

Political Science 533  
Fall Semester 2021  
Wednesdays 4-6:30 p.m. by Zoom

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**INTERUNIVERSITY COURSE ON  
THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF URBAN  
POLITICS AND URBAN STUDIES**

This course is unique. It brings together graduate students and faculty from multiple universities in an effort to present and extend the work of what has been known as the “Preskool” of urban politics and urban studies. Preskool scholars have for over fifteen years been meeting together and collaborating in their study of Chicago politics and urban studies more generally.

The original “Chicago School of Urban Sociology” which affected economics, political science and urban studies more broadly flourished between 1915-1935 at the University of Chicago. As we will study in this course, it created an ecological approach to urban sociology outlined in the critical book, *The City*, and various other publications which focused on Chicago as a model for studying all cities. Many of these ideas became the paradigm.

By the 21<sup>st</sup> century, other loose schools of thought and theories evolved including New York and Los Angeles scholars and the paradigms created by the original Chicago school had been discredited. However, a clear substitute theory of urban politics and urban society had not been developed. Addition of studies of cities in other parts of the world complicated the study of urban politics considerably.

The course is planned to be exciting, demanding, and controversial. It is meant to be an introduction to the study of politics in the very political city of Chicago but to be applicable to the study of all cities. It is to be a distance learning course because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the opportunity to have speakers and students join us without coming to a single location. Therefore, it will utilize Blackboard and Zoom to deliver course content including lectures, guest speakers, speakers, and to facilitate your participation in events like some of the Chicago’s Future lecture series.

**Textbooks**

You will be expected to read and master the following textbooks:

Dick Simpson, Constance Mixon, and Melissa Mouritsen, Eds., Twenty-First Century Chicago, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2020.

Dennis Judd and Dick Simpson, Eds., The City, Revisited, 2010.

Dan Silver and Terry Clark, Scenescapes, 2016.

Manuscript of Modern Mayors of Chicago, (forthcoming 2023).

Bill Grimshaw, Bitter Fruit, 1992.

Doering, Silver, and Taylor, “The Spatial Articulation of Urban Political Cleavages”  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087420940789>

And two reports from UIC’s Chicago Politics website

**Twenty-First Century Chicago (Third Edition)** is available for purchase in both print and digital formats. The text is available for purchase the publisher’s online Student Store at <https://store.cognella.com/80254-3B-013>.

**TEXT: Twenty-First Century Chicago (Third Edition)**

**PRINT PRICE: \$80.95**

**EBOOK PRICE: \$68.95**

Be sure to order the new third edition and not earlier ones. Students who purchase the book in print format from Cognella’s online Student Store will gain immediate access to the first 30% of the book so they can begin reading right away. There is also an option to rent the book from the publisher. As will be announced in class, two reports from the UIC website (available free) will be substituted for two chapters in the book.

The book is also available along with all the other assigned books at the UIC Bookstore in a variety of formats and prices including used and rental.

In addition to the assigned books, there will be a few other book chapters as well as newspaper, movies, and journal articles made available through the course Blackboard site which will be assigned reading. Those materials will be free.

## **Learning Objectives for the Course**

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- 1) Describe, understand, and remember the social, economic, political, and governmental conditions in the Chicago metropolitan region in a time of globalization.
- 2) Know different schools of thought about urban studies.
- 3) Meet political and governmental leaders and scholars of different backgrounds and approaches.
- 4) Apply theories and methods to your own research topics and your own cities of study.

## **Grades**

A single 15-25 page research paper will be written on a topic of the student’s choice. It will review the approach used by members of the New Chicago School (and other schools and urban researchers) and develop a research design to study the topic. It will develop hypotheses

about the topic and demonstrate that data can be collected to support or disprove the hypotheses. It will not necessarily collect the data and proof to do so in this preliminary research design paper. Course grades will be dependent upon the paper grade and class participation during the semester.

