

CUSS Newsletter

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MILE HIGH CITY: Racial and Ethnic Dynamics

Lucy Dwight
University of Colorado-
Denver

Denver, the Mile High City, is located where the Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains. Though the area was used as a hunting ground for Native Americans for thousands of years and explored by the Spanish as early as the 16th century, it was the discovery of gold in nearby Pikes Peak that led to permanent settlement by fortune-seekers in 1858. Denver quickly became a regional center due to the Colorado Gold Rush and other extractive booms and busts that continued for well over a century. Although experiencing a major economic downturn and loss of population in the 1980s as the regional

oil and gas industry collapsed along with the savings and loan debacle, Denver today is the largest city in Colorado and the Mountain West (denver.org 2012). Similar to other urban areas in the South and West, the greater Denver area has grown rapidly in the last few decades, increasing by 50% between 1990 and 2010, with more than 2.75 million residents in the metropolitan area today (Piton 2011). Denver's core has grown rapidly as well, to over 600,000 residents, an increase of more than 25% since 1990, after experiencing several decades of population decline (census.gov 2012).

Enduring Inequalities

Like most metropolitan areas, housing in



Photo: L. Dwight

**Welton Street in the heart of
Denver's Five Points neigh-
borhood.**

Denver is residentially segregated by socio-economic status, race and ethnicity. The degree of segregation of non-Latino whites from non-whites is characterized as moderate in Denver, with little change since 2000 (diversitydata 2012). Economic disparities are

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Chair's Message

Lily Hoffman, CUNY/CCNY

It is with great pleasure that I announce that CUSS will be presenting a special award at the ASA Meetings in Denver, to Herbert Gans, on the 50th Anniversary of the

publication of *The Urban Villagers*. We are honoring this seminal book for its contributions to urban theory and practice over the fifty-year period, 1962-2012.

Writing as an urban planner and sociologist, and drawing upon participant-observation of the Italian-American commu

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-Lily Hoffman

nity in the West End of Boston on the eve of urban renewal, Gans wrote critically about the designation of a working-class community as a "slum," its demolition, the dispersal of residents and the subsequent gentrification. The book was a call-to-arms regarding the federal urban renewal program, elitist policy assumptions, and the need for greater sociological attention to the importance of community.

Of course, these issues are still with us, making for the continuing importance of *The Urban Villagers*. In an age of mega-projects spawned under the rubric of public-private partnerships, the process may appear more democratic and the community—whoever represents it — may be wooed with real or imagined benefits, but the consequences are often similar—demolition and displacement of working class and minority communities.

Please attend the celebration of this legacy which will take place at our annual CUSS business meeting, Saturday August 18, 1:30- 2:10, along with the presentation of our annual awards: The Robert and Helen Lynd Career-Lifetime Achievement Award, the Robert E. Park Award for Best Book, the Jane Addams Award for Best Article, and the Student Paper Award (see the announcement of winners in

this newsletter, p. 4).

This has happily been a quiet year in terms of section business, having settled the *City & Community* contract with Wiley-Blackwell and amended our bylaws in 2011. However, one potential ASA-CUSS issue is membership. Membership, which has become an issue for the ASA in general, is of particular concern for CUSS due to the stipulations of the new contract. Overall membership in the ASA is down; the average difference in members between 2011 and 2012 for the 52 ASA sections was a loss of 13 members. This prompted the ASA, which is revising its instructions for sections for their annual report, to emphasize the importance of membership committees and activities geared to retaining and adding members.

CUSS membership figures show a greater than average loss. As of May 31, 2012, we had 579 registered members, down 72 members from May 31, 2011. Our section placed third in terms of loss of members, among the 52 sections. Although we have no research data, one issue for CUSS is the high cost of section membership, which includes a journal subscription. As of now CUSS membership (\$41 for a regular member) is the second highest in the ASA, closely following the Sociology of Mental Health—which also in-

cludes a journal—at \$44; PEWS follows at \$22.

Section memberships for the other 49 sections range between \$5--\$14.

Furthermore, declining membership is a particular threat to us as our contract with Wiley-Blackwell mandates that we maintain a membership of at least 550. If we fall below this number, we need to increase section dues to cover missing journal revenue. We love our journal; we love our section; what to do?

We have an active membership committee who welcome more volunteers and ideas.

Also remember that student memberships only cost \$26 dollars and are probably the best place to concentrate our efforts. So, I suggest you invite your graduate students to party with us at the CUSS off-site reception at the Rock Bottom Brewery, 1001 16th St. Denver, Saturday night (7:30-9:30) and also consider standing them to a local brew!

Announcements

•Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) Annual Meeting

The meetings of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) will be held in Milwaukee October 4 – 6. William Julius Wilson will provide the keynote address on October 5. Sheldon Eklund-Olson (University of Texas) and Stephen Richards (University of Wisconsin Oshkosh) are the morning plenary speakers. Session and paper submissions are still being accepted and should be sent to Dr. Tina Quartaroli at quartaroli@ucmo.edu. Additional information about the conference and AACS can be found at its website <http://www.aacsnet.net>.

•Research in the Sociology of Work-Call for papers

Research in the Sociology of Work is accepting manuscripts for Volume 26, focusing on "Immigration and Work" (Expected publica-

tion early 2015) We invite manuscripts that address issues of immigration and work broadly defined, such as entrepreneurship, labor markets, low-wage and high-wage work, technology, globalization, equity and discrimination, and racial/ethnic interactions in the workforce. Submissions may be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods. We welcome submissions from all fields. The deadline for submission of manuscripts is February 1, 2014.

Submit manuscripts/inquiries/abstracts to Jody Agius Vallejo (Editor, Volume 26), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology. Electronic submissions to vallejo@usc.edu preferred. For more information on Research in Sociology of Work (Lisa Keister, Series Editor) see: <http://www.elsevier.com/locate/series/rsw>

•The University of Chicago Urban Network

The network announced that videos from the 2012 University of Chicago Urban Forums: Local Area Processes: Theories, Methods, and Models will be available online at UrbanPortal.org/Forums by July 16, 2012. We would also like to announce the appointment of Faculty Director Scott W. Allard, Associate Professor, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. We continue to welcome suggestions of events and other resources to post on the Urban Portal--contact us at Urban@uchicago.edu for more information. You may also visit us at UrbanPortal.org

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Editor's Note

William Holt, Birmingham-Southern College

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2012 ASA CUSS Events in Denver. This edition includes a feature article by Lucy Dwight on Denver's demographic changes to neighborhoods. Also, this edition includes the CUSS

Award recipients as well as schedule guide to CUSS events at the ASA Meetings.

In her farewell Chair's Message Lily Hoffman discusses some serious issues facing the CUSS as membership declines.

As we move into the

2012-13 production schedule for the *CUSS Newsletter*, please contact me at wholt@bsc.edu if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments for future editions.

