READING LIST

SOC 3220: URBAN SOCIOLOGY & THE WIRE
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# Reading Notes

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Reading List

Week 1 - Week of August 28th

Course Introduction

Topics
- Monday - Syllabus Overview
- Wednesday - “Doing” Urban Sociology
- Friday - An Introduction to Baltimore

Required Readings
- Monday
- Wednesday
- Friday
  - Fernández-Kelly - Introduction [Link]
  - Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 1 & 2 [ER]
  - Potter & Marshall - pp. 15-36 [ER]

Optional Reading

Assignments Due August 30th
- Student Information Sheet and Syllabus Agreement
- Ethnographic Assignment - Release
Week 2 - Week of September 4th

The Urban Imagination

No Class Monday, September 4th - Labor Day

Topics
- Reflections on “Shady Shell”
- The (Urban) Sociological Imagination

Required Readings
- Wednesday
- Friday
  - Potter & Marshall - pp. 1-14 [ER]

Optional Reading

The Wire Episodes
- Season 1, Episode 1 (for Friday)

Assignments Due September 6th
- Ethnographic Assignment - Field notes submitted online and brought to class for discussion
- First Pop Reading Notes (only one announced ahead of time)
Week 3 - Week of September 11th

Institutions and Inequality

Response Paper Eligible Week

Required Readings

- Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 5 & 6

The Wire Episodes

- Season 1, Episodes 2, 3, & 4

Optional Readings


Assignment Due September 11th

- Ethnographic Assignment - Paper
Week 4 - Week of September 18th

Race and Poverty

Response Paper Eligible Week

Required Readings

• Monday

• Wednesday & Friday
  – Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 3 & 4

Optional Readings


The Wire Episodes

• Season 1, Episodes 5, 6, & 7

Assignments Due September 18th

• Census Data Assignment
• Final Project - Memo
Week 5 - Week of September 25th

Police and Social Control

Response Paper Eligible Week
Last Week to Start Response Papers

Required Readings

- Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 7 & 8
- Potter & Marshall - Chapters 3 & 4 [IR]

Optional Readings


The Wire Episodes

- Season 1, Episodes 8, 9, & 10
Week 6 - Week of October 2\textsuperscript{nd} \\

\textit{Experiencing “The Game”}

\textbf{Response Paper Eligible Week}

\textbf{Required Readings}

- Potter & Marshall - Chapter 7 [IR]

\textbf{Optional Readings}


\textbf{The Wire Episodes}

- Season 1, Episodes 11, 12, & 13

\textbf{Assignment Due October 2\textsuperscript{nd}}

- Last Day to Submit Response Paper 01
Week 7 - Week of October 9th

Deindustrialization

Response Paper Eligible Week

Required Readings


Optional Readings


The Wire Episodes

- Season 2, Episodes 1, 2, & 3

Assignment Due

- October 9th - Last Day to Submit Response Paper 02
Week 8 - Week of October 16th

When Work Disappears

Response Paper Eligible Week

Required Readings

- Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 13 & 14
- Potter and Marshall - Chapter 9 [IR]

Optional Readings


The Wire Episodes

- Season 2, Episodes 4, 5, & 6

Assignments Due October 16th

- Last Day to Submit Response Paper 03
- Final Project - Annotated Bibliography
Week 9 - Week of October 23rd

Off the Books: Illegal Labor

No Class Monday, October 23rd - Fall Break

Response Paper Eligible Week

Required Readings
- Fernández-Kelly - Chapters 15 & 16
- Potter and Marshall - Chapter 8 [IR]

Optional Readings

The Wire Episodes
- Season 2, Episodes 7, 8, & 9
Week 10 - Week of October 30th

Ghettos & Hipsters: Place, Poverty, & Gentrification

Response Paper Eligible Week

Topics

• Monday - The “Ghetto”
• Wednesday - Place, Poverty, and Health
• Friday - Gentrification

Required Readings

• Monday

• Wednesday

• Friday

Optional Readings


The Wire Episodes

• Season 2, Episodes 10, 11, & 12
Week 11 - Week of November 6th

Urban Social Issues: Housing & Discrimination

Response Paper Eligible Week

Topics
• Monday & Wednesday - Public Housing
• Friday - Discrimination

Required Readings
• Monday & Wednesday
  – Potter & Marshall - Chapters 2 & 11
• Friday

Optional Readings

The Wire Episodes
• Season 3, Episodes 1, 2, & 3

Assignments Due November 6th
• Final Project - Draft Paper and Poster
Week 12 - Week of November 13th

*Urban Social Issues: Substance Use & Abuse*

**Response Paper Eligible Week**

**Required Readings**

- **Monday**
  - Provine, D. 2011. “Race and Inequality in the War on Drugs.” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 7:41-60. [ER]

- **Wednesday**

- **Friday**

**Optional Readings**


**The Wire Episodes**

- Season 3, Episodes 4, 5, & 6

**Assignment Due November 13th**

- Analytical Paper
Week 13 - Week of November 20th

Urban Social Issues: Death & Isolation (Part 1)

No Class Wednesday, November 22nd and Friday, November 24th - Thanksgiving

Topics
- Monday - Homelessness

Required Readings
- View series of videos of interviews with individuals experiencing homelessness via Course Website

Assignment Due November 20th
- Last Day to Submit Response Paper 04
Week 14 - Week of November 27th

Urban Social Issues: Death & Isolation (Part 2)

Response Paper Eligible Week (includes Week 13)
Last Week to Finish Response Papers

Topics
- Monday - Homelessness
- Wednesday - Firearm Violence
- Friday - Natural and Social Disasters

Required Readings
- Monday
- Wednesday
- Friday

Optional Readings

The Wire Episodes
- Season 3, Episodes 7, 8, & 9
Week 15 - Week of December 4th

Urban Utopias

Required Readings
- Fung & Wright - Chapters 1, 2, 4, 7, & 9 to 11

The Wire Episodes
- Season 3, Episodes 10, 11, & 12

Assignment Due November 20th
- Last Day to Submit Response Paper 05

Week 16 - Week of December 11th

Leaving Baltimore

No Class Wednesday, December 13th - Finals Week

Topics
- Monday - Course Conclusion
- Friday - Final Project Presentations (8:00am to 9:50am, Morrissey 2720)

Required Readings
- Monday

Assignments Due December 15th
- Final Project - .pdf of Poster
- Final Project - .pdf and Printed Copy of Paper