

Environment and Behavior (ENVD 318 / SOC 384)

Venue: Envd. Building 122

Time: W 12:00-2:30

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Office: Envd. 104

Hours: Open door and by appointment

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Topical schedule

- 1/14 1. Introduction
- 1/21 2. The emergence of environment and behavior studies. User-producer gap.
Film: The Shock of the New
- 1/28 3. Collaboration between social scientists and design professionals.
Film: Social Life of Small Urban Spaces.
- 2/4 4. Urban environments.
Film: City and Self
- 2/11 5. Suburban environments.
Film: Suburban Living
- 2/18 6. Safety, vandalism and the built environment.
Film: No Place to Rest His Head
- 2/25 7. Residential differentiation: patterns, causes, consequences.
- 3/4 8. Urban revitalization and gentrification.
Film: Where Can I Live?
- 3/11 9. Housing needs and tenant action.
Films: How Things Get Done
The Heart of Loisaaida
- 3/18 10. Neighborhoods: grass roots and political-economic aspects.
Film: Poletown
- 4/1 11. Squatters and the homeless.
Film: Squatters
- 4/8 12. Housing in the Third World.
Film: With Hands and Hope
- 4/15 13. Presentations.
- 4/22 14. Debate on gentrification.
- 4/29 15. Debate on nuclear energy.

Readings: TBA

Requirements:

1. Research report (20%)
2. Individual presentation (10%)
3. How well are we housed? (25%)
4. Quizzes (15%)
5. Presentation/debate paper (30%)

Re 1. (max. 5 pages).

1. Introduction
2. Hypothesis
3. Presentation of analytical findings
4. Discussion

Re 2. (max. 10-15 minutes)

1. Factual representation
2. Assessment

Re 3.

1. Introduction
2. Statement of the problem
3. Presentation of
(comparative) findings
4. Discussion

Topics:

1. Women over time
2. Single-parent families
(women vs. men)
3. Lone householders
(women vs men)
4. Rural-urban (affordability/
quality)
5. The elderly over time
6. Vandalism

Sources: Annual (American) Housing
Survey, Census of Housing

Re 4.

Short answers to questions on previous class and/or readings assigned for that day.

Re 5.

Details TBA

Grading Policy:

If you get:

- > 90%
80-89%
70-79%
60-69%
< 59%

you will have:

- A
B
C
D
F

a minimum of:

- 15% As
25% Bs
40% Cs
10% Ds
and a maximum of 10% Fs

Proposition # 1

Gentrification is a positive process of urban revitalization that should be promoted by city governments.

Proposition # 2

The federal government should halt the production of nuclear energy.

Presentation on the elderly or the organization, operation and management of a recycling plant.

First preference: _____

Second preference: _____

Name: _____