2012 CUSS Awards

The 2012 CUSS Awards will be presented at the CUSS Business Meeting on Saturday, August 18 in Denver. Congratulations to all the recipients.

• Robert and Helen Lynd Lifetime Achievement Award

The Robert and Helen Lynd Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes distinguished career achievement in community and urban sociology. Although the award is for a body of work of sociological importance, neither the nominator nor the nominee need be members of the Community and Urban Sociology section or of the American Sociological Association.

Award Recipient

•Terry Nichols Clark
University of Chicago

Award Committee

•John Logan (Chair)
Brown University
•Eric Fong
University of Toronto
•Deirdre Oakley
Georgia State University

•The Park Award (formerly the Park Book Award)

The Robert E. Park Award for Best Book. The Park Award goes to the author(s) of the best book (which need not be by a CUSS member nor sociologist) published in the past two years (2010 and 2011).

Award Recipient

•Li Zhang
University of California
-Davis
In Search of Paradise: Middle-class Living in a Chinese Metropolis, Cornell University Press, 2010

Honorable Mention

•Xuefei Ren
Michigan State University
Building Globalization: Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China, University of Chicago Press, 2011

Awards Committee

•Robert Garot, Chair
CUNY-John Jay College
•Debbie Belcher
Barnard College
•Diane Davis
MIT

•The Jane Addams Award

The Jane Addams Award (formerly the Park Article Award) goes to authors of the best scholarly article in community and urban sociology published in the past two years (2010 and 2011).

Award Recipients

•Geoffrey T. Wodtke
University of Michigan
•David J. Harding
University of Michigan
•Felix Elwert, University of Wisconsin
2011. "Neighborhood Effects in Temporal Perspective: The Impact of Long-Term Exposure to Concentrated Disadvantage on High School Graduation." *American Sociological Review* 76(5) 713-736

Award Committee

•Alice Goffman, Chair
University of Wisconsin-Madison
•Zachary Neal
Michigan State University
zpnear@msu.edu
•Andrew Papachristos,
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

•CUSS Student Paper Award

The CUSS Student Paper Award goes to the student author of the paper that the award committee regards as the best graduate student paper in community and urban sociology. The competition is open to both published and unpublished article-length papers (roughly 25 pages in length without tables or references) written by a graduate student in the last two years (2010 or 2011). The committee accept sole-authored and multiple-authored papers as long as the applicant is the lead or senior author. No student-faculty collaborations can be accepted. The Committee will select the paper that demonstrates the most thoughtful, competent or innovative analysis of a theoretical or empirical issue that is germane to the Section's main interests.

Award Recipients

•Nicholas J. Klein
Rutgers University
•Andrew Zitcer
Rutgers University

"Everything but the Chickens: Cultural Authenticity Onboard the Chinatown Bus" forthcoming in *Urban Geography* (Vol. 33:1, pp. 46-63).

Honorable Mention

•Geoff Wodtke
University of Michigan
"Duration and Timing of Exposure to Neighborhood Poverty and Risk of Adolescent Parenthood." Unpublished paper.

Award Committee

•Michael Bader, Chair
American University
•Sukriti Issar
Brown University
•Marcus Britton
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

•CUSS Special Award

The 50th Anniversary of the publication of *The Urban Villagers*, Contributing to urban theory and practice 1962-2012.

•Herbert Gans
Columbia University

2012 ASA CUSS Events

The 2012 ASA Annual Meetings will be held in Denver, Colorado from August 17-20. The CUSS Section will sponsor one invited session and three open sessions as well as roundtables. The CUSS Awards will be presented at the Business Meeting. The CUSS reception will be held at will be on Saturday, August 18 from 1:30-2:30pm. CUSS will hold a reception at the Rock Bottom Brewery, 1001 16th St. Denver, Saturday, August 18 from 7:30-9:30 pm.

•CUSS BUSINES MEETING

Saturday, Aug 18
1:30-2:10pm

•CUSS Reception

Saturday, Aug 18
7:30—9:30 pm
Rock Bottom Brewery,
1001 16th St. Denver

INVITED SESSION: Utopia or Dystopia? Comparing Cities in the Global North/ Global South

Saturday, Aug 18
10:30am - 12:10pm

Session Participants:
Session Organizer:
Sharon Zukin
(City University of New
York-Brooklyn College
and Graduate Center)

Presider:
Sharon Zukin (City Uni-
versity of New York-
Brooklyn College and
Graduate Center)

Panelist: Walter Imilan

(University of Chile)
Panelist: Sujata Patel
(University of Pune)
Panelist: Bryan Rees
Roberts (University of
Texas-Austin)
Panelist: AbdouMaliq
Simone (University of
London-Goldsmiths Col-
lege)

•OPEN SESSION: Utopias and Rebuild- ing: Cities and Com- munities after Disaster.

Saturday, Aug 18
8:30am - 10:10am

Session Participants:
Session Organizer:
•Daina Cheyenne Harvey
(College of the Holy
Cross)

Presider:
•Yuki Kato (Tulane Uni-
versity)

•Disaster Patriarchy and
Hurricane Katrina: Seek-
ing (Intersectional) Jus-
tice in Calamitous Times
*Rachel E. Luft
(University of New Orle-
ans)
•European, Ottoman, Ur-
ban: The Spatial Politics
of Slippery Figurations
from Sarajevo to Beirut
*Ryan Centner (Tufts Uni-
versity)
•Reconstructing Hope:
The Segregated Re-
population of Post-Katrina
New Orleans
*Allison Padilla-Goodman
(City University of New
York-Graduate Center)
•We Don't Have No
Neighborhood: Advanced
Marginality and the Utopi-
an Future of Postindustrial
Detroit
*Paul Joseph Draus

(University of Michigan),
*Juliette Roddy
(University of Michigan-
Dearborn), *Anthony
McDuffie (University of
Michigan-Dearborn)
•Discussant: Lori Peek
(Colorado State Univer-
sity)

•OPEN SESSION: Urban and Community Sociology Beyond the City Limits

Saturday, Aug 18
2:30pm—4:10 pm

Session Participants:
Session Organizer:
•Alexandra K. Murphy
(Princeton University)
Session Organizer:
•Japonica Brown-
Saracino (Boston Uni-
versity)

Presider:
•Japonica Brown-
Saracino (Boston Uni-
versity)
•Alexandra K. Murphy
(Princeton University)

•The Long Shadow of
California's Factories in
the Field: Agricultural
Institutions and Metro-
politan Land-use Politics
*Charlie Eaton
(University of California-
Berkeley)
•Whose Eyes? What
Sidewalk? Vacant Hous-
ing and Social Control in
the Suburbs
*Mike Owen Benedikts-
son (City University of
New York-Hunter Col-
lege)
•Fighting for Lifestyle
and Culture: Community
Conflicts over Agricultural
Land in Kona, Hawaii
*Jennifer Rene Darrah-

Okike (Harvard Universi-
ty)
•Social Science in the
City and the Country
*Suzanne Smith
(University of Chicago)

