

**Metropolitan Atlanta  
HIST 4320 (12665) / HIST 6320 (12666)  
GEOG 4768 (13290) / GEOS 6768 (13291)  
Georgia State University / Spring 2018  
Classroom South 227 / Wednesdays 4:30-7:00pm**

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## **OBJECTIVES**

In this course, we will use the concepts and perspectives of a range of scholarly disciplines to think about the urban environment in general, and the Atlanta metropolitan area in particular. In addition to thinking about our city's history, social geography, and built environment, we will spend significant time and energy thinking about research methods, with particular focus on historical research and analysis.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE ASSESSMENT**

Books to be purchased:

- Rebecca Burns, *Rage in the Gate City: The Story of the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot* (University of Georgia Press, 2009)

You are also required to purchase an **Essay Reader** that I have put together for this class. It is available at **More Business Solutions Downtown**, which is located in the Floyd Building at **200 Piedmont Avenue SE, West Tower, rm. 422.** (See our class iCollege page for directions and details)

Writing assignments are as follows (due dates on schedule below):

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (HIST 4320 / GEOG 4768)

- Four short writing assignments (40% of final grade)
- Final Project Proposal (20% of final grade)
- Final project on Atlanta's Downtown or GSU Stadium area (40% of final grade)

### GRADUATE STUDENTS (HIST 6320 / GEOS 6768)

- Book Review (40% of final grade)
- Final Project Proposal (20% of final grades)
- Final project on Atlanta's Downtown or GSU Stadium area (40% of final grade)

\*\* A NOTE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS: Though most of your assignments are of the same length as the undergraduate assignments, my expectations for your research and writing will be significantly higher.

## SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Jan. 10: Introduction to Class

Jan. 17: Urban Studies and Southern Cities

READ FOR TODAY:

- David R. Goldfield, "Introduction: City and Region." *Cotton Fields and Skyscrapers: Southern City and Region, 1607-1980* (Louisiana State University Press, 1982): 1-11.
- Andy Ambrose, "Atlanta," *New Georgia Encyclopedia*

Jan. 24: Primary Sources and the Historical Method: Atlanta at the Turn of the Century

READ FOR TODAY:

- Henry Grady, "New South" speech (1886)
- Booker T. Washington, "Atlanta Compromise" speech (1895)
- W.E.B. DuBois, "Of Booker T. Washington and Others" *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903)

Jan. 31: The Atlanta Race Riot

READ FOR TODAY:

- Rebecca Burns, *Rage in the Gate City*, pp.1-110.

Feb. 7: Library Session with Joe Hurley: Mapping the Atlanta Race Riot (Class meets today in Classroom 2, Library North)

READ FOR TODAY:

- Rebecca Burns, *Rage in the Gate City*, 111-176.

Feb. 14: Library Session with Jill Anderson: How to Find Secondary Sources (Class meets today in Classroom 2, Library North)

READ FOR TODAY:

- Nancy MacLean, "The Leo Frank Case Reconsidered: Gender and Sexual Politics in the Making of Reactionary Populism." *Journal of American History*, Vol. 78, no. 3 (1991): 917-48.

Feb. 21: Atlanta Becomes a Suburban City

READ FOR TODAY:

- Kenneth T. Jackson, "Suburban Development between the Wars." *Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States* (Oxford University Press, 1985):172-189.
- Howard L. Preston, "Suburbanizing a 'Jim Crow' City." *Automobile Age Atlanta: The Making of a Southern Metropolis* (University of Georgia Press, 1979):74-112.

**PLEASE NOTE: FEBRUARY 27 is the semester midpoint. Students withdrawing from the class BEFORE drop/add and BEFORE the semester midpoint will receive a "W" grade if eligible to do so. Students withdrawing after the semester midpoint will receive a "WF" if permitted to do so by the registrar.**

Feb. 28: Urban Disinvestment and the HOLC

READ FOR TODAY:

- Kenneth T. Jackson, "Race, Ethnicity, and Real Estate Appraisal: The Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Federal Housing Administration." *Journal of Urban History*, vol. 6, no.4 (1980): 419-452.
- Amy Hillier, "Redlining and the Homeowners' Loan Corporation." *Journal of Urban History*, vol. 29, no.4 (2003): 394-420.
- Atlanta map and area descriptions at *Mapping Inequality: Redlining in New Deal America*

Mar. 7: Library Session with Joe Hurley: Using Sanborn Maps (Class meets today in Classroom 2, Library North)

READ FOR TODAY:

- Daniel Judt, "Limitations of the Past: Atlanta's Stadium and Atlanta's Image, 1960-2015." *Yale Historical Journal*, Spring 2015: 81-109.
- Julius Lester, "Perspective on the Atlanta Rebellion." The Movement Press, 1967.
- Rebecca Burns, "The Other 284 Days." *Atlanta Magazine*, July 2013

**MARCH 12-16: SPRING BREAK**

Mar. 21: Field Trip: Georgia Avenue (Class will meet at location on Georgia Ave. TBA)  
Today's Guest: David Nelson and associates, Carter USA Developers

**\*\*\* GRADUATE STUDENTS (HIST 6320 / GEOS 6768): BOOK REVIEW DUE \*\*\***

**\*\*\* FINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 5pm\*\*\***

Mar. 28: The Housing Market and Race: National and Local Trends

READ FOR TODAY:

- Ta-Nehisi Coates, "The Case for Reparations." *We Were Eight Years in Power* (New York: One World, 2017): 163-208. [orig. *The Atlantic*, 2014]
- Selections from "The Color of Money" Series, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (1988-89)

Apr. 4: No Class: Individual Consultations on Final Project

Apr. 11: Immigrants in Atlanta, Then and Now

READ FOR TODAY:

- Ronald H. Bayor, "Ethnic Residential Patterns in Atlanta, 1880-1940." *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 63 no. 4 (December 1979): 435-446.
- Mary E. Odem, "Unsettled in the Suburbs: Latino Immigration and Ethnic Diversity in Metro Atlanta." Audrey Singer, et.al., ed.s., *Twenty-First Century Gateways: Immigrant Incorporation in Suburban America* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2008): 105-136.

Apr. 18: Last Day of Class: Final Project Presentations

**\*\*\* FINAL PROJECT DUE APRIL 23, 5PM \*\*\***