-1993
- D. Politics and Policymaking in the Post-Bradley Era, 1993-2014
- E. The L.A. Region: An Overview
 - 1. Fragmented Regional Governance
 - 2. Regional Planning and Growth: Suburbanization and Sprawl
 - 3. Demography and Economy
- F. Regional Policy Challenges
 - 1. Immigration and Housing
 - 2. Transportation
 - 3. Public Finance
 - 4. Smart Growth
 - 5. Globalization and Economic Restructuring
- G. W(h)ither Southern California? Water Politics and Policymaking

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Books to be purchased
 - 1. Robert M. Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis: Los Angeles, 1850-1930* (University of California, 1993)
 - 2. Raphael J. Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles* (Princeton University, 1993)
 - 3. William Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in Los Angeles* (The John Hopkins University, 2001)
 - 4. Jennifer Wolch et al, *Up Against the Sprawl: Public Policy and the Making of Southern California* (University of Minnesota, 2004)
 - 5. Steven P. Erie, *Beyond 'Chinatown': The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California* (Stanford University, 2006)

B. Grades: Your course grade is based upon a midterm and non-cumulative final examination. Essay and short answer questions cover both lectures and readings.

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

April 1, 3

- A. Why Study Los Angeles?
 - Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. xv-xxvi
 - Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis*, pp. 1-20.
 - Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. vii-ix, pp. 1-41.

- April 8, 10 B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development, 1850-1973 (I)
 1. The 19th Century
 Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. 1-134.
- April 15, 17 B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)
 2. Early 20th Century: the Politics of Progressivism
 3. Post World War II Political and Economic Development
 Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. 136-276.
 April 17th Guest Speaker” UCSD and SDSU Professor Jim
 Ingram, “*The History of L.A. Charter Reform*”
- April 22, 24 C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth,
 1973-1993
 Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.
- April 29, May 1 D. Politics and Policymaking in the Post-Bradley Era, 1993-2014
MIDTERM EXAMINATION
- May 6, 8 E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning
 Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis*, pp. 21-223.
 May 6th Guest Speaker: San Diego Planning Director and
 Author Bill Fulton, “Reflections on The Reluctant Metropolis”
 May 8th Guest Speaker: L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky,
 “L.A. County Government: the Good, Bad, and Ugly”
- May 13, 15 E The L.A. Region (II): Demography and Economy
 F. Regional Policy Challenges
 1. Immigration and Housing
 Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis*, pp. 225-359.
 Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 71-150.
- May 20, 22 F. Regional Policy Challenges
 2. Transportation
 3. Public Finance
 4. Smart Growth
 Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 151-371.
 May 22nd Guest Speaker: former L.A. and San Diego
 County Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen,
 “Local Government Finance in the Post Prop. 13 Era”
- May 27, 29 F. Regional Policy Challenges
 5. Globalization and Restructuring
 G. W(h)ither Southern California? Water Politics and Policymaking
 Erie, *Beyond ‘Chinatown’*, pp. 1-132.
 May 29th Guest Speaker: General Manager Jeff Kightlinger,
 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California,
 “Southern California’s 21st Century Water Challenges”
- June 3, 5 G. Water Politics and Policymaking (continued)
 Erie, *Beyond ‘Chinatown’*, pp. 133-265
- June 9 FINAL EXAMINATION: June 9th 3:00-6:00 pm**