•OPEN SESSION: Lifestyle," Community and Place

Sunday, Aug. 18
8:30am—10:10 am
Session Participants:
Session Organizer:
•Amin Ghaziani
(University of British Co-
lumbia)
•Leonard Nevarez
(Vassar College)

Presider:
•Amin Ghaziani
(University of British Co-
lumbia)

•Deconcentration of Ur-
ban Gay Enclaves: Evi-
dence from the 2000 and
2010 U.S. Censuses
*Amy L. Spring
(University of Washing-
ton)
•Gentrification Goes to
School: A Three-city Ex-
amination of Middle
Class Investment in Ur-
ban Public Schools
*Linn Posey-Maddox
(University of Wisconsin-
Madison), *Shelley
McDonough Kimelberg
(Northeastern Universi-
ty), *Maia B. Cucchiara
(Temple University)
The Self-Conscious
Gentrifier: The Paradox
of Authenticity and Im-
pact among "First-Wave
Neo-Bohemians" in 2
Changing Neighbor-
hoods
*Naomi Bartz (University

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evident across the area. Median household income for the City and County of Denver is below the national average (\$45,501 compared to \$56,456 for the U.S. as a whole), and substantially lower than several of Denver's suburban counties (e.g., suburban Douglas County's median household income approaches \$100,000) (census.gov 2012). At the same time, household income inequality within the city core is estimated in the highest quintile of counties nationally (Bee 2012).

The modest decline in overall racial residential segregation in Denver noted above obscures very rapid changes in many of Denver's neighborhoods. A number of centrally-located Denver neighborhoods

are gentrifying rapidly as young white professionals move in and black or Latino residents relocate to other areas of the central city or, increasingly, inner-ring suburbs. Five Points just northeast of downtown illustrates these changes. Through the first half of the 20th century, this neighborhood was the only option for Denver's African-American population as housing covenants excluded blacks from other areas of the city. As opportunities for the black middle class expanded in the 1960s and 1970s, the neighborhood's black population began to decline and the Latino population began to grow proportionally. By 2000, this neighborhood held roughly equal numbers of blacks and non-Latino

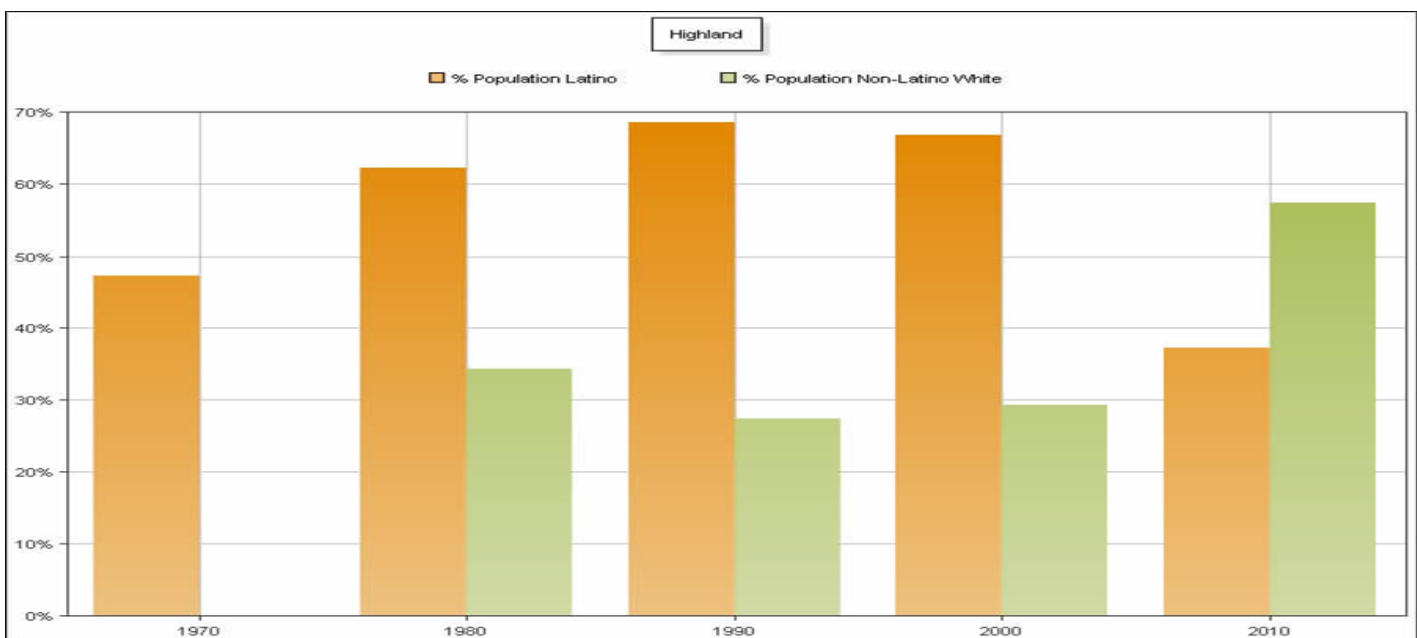
whites with a somewhat larger Latino population; no one racial/ethnic group held a majority. By 2010, however, the non-Latino white population made more than 50% of the neighborhood population; the black population had dropped to only 15%. I took a group of students to tour this historically black area once known as the "Harlem of the West" several years ago. As we rode the light rail, an older African American gentleman asked where we were headed. When I replied that we were taking a walking tour of Five Points, he responded that the Five Points was no longer there.

The Highlands neighborhood exemplifies these trends as well. Just northwest of Downtown Denver, the Highlands

dates to the 1870s and has been a destination of immigrants – Italians, Irish and Jews in the late 19th and early 20th century, Latinos more recently -- for most of its history. Figure 1 shows changes in the ethnic composition of this neighborhood over the past four decades. By the 1970s, the Highlands held a majority of Hispanics. However, between 2000 and 2010, the Highlands transitioned from approximately 2/3 Latino to a majority (57.4%) of non-Hispanic white residents. The total population of the neighborhood has dropped during this time from 10,353 to 8,429, primarily due to smaller household sizes among the non-Hispanic population (piton.org 2012).

Like many cities,

Figure 1. Racial/Ethnic Composition of the Highlands Neighborhood of Denver, 1970-2010



Source: www.piton.org

Denver's non-white population is shifting out of the urban core. Within the city, neighborhoods further out from downtown have become increasingly non-white. For instance, the Montbello area in northeast Denver has transitioned from a majority black neighborhood with a large non-Latino white presence to a heavily Hispanic area, as shown in Figure 2.

Denver has long had concentrations of Asian Americans – primarily Chinese in the late 1800s, later Japanese Americans who settled in Denver after internment in southern Colorado during World War II, then Southeast Asians who immigrated here during the Vietnam War era (Wishart 2012). The city's Asian American

population is growing faster than any other racial/ethnic group but is still quite small (3.4% of the total (census.gov 2012), and less concentrated residentially than other non-white groups. Southeast Denver hosts a number of Asian-owned markets and restaurants.

