POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES

I. COURSE OUTLINE

A. Why Study Los Angeles? Regional, State, National, and Global Significance
   1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads, Harbor, Real Estate
   2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
   3. Post World War II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations
E. The L.A. Five-County Region: An Overview
   1. Fragmented Regional Governance
   2. Regional Planning and Growth; Suburbanization and Sprawl
   3. Demography and Economy
F. Regional Policy Challenges
   1. Immigration and Housing
   2. Transportation
   3. Public Finance
   4. Smart Growth
G. 21st Century Challenges
   1. Water Politics and Policymaking
   2. Globalization and Economic Restructuring

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Books to be purchased
   5. Steven P. Erie, Beyond ‘Chinatown’: The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California (Stanford University, 2006)

B. Grades: Your course grade is based upon a midterm and non-cumulative final examination. Essay and short answer questions cover both lectures and readings.

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

March 31, April 2
A. Why Study Los Angeles?
   Fogelson, The Fragmented Metropolis, pp. xv-xxvii
   Wolch, Up Against the Sprawl, pp. vii-ix, pp. 1-41.
April 7, 9  B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development, 1850-1973 (I)
   1. The 19th Century; From Pueblo to Town
   *Guest Speaker: Professor James Ingram, History of L.A. Charter Reform*

April 14, 16  B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)
   2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
   3. Post WW II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations

April 21, 23  C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth,
   1973-1993
   Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.

   **MIDTERM EXAMINATION**

May 5, 7  E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning

May 12, 14  E. The L.A. Region (II): Demography and Economy
   F. Regional Policy Challenges
      1. Immigration and Housing
      Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 71-150.
   *Guest Speaker: Professor Cary Lowe, Inland Empire Development*

May 19, 21  F. Regional Policy Challenges
      2. Transportation
      3. Public Finance
      4. Smart Growth
   *Guest Speaker: former L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Regional Policy Challenges*

May 26, 28  G. 21st Century Challenges: Water Politics and Policymaking
   Erie, *Beyond ‘Chinatown’*, pp. 3-132.
   *Guest Speaker: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California General Manager Jeff Kightlinger, 21st Century Water Planning and Policy Challenges*

June 2, 4  G. 21st Century Challenges: Globalization and Economic Restructuring

June 8  **FINAL EXAMINATION: Monday, 3:00-5:59 pm, room TBA**