

Winter 2018
Pol. Sci. 103B/USP 113
Tues/Thurs 3:30-4:50 pm
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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, Harbor, Real Estate
 - 2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
 - 3. Post World War II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations
- C. Mayor Tom Bradley: Politics of Race and Growth, 1973-1993
- D. Politics and Policymaking in the Post-Bradley Era, 1993-2015
- E. The L.A. Five-County 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
- G. 21st Century Challenges
 - 1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality
 - 2. 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

January 9, 11

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

- January 16, 18** B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development, 1850-1973 (I)
1. The 19th Century; From Pueblo to Town
Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. 1-134.
- January 23, 25** B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)
2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
3. Post WW II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations
Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. 137-276.
Jan. 23: Guest Speaker: Professor Jim Ingram, "Charter-town not 'Chinatown', 1880-1930"
- Jan. 30, Feb. 1** C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth,
1973-1993
Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.
*Jan. 30: Guest Speaker: Dan Garcia, former President, L.A. Boards of Planning, Police,
and Airport Commissioners, "L.A. Mayors and Their Commissioners"*
- February 6, 8** D. Politics and Policymaking in the Post-Bradley Era, 1993-2015
- MIDTERM EXAM: February 8th**
- February 13, 15** E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning
Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis*, pp. 21-223.
- February 20, 22** 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.
*Feb. 20: Guest Speaker: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California, "21st Century Water Planning and Policy Challenges"*
Feb. 22: Guest Speaker: Professor Cary Lowe, "Inland Empire Development"
- Feb. 27, Mar. 1** F. Regional Policy Challenges
2. Transportation
3. Public Finance
4. Smart Growth
Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 151-371.
*March 1: Guest Speaker: Zev Yaroslavsky, former L.A. County Supervisor, "L.A. County
Governance and Policy Challenges"*
- March 6, 8** G. 21st Century Challenges:
1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality
2. Water Politics and Policymaking (I)
Erie, *Beyond 'Chinatown'*, pp. 3-132.
*March 6: Guest Speaker: David Abel, The Planning Report publisher, "21st Century Regional
Challenges"*
- March 13, 15** G. 21st Century Challenges: Water Politics and Policymaking (II)
Erie, *Beyond 'Chinatown'*, pp. 133-265.

FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY March 20th 3:00-5:59 pm