Central Denver is home to more than 8,000 Native American residents (Berschling 2008), proportionally higher than the national average at more than 2.5% (census.gov 2012). Denver is located on land that was once primarily Ute territory, and the city was one of five areas designated for relocation of Native Americans as the federal government sought to weaken the reservation system in the 1950s. As

the largest city for several hundred miles, Denver has also served as an urban destination for residents migrating from the Plains and Mountain West's many reservations (denverindiancenter.org 2012). Though recent data are not available on residential patterns for the Native American population of Denver, evidence in other cities suggest continuing housing market discrimination and residential segregation to some degree (Turner, *et al* 2012).

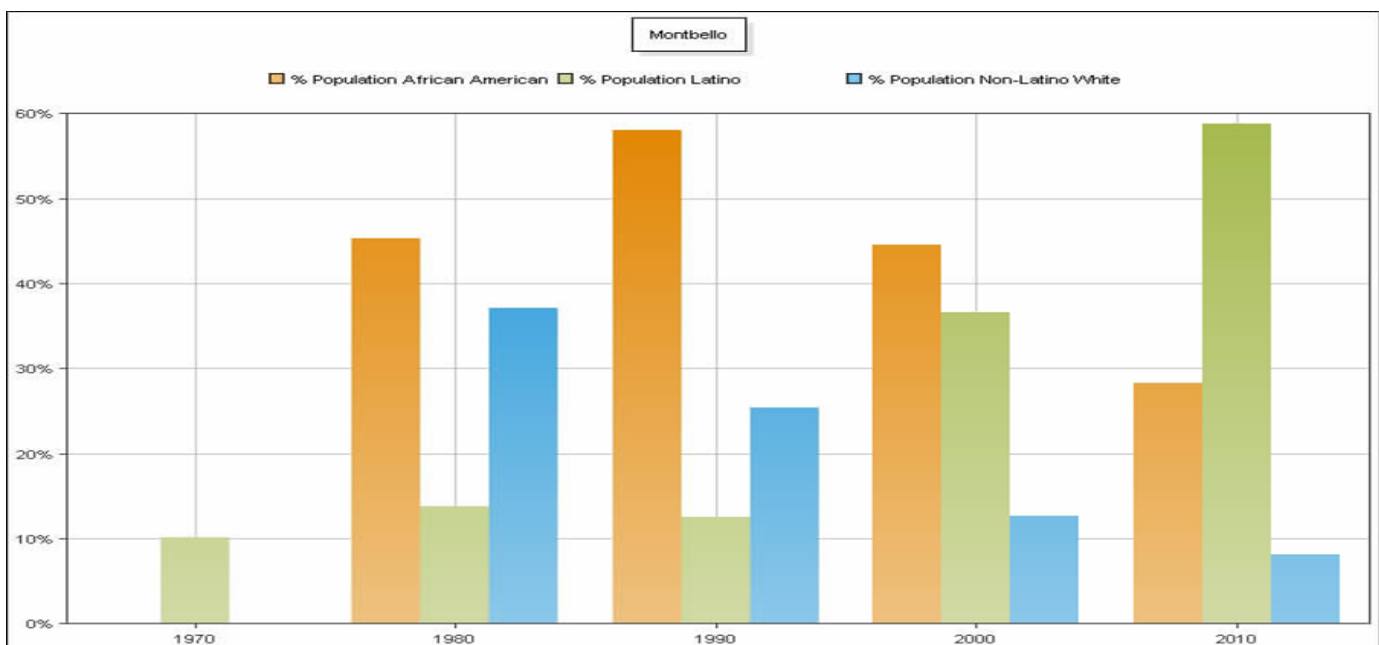
Beyond the uneven distribution of non-whites in Denver, there are large disparities in socioeconomic statuses across most of these groups. Within the city, the average black and Native American child attends a school with a

poverty rate above 50%; for the average Latino child, the poverty rate is greater than 60%. By comparison, the typical poverty rate in schools for Denver's white children is about 25% (diversitydata 2012). These discrepancies in schools occur despite a system-wide school-choice program within the central city Denver Public School system.

Population patterns in greater metropolitan Denver mirror those in other metropolitan areas. The inner suburbs have become more diverse racially and ethnically. Suburban Adams County just north of Denver now has a higher proportion of Latinos than Denver's core, and the total number of Lati

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Figure 2. Racial/Ethnic Composition of the Montbello Neighborhood of Denver, 1970-2010



Source: www.piton.org

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nos there is approaching that of the central city. The African American population is growing substantially in Arapahoe County, home to the large suburban community of Aurora, as the black population declines within the central city. Housing in many parts of central Denver is increasingly unaffordable for large segments of the population, while the metropolitan region has experienced unabated exurban sprawl with no natural barriers to limit growth in any direction except the mountains to the west (diversitydata 2012).

Wheel Utopias – Bicycle Tour of Central Denver Neighborhoods

The Highlands neighborhood described above is one of five central Denver neighborhoods that are part of a guided bicycle tour arranged by the Students of Sociology Club of the University of Colorado, Denver. In addition to the Highlands, the bike tour will include Denver's Civic Center Park as an example of the City Beautiful movement along with three neighborhoods redeveloped by the Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA) in the 1960s and 1970s. The tour will provide a B-cycle from Denver's bike-sharing program along with a helmet, water, and a printed copy of the route and tour highlights. The tour will take approxi-

mately 90 minutes, departing from the Colorado Convention Center on Sunday, August 19 at 10 a.m. CU Denver students will lead the tour, and students and faculty will support the ride. The registration fee is \$12.50, and participants may sign up through the conference registration site at <http://www.asanet.org>. The tour will be limited to fifteen participants. More information on the tour can be found in the July/August issue of *Footnotes*.

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Source: L. Dwight

Five Points, Denver's historically black neighborhood, now home to residents who are predominantly white.



Source: L. Dwight

Zona's Tamales in Five Points closed in 2010 after 40 years in business.

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of Chicago), *Gordon C.C. Douglas (University of Chicago)

•This is Utopia: Greening the Black Urban Regime
*Alesia Montgomery (Michigan State University)

Discussant: Leonard Nevarez (Vassar College)

•OPEN REFEREED ROUNDTABLES

Saturday, Aug 18
12:30—1:30pm

Organizer:

•Colin Jerolmack
New York University

•TABLE ONE: Health and the Built Environment

Table President: Melinda Laroco Boehm (Case Western Reserve University)

•A Qualitative Inquiry on Older Adults' Nutrition, Food Consumption, and Foodscape Navigation in Urban Neighborhoods

*Melinda Laroco Boehm (Case Western Reserve University)

•Built Environment and Obesity: Exploring a Social Cognitive Model

*Lori Kowaleski-Jones (University of Utah), Ming Wen (University of Utah), Jessie Fan (University of Utah)

•Older Walkable Neighborhoods and Obesity: Evaluating Effects with a Propensity Score Approach

*Lori Kowaleski-Jones (University of Utah)
The Influence of Exposure to Neighborhood

Contexts on Appraisals of Health

*Paul Carruth (Ohio State University)

•TABLE TWO: Housing and Inequality

Table President: Brian James McCabe (Georgetown University)

•Contexts and Conditions of Ethnic Discrimination: Evidence from a Field Experiment in German Housing Markets

*Katrin Auspurg (University of Konstanz),

*Thomas Hinz (University of Konstanz), Laura Schmid

(University of Konstanz)
Intimidation in the Housing Market

*Clement Thery (Columbia University)

•Racial Segregation by Tenure Status: Is Homeownership an Advantage for Residential Integration?