## SYLLABUS

<u>WEEK DATES</u>	<u>TOPICS</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
I 8/25	Introduction to course and The Chicago Preskool with Dick Simpson and Betty O’Shaughnessy	
II 9/1	Missy Mouritsen and Connie Mixon: Social, Economic, Political And Governmental Conditions of Chicago	<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> Century Chicago</u></b> Parts I – IV (pp. 101-108 and 123-130 replaced with: “Emanuel and Lightfoot City Councils: Chicago City Council Report #12 June 12, 2019 – May 18, 2021” )  <u><a href="https://pols.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/273/2021/05/City-Council-Report-%5eN12-Corrected-5-17-21-Final.edits_.pdf">https://pols.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/273/2021/05/City-Council-Report-%5eN12-Corrected-5-17-21-Final.edits_.pdf</a></u> )
III 9/8	Missy Mouritsen: Metropolitan and Global Conditions of Chicago	<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> Century Chicago</u></b> Parts V-VII
IV. 9/15	Dick Simpson: The New York And Los Angeles Schools	<b><u>The City, Revisited</u></b> Parts I - III
V 9/22	Terry N. Clark and Steven Corey: Neighborhoods, Scenes, and Urban History	<b><u>Scenescapes</u></b> Chapters 1-5 and  <u><a href="https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780190922481/obo-9780190922481-0048.xml#obo-9780190922481-0048-div1-0008">https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780190922481/obo-9780190922481-0048.xml#obo-9780190922481-0048-div1-0008</a></u>
** 9/22 at noon optional	<b>Pierre de Vise Memorial Lecture</b> <b>UIC Professor Janet Smith:</b> <b>“Racial Change and Housing in Chicago</b> <b>In the Post-Pandemic Era”</b>	

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| VI   | 9/29                     | Daniel Silver and Zach Taylor:<br>Scenes and Spatial Articulation  | <u><i>Scenescapes</i></u><br>Chapters 6-8   |
|      |                          | <p><b>“The Spatial Articulation of Urban Political Cleavages”</b><br/> <b>by <a href="#">Jan Doering</a>, <a href="#">Daniel Silver</a>, <a href="#">Zack Taylor</a></b><br/> <b>First Published July 16, 2020 Research Article</b><br/> <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087420940789">https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087420940789</a></p> |   |
| VII. | 10/6                     | Dennis Judd:<br>The Role of Urban Theory and<br>The New Chicago School   | <u><i>The City, Revisited</i></u><br>Parts IV and V   |
| **   | 10/6 at noon<br>optional | <b>Chicago Coalition For<br/>the Homeless: “Homelessness<br/>in Chicago Today”</b>   |   |
| VIII | 10/13                    | Betty O’Shaughnessy, Dennis Judd,<br>Costas Spiro, Xolela Mangu,<br>Gregory Squires, and Monroe<br>Anderson  | <u><b>Modern Mayors of<br/>Chicago,</b></u> PDF<br>Manuscript, Chapters<br>1-4                  |
| IX   | 10/20                    | Betty O’Shaughnessy, Dan Bliss,<br>Kari Lyderson, Marco Rosaire Rossi,<br>Dick Simpson, Clinton Stockwell  | <u><b>Modern Mayors of<br/>Chicago,</b></u> PDF<br>Manuscript, Chapters<br>5-7 and Bibliography |

## Revised POLS 553 Syllabus

X	10/27	Maureen Ponicki: Comparative Urban Politics	Dissertation Chapter
**	10/27 at noon optional	<b>Alderman Scott Waugspack: “The Chicago City Council and Chicago’s Future”</b>	
XI	11/3	Evan McKenzie	<b><u>Beyond Privatopia</u></b> (all)
*	11/3 at noon optional	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Bryon Sigcho Lopez. “The Future of Progressive and Latino Politics”</b>	
XII	11/10	Terry N. Clark and Ramond Ladoto	<b><u>Bitter Fruit: Black Politics And The Chicago Machine</u></b>
XIII	11/17	Dick Simpson, Tom Gradel, and Marco Rosaire Rossi study of corruption and use of journalism sources	<b>“Corruption Spikes in Illinois,” Anti-Corruption Report #13, 2021</b> <b><u><a href="https://pols.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/273/2021/02/Corruption-Spikes-in-IL-Anti-Corruption-Rpt-13-final2.-1.pdf">https://pols.uic.edu/wp- content/uploads/sites/273/20 21/02/Corruption-Spikes- in-IL-Anti-Corruption-Rpt- 13-final2.-1.pdf</a></u></b>
XIV	11/24	Reports on Student Research Projects	
	11/25	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	
XV	12/1	Reports on Student Research Projects	