*Luis Alberto Sanchez (Pennsylvania State University)

•Trends in Racial and Ethnic Inequality in New York City Affordable Rental Housing, 1991-2008

*Judith R. Halasz (State University of New York-New Paltz)

•Informal Development in Low-income Communities: Housing Conditions and Self-help Strategies in Informal Subdivisions in Texas

*Mary Esther Sullivan (University of Texas-Austin)

•TABLE THREE: Neighborhoods and Symbol-

ic Boundaries

Table President: Erika Busse (Institute for Diversity, Equity)

•Boundaries, Barriers, and Measuring Racial Segregation

*Rory Kramer (University of Pennsylvania)

•How Race and Class affect Blacks' Residential Choices: Examining Residential Decisions as Sites of Consumption

*Cassi L. Pittman (Harvard University)

•The Housing Environment, Development Pace, Residential Stability, and Neighborly Social Relations

*Katherine Elizabeth King (Duke University)

•The Intersection of Spatial and Symbolic Boundaries: Neighborhood Appearance and Class-based Moral Boundaries

*Michelle A. Steward (University of California-Berkeley)

•TABLE FOUR: Neighborhood and Social (Dis) Organization

Table President: Martha Whitney King (City University of New York-Graduate Center)

•Neighborhood Perceptions among Residents of Spatially Isolated and High Poverty Areas

Lori Glantz (State University of New York-Buffalo), William Richardson

(State University of New York-Buffalo),

*Robert M. Adelman (State University of New York-Buffalo)

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*-Lucy Dwight
University of Colorado-Denver*

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•Perceptions of Social Disorganization in a Changing Urban Neighborhood

*Kathy S. Kremer (Aquinas College)

•White Flight and the Urban Streetscape

*Rachael A. Woldoff (West Virginia University)

•White Flight, Neighborhood Racial Transitions, and Changes in Black-White Segregation, 1970-2000

*James Iveniuk (University of Chicago)

•TABLE FIVE: Residential Segregation

•The Geography of Retail Inequality: Changing Access to Supermarkets across Chicago's Neighborhoods, 1970-2000

*Anjanette Marie Chan Tack (University of Chicago)

•The Stickiness of Segregation: Barriers and Agency for Black Middle Class Milwaukeeans

*Gina Spitz (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

•The Segregation of Social Interactions in the Red Line L-train in Chicago

*Eva Swyngedouw (University of Chicago)

•Residential Segregation on Long Island: The Role of Race and Social Networks

*Jeanne E. Kimpel (Fordham University)

TABLE SIX: Social Capital and Neighborhood Solidarity

Table President: Bryant

•TABLE SEVEN: Globalization

Table President: Sukriti Issar (Brown University)

•Global Food Retail and the Politics of Needs: Tesco's "Fresh and Easy" in Southern California

*Rebecca Ann Gresh (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

•Mafia Baroque: The Downgrading of Expert Knowledge in Architecture and Planning in Post-Communist Bulgaria

*Max Holleran (New York University)

"Shanghaization" of •Mumbai: Understanding the Texts and Contexts of a "World Class" Mumbai

*Ravi Ghadge (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

•The Truly Advantaged: Global Upper-class Segregation in St. Barts (FWI)

*Bruno Nicolas Cousin (University of Lille), Sebastien Chauvin (University of Amsterdam)

•TABLE EIGHT: Politics and Economics

Table President: Matthew Hall (University of Illinois)

•Building Markets: Urban Policy and Neoliberal Transitions

*Sukriti Issar (Brown University)

•Labor Market Structural Change and Racial and Ethnic Wage Inequality

*Ryan Matthew Finnigan (Duke University)

Friend or Foe? Media Coverage of Chicago's Plan for Transformation

*Matthew Schoene (Ohio State University)

TABLE NINE: Contextualizing Inequality

Table President: Luis F. Nuño (William Paterson University)

•Child Welfare Intervention: Contextual and Individual Inequalities

*Kristin Smith Abner (University of Illinois-Chicago)

•Do You See Me? The Homeless in Their Occupied Spaces

*Gwendolyn Purifoye (Loyola University-Chicago)

•Inequality Across Metropolitan Regions: Exploring Variations in Inequality, Geographic Mobility, and Earnings Opportunities

*Colby R. King (University of South Carolina)

•Neighborhood Contextual Effects on College Major

*Autumn Deer McClellan (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

•TABLE TEN: New Directions in Urban and Community Research

Table President: Matthew Luther Lindholm (Concordia University)

•Comparing Urban Studies: Academic Views of the City in Europe and the United States

*Eva Swyngedouw

(University of Chicago)

•How One Eco-village Attempts to Mitigate the Antagonism between Town and Country

*Christina A. Ergas (University of Oregon)

•Nature's Agency in Shaping Place: The Oysters and Marshlands of Jamaica Bay, New York

*Kristen Lea Van Hooreweghe (State University of New York-Potsdam)

•The African Suburb: A Comparative Analysis

*Eric J. Petersen (Cambridge Systematics)

•TABLE ELEVEN: Race, Gender and Place Attachment

Table President: Richard E. Oejo (City University of New York-John Jay College)

•Becoming Invisible in Community: Old Gay Men's Attachment to a Local Gay Community

*Griff Tester (Georgia State University)

•New Frontiers in Community Studies: Examining the Evolution of LGBTI Neighborhoods

*William G. Holt (Birmingham-Southern College)

•Sites of Surveillance, Sites of Distrust: The Use of the Homeplace in Mixed-income Public Housing

*Tennille Nicole Allen (Lewis University)

•We Were Involved with the Club: Social Clubs and Place Attachment among Louisianans in Los Angeles

*Faustina M. DuCros

News & Notes

•**Diane Grams**, Tulane University, received the Urban Affairs Association's Best Conference Paper of the Year Award-2011 for her paper, titled "Freedom and Cultural Consciousness: Black Working Class Parades in Post-Katrina New Orleans." The paper will appear in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* in the coming year

•**Shirley A. Jackson**, Southern Connecticut State University, has been named the interim Executive Office of Sociologists for Women in

Society effective July 1, 2012.

•**Meghan Kuebler**, SUNY-Albany, was one of twenty invited participants in the Dublin Workshops on Financialization, Consumption and Social Welfare hosted by the University College Dublin, Ireland May 24-25, 2012. Meghan's paper, "The Trajectory of Housing Credit in the United States and the Façade of a Democratization of Credit" explores the lack of access to homeownership among minorities in the United

States despite the occurrence of what economists coined the democratization of credit.

•**Lara Perez-Felkner**, Florida State University, has accepted an assistant professorship in the College of Education with a courtesy appointment in the Sociology Department.

•**Gregory D. Squires**, George Washington University, was elected Chair of the Governing Board of the Urban Affairs Association for 2012-13.

(University of California-Los Angeles)

•TABLE TWELVE: Making Place

Table Presider: Diane M. Grams (Tulane University)

•The Role of the Public Institution in Iconic Architectural Development

*Matt Patterson (University of Toronto)

•The Sites and Sounds of Placemaking: Branding, Festivalization, and the Contemporary City

*Jonathan R. Wynn (University of Massachusetts-Amherst), *Ayse Yetis-Bayraktar (University of Massachusetts)

•The Uranium Center of Excellence: The Real Utopia of Oak Ridge, Tennessee

*Lindsey Freeman (New School for Social Research)

•A Deeper Channel

Floats All Boats: The Port Economy as Urban Growth Machine

*David D. Jaffee (University of North Florida)

•TABLE THIRTEEN: Spaces of Inclusion and Exclusion

Table Presider: Martha Crowley (North Carolina State University)

•Fencing a Field: The Views of Imagined Others in the Erratic Development of Park Conflict

*David Trouille (University of California-Los Angeles)

•Sense, Embodiment and Ludic Activity in Urban Assemblages: Insights from an Urban Street Transformation Initiative

*Lars D. Christiansen (Augsburg College),

*Ravinder Singh (University of California)

•The Elusive, Inclusive

"We": Inclusion and Contradiction in a Prefigurative Social Movement Group

*Amy E. Jonason (University of Notre Dame)

•But this is a park! The Paradox of Public Space in a Transnational "No Man's Land"

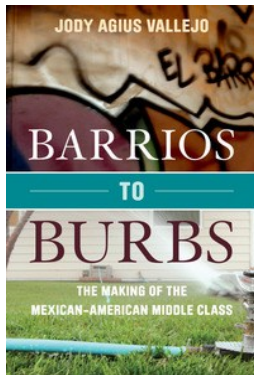
*Jacob H. Lederman (City University of New York-Graduate Center)

•TABLE FOURTEEN

Table Presiders: Terry Nichols Clark (University of Chicago), Daniel Silver (University of Toronto), and Christopher Michael Graziul (University of Chicago)

The 2012 ASA CUSS Reception will be held on Saturday, August 18 at the Rock Bottom Brewery from 7:30-9:30pm..

NEW BOOKS



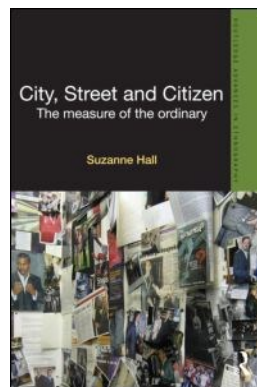
•**Barrios to Burbs: The Making of the Mexican-American Middle Class.** 2012. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press

Jody Agius Vallejo,
University of Southern California

Too frequently, the media and politicians cast Mexican immigrants as a threat to American society. Given America's increasing ethnic diversity and the large size of the Mexican-origin population, an investigation of how Mexican immigrants and their descendants achieve upward mobility and enter the middle class, and their experiences within it, is long overdue.

Using in-depth interviews and ethnographic field work, *Barrios to Burbs* details the mechanisms that help Mexican Americans enter the middle class, such as parental legal status, educational tracking, and middle-class mentors. Agius Vallejo also explores the challenges that accompany rapid social mobility by examining a new indicator of incorporation, family

obligations and giving back. The book investigates the salience of middle-class Mexican Americans' ethnic identification and also details how relationships with poorer coethnics and affluent whites evolve as Mexican Americans move into middle-class occupations. Disputing the argument that Mexican communities lack "high quality" resources and social capital that can help Mexican Americans incorporate into the middle class, it also examines civic participation in ethnic professional associations embedded in ethnic communities.



•**City, Street and Citizen: The Measure of the Ordinary,** 2012. London: Routledge.

Suzanne Hall
London School of Economics

How can we learn from a multicultural society if we don't know how to recognize it? The contemporary city is more than ever a space for the intense convergence of diverse individuals who

shift in and out of its urban terrains. The city street is perhaps the most prosaic of the city's public parts, allowing us a view of the very ordinary practices of life and livelihoods. By attending to the expressions of conviviality and contestation,

City, Street and Citizen offers an alternative notion of 'multiculturalism' away from the ideological frame of nation, and away from the moral imperative of community. This book offers to the reader an account of the lived realities of allegiance, participation and belonging from the base of a multi-ethnic street in south London. *City, Street and Citizen* focuses on the question of whether local life is significant for how individuals develop skills to live with urban change and cultural and ethnic diversity. To animate this question, Hall has turned to a city street and its dimensions of regularity and propinquity to explore interactions in the small shop spaces along the Walworth Road. The city street constitutes exchange, and as such it provides us with a useful space to consider the broader social and political significance of contact in the day-to-day life of multicultural cities.

Grounded in an ethnographic approach, this book will be of interest to academics and students in the fields of sociology, global urbanization, migration and ethnicity as well as being relevant to

politicians, policy makers, urban designers and architects involved in cultural diversity, public space and street based economies.



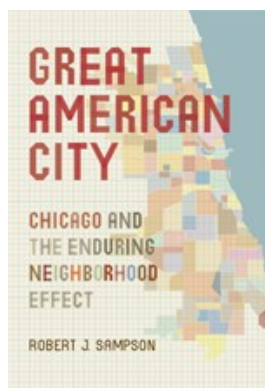
•**The Connected City: How Networks are Shaping the Modern Metropolis.** New York: Routledge, 2012.

Zachary Neal
Michigan State University

The Connected City explores how thinking about networks helps make sense of modern cities: what they are, how they work, and where they are headed. Cities and urban life can be examined as networks, and these urban networks can be examined at many different levels. The book focuses on three levels of urban networks: micro, meso, and macro. These levels build upon one another, and require distinctive analytical approaches that make it possible to consider different types of questions. At one extreme, micro-urban networks focus on the networks that exist within cities, like the social rela-

tionships among neighbors that generate a sense of community and belonging. At the opposite extreme, macro-urban networks focus on networks between cities, like the web of nonstop airline flights that make face-to-face business meetings possible.

This book contains three major sections organized by the level of analysis and scale of network. Throughout these sections, when a new methodological concept is introduced, a separate 'method note' provides a brief and accessible introduction to the practical issues of using networks in research. What makes this book unique is that it synthesizes the insights and tools of the multiple scales of urban networks, and integrates the theory and method of network analysis.



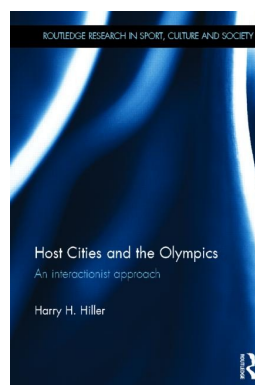
•**Great American City: Chicago and the Enduring Neighborhood Effect, 2012.** Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Robert J. Sampson Harvard University.

For over fifty years numerous public intellectuals and social theorists have insisted that community is dead. Some would have us believe that we act solely as individuals choosing our own fates regardless of our surroundings, while other theories place us at the mercy of global forces beyond our control. These two perspectives dominate contemporary views of society, but by rejecting the importance of place they are both deeply flawed. Based on one of the most ambitious studies in the history of social science, *Great American City* argues that communities still matter because life is decisively shaped by where you live.

To demonstrate the powerfully enduring impact of place, Robert J. Sampson presents here the fruits of over a decade's research in Chicago combined with his own unique personal observations about life in the city, from Cabrini Green to Trump Tower and Millennium Park to the Robert Taylor Homes. He discovers that neighborhoods influence a remarkably wide variety of social phenomena, including crime, health, civic engagement, home foreclosures, teen births, altruism, leadership networks, and immigration. Even national crises cannot halt the impact of place, Sampson

finds, as he analyzes the consequences of the Great Recession and its aftermath, bringing his magisterial study up to the fall of 2010. Following in the influential tradition of the Chicago School of urban studies but updated for the twenty-first century, *Great American City* is at once a landmark research project, a commanding argument for a new theory of social life, and the story of an iconic city.



•**Host Cities and the Olympics: An Interactionist Approach. 2012.** London: Routledge.

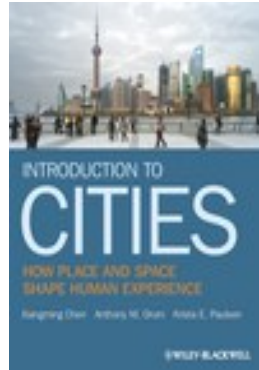
**Harry H Hiller
University of Calgary**

Rather than interpreting the Olympics as primarily a sporting event of international or national significance, this book understands the Games as a civic project for the host city that serves as a catalyst for a variety of urban interests over a period of many years from the bidding phase through the event itself.

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Traditional Olympic studies have tended to examine the Games from an outsider's perspective or as something experienced through the print media or television. In contrast, the focus presented here is on the dynamics within the host city understood as a community of interacting individuals who encounter the Games in a variety of ways through support, opposition, or even indifference but who have a profound influence on the outcome of the Games as actors and players in the Olympics as a drama. Adopting a symbolic interactionist approach, the book offers a new interpretive model through which to understand the Olympic Games by exploring the relationship between the Games and residents of the host city. Key analytical concepts such as framing, dramaturgy, the public realm, and the symbolic field are introduced and illustrated through empirical research from the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, and it is shown how social media and shifts in public opinion reflected interaction effects within the city. By filling a clear lacuna in the Olympic Studies canon, this book is important reading for anybody with an interest in the sociology of sport, urban studies, event studies or urban sociology.



•**Introduction to Cities: How Place and Space Shape Human Experience.** 2012. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

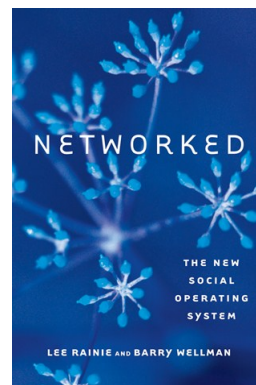
Xiangming Chen
Trinity College

Anthony M. Orum
University of Illinois-Chicago

Krista Paulsen.
University of North Florida

A complete introduction to the history, evolution, and future of the modern city, this book covers a wide range of theory, including the significance of space and place, to provide a balanced account of why cities are an essential part of the global human experience. The book covers a wide range of theoretical approaches to the city, from the historical to the cutting edge. Emphasizing the important themes of space and place, the book offers a balanced account of cities and offers extensive coverage including urban inequality, environment

and sustainability, and methods for studying the city. Taking a global approach, with examples from Berlin and Chicago to Shanghai and Mumbai, the book includes a range of pedagogical features such as a substantial glossary of key terms, critical thinking questions, suggestions for further reading and a range of innovative textboxes which follow the themes of *Exploring Further*, *Studying the City* and *Making the City Better*. With extensively illustrated with maps, charts, tables, and over 80 photographs, the book is also accompanied by a comprehensive website at www.wiley.com/go/cities featuring further examples, case studies, and discussion and essay questions for lecturers, and for students, a list of relevant journals, a guide to useful web resources, and an annotated documentary film guide.



•**Networked: The New Social Operating System.** 2012. Cambridge: MIT Press.

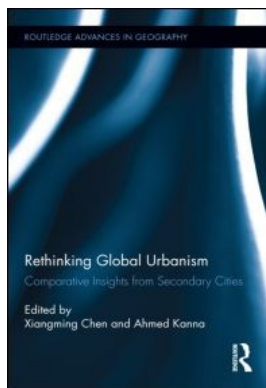
Lee Rainie
Pew Research Center
Barry Wellman
University of Toronto

Daily life is connected life, its rhythms driven by endless email pings and responses, the chimes and beeps of continually arriving text messages, tweets and retweets, Facebook updates, pictures and videos to post and discuss. Our perpetual connectedness gives us endless opportunities to be part of the give-and-take of networking.

Some worry that this new environment makes us isolated and lonely. But in *Networked*, Lee Rainie and Barry Wellman show how the large, loosely knit social circles of networked individuals expand opportunities for learning, problem solving, decision making, and personal interaction. The new social operating system of "networked individualism" liberates us from the restrictions of tightly knit groups; it also requires us to develop networking skills and strategies, work on maintaining ties, and balance multiple overlapping networks.

Rainie and Wellman outline the "triple revolution" that has brought on this transformation: the rise of social networking, the capacity of the Internet to empower individuals, and the always-on connectivity of mobile devices. Drawing on extensive evidence, they examine how the move to

networked individualism has expanded personal relationships beyond households and neighborhoods; transformed work into less hierarchical, more team-driven enterprises; encouraged individuals to create and share content; and changed the way people obtain information. Rainie and Wellman guide us through the challenges and opportunities of living in the evolving world of networked individuals.



•**Rethinking Global Urbanism: Comparative Insights from Secondary Cities. 2012. New York: Routledge.**

Xiangming Chen, ed.
Trinity College

Ahmed Kanna, ed.
University of the Pacific

Rethinking Global Urbanism: Comparative Insights from Secondary Cities
Arguing that the focus in global urban studies on cities such as New York, London, Tokyo in the global North, Mexico City and Shanghai in the de-

veloping world, and other major nodes of the world economy, has skewed the concept of the global city toward economics, this volume gathers a diverse group of contributors to focus on smaller and less economically dominant cities. It highlights other important and relatively ignored themes such as cultural globalization, alternative geographies of the global, and the influence of deeper urban histories (particularly those relating to colonialism) in order to advance an alternative view of the global city. The less studied, secondary cities included in the book include Dompak (Indonesia), Harare (Zimbabwe), Kunming (China), Putrajaya (Malaysia), Salvador (Brazil), Shenzhen (China), Springfield (Massachusetts), Tianjin (China), and Tunis (Tunis).



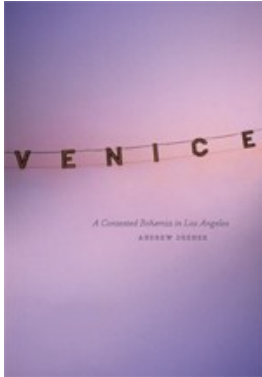
•**The Status of Interpretation in Italian American Studies, 2012. Stony Brook, NY: Forum Italicum,**

Jerome Krase, ed.
CUNY-Brooklyn College

A diverse collection of essays by distinguished scholars in the field of Italian American Studies including: The ice margin / Robert Viscusi, Commedia della morte: theories of life and death in Italian American culture / Fred Gardaphè, Reflections on Italian Americans and "Otherness" / Anthony Julian Tamburri, Renewing the conceptual dimensions of Italian-American writing and scholarship / William Boelhower, Via the margin of the poetic / Djelal Kadir, Questioning the traditionalism of Italian American literature / Martino Marazzi, Interpreting the Italian look: visual semiotics of ethnic authenticity / Jerome Krase, Creolizing the lack: interpreting race and racism in Italian America / Francesca Canadè Sautman, Whiteness and ethnicity in Italian-American historiography / Stefano Luconi, Theorizing Italian American history: the search for an historiographical paradigm / Gerald Meyer, The dog catches his tail: a critical reflection on the value of an Italian American identity in Personal development / Donna Chirico, and Re-interpreting Italian-American politics: the role of ethnicity / Ottorino Cappelli.

CUSS will host one invited panel, three open panels, and roundtables at the 2012 ASA Meetings.

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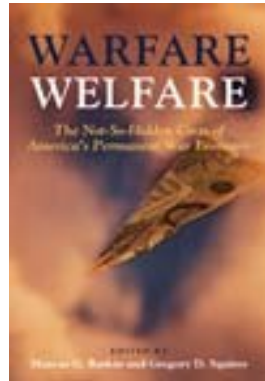


•***Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles*. 2012. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.**

Andrew Deener
University of
Connecticut

Nestled between Santa Monica and Marina del Rey, Venice is a Los Angeles community filled with apparent contradictions. From street to street, and from block to block, million dollar homes stand near housing projects and homeless encampments; and upscale boutiques are a short walk away from the eclectic Venice Beach, where artists and carnival performers practice their crafts. In *Venice: A Contested Bohemia in Los Angeles*, Andrew Deener invites the reader on a close-up tour of this legendary California beach community and the people who live there. Deener brings a scholarly eye to bear on the effects of gentrification, homelessness, segregation, and immigration to this community. Through sto-

ries from five different parts of Venice—Oakwood, Rose Avenue, the Boardwalk, the Canals, and Abbot Kinney Boulevard—Deener identifies why Venice maintained its diversity for so long and the social and political factors that threaten it. Drenched in the details of Venice's transformation, his themes and explanations will resonate far beyond this case study.



•***Warfare Welfare: The Not-So-Hidden Costs of America's Permanent War Economy*. Washington, D.C.: Potomac Books**

Marcus G. Raskin, ed.
George Washington University
Gregory D. Squires ed.
George Washington University

This edited volume reveals how a permanent war economy has made the United States unable to spread democracy abroad and has worsened domestic problems. The editors draw from classical readings in political

theory, from primary documents (including key court decisions), and from social science research to analyze such issues as the effect of militarization and combativeness on the everyday lives of Americans. The editors also address the dire connection among banking losses, the housing recession, the welfare/national security state, and the challenge of rebuilding America's infrastructure.

Raskin and Squires ultimately conclude that only by making war an unattractive option and dismantling the warfare system can meaningful progress be made on the current foreign and domestic challenges facing the United States. They also offer steps to replace the warfare system, outlining the ideological and material transformations necessary for peace.

Students of political science, sociology, history, and law will find this a thought-provoking, forward-thinking contribution concerning America's future at home and abroad.

NEW DISSERTATION
•***This is How We Live, This is How We Die: Social Stratification, Aging, and Health in Urban America***

Corey M. Abramson
University of California-
Berkeley

From our first breath in the hospital to the day we

die, we live in a society characterized by unequal opportunities for maintaining health and taking care of ourselves when ill. These disparities reflect persistent racial, socioeconomic, and gender-based inequalities and contribute to their persistence over time. Social scientists have established that gaps in access to information, uneven material resources, unequal treatment in medical institutions, and differences in interpersonal networks, link social inequalities to disparities in morbidity, mortality, and health behaviors. However, we know less about how these links operate in everyday life. This dissertation uses findings from three years of comparative ethnographic research in four urban neighborhoods and 60 in-depth interviews with seniors from different race, class, and gender groups, to show how inequality shapes seniors' responses to the health and illness demands of growing old. The findings show how spatial disparities, resource differences, and social networks in both the past and the present profoundly affect the way seniors respond to the challenges of aging. However, explaining how these inequalities operate in everyday life requires understanding how culture links past inequality, present experiences, and behavior in the unequal contexts of the American city.

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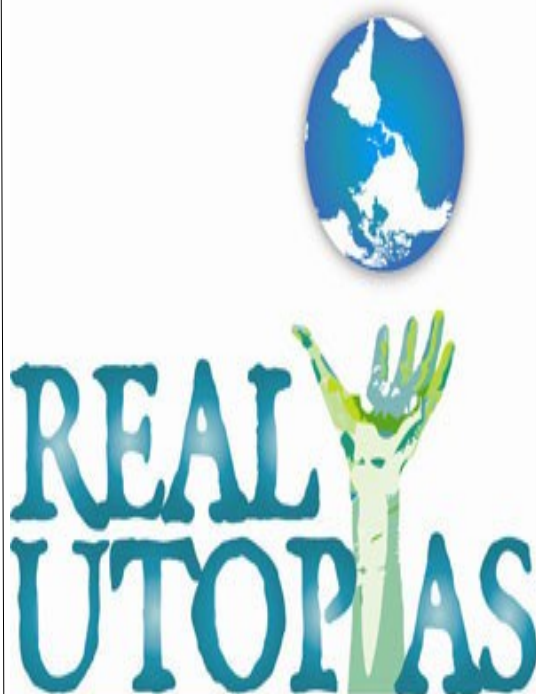
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