Course Description: This course explores the relationship between politics and place. We consider how political institutions such as the federal system shape regional economic and political development. In turn, we consider how different patterns of regional economic development shape national, state and local politics. We first turn to defining what is meant by federalism and regionalism, and the relationship between these two concepts. We then turn to a brief historical overview of regionalism and public policy from 1789 to 1930. Next, we consider different stages of regional public policy starting with nationally directed regional policy and politics (1930 to 1970). During this era we focus on Appalachia, the rise of the “Sunbelt” and the emergence of the “New South.” We then examine the era of competitive regionalism (1970 to present), We especially focus on the growth of metropolitan areas, especially the rise of high tech regions accompanied by the growing poverty of central cities.

Course Requirements: Class attendance is required. Students will participate in three (3) in-class exercises. Other requirements: Mid-term, Final Exam.

Grading: Class presentation/participation 60%
Exercise #1 - 20
Exercise #2 - 20
Exercise #3 - 20
Midterm - 20%
- 10/15
Final - 12/17 20%
Total 100%

Books available at Columbia University Bookstore:
Ayers, Edward, All Over the Map: Rethinking American Regions
Fishman, Robert, ed., The American Planning Tradition
Larson, John, Internal Improvement
Luger, Michael, Technology in the Garden
Saxenian, Annalee, Regional Advantage
Schulman, Bruce, From Cottonbelt to Sunbelt

Course Reader available at Quick Copy (Amsterdam and 120th Street).
Topics and Readings

I. Defining Regions and Regionalism
Ayers, All

Reader
“Heartbroken: Is rural America really such a good role model for the nation?” *The Economist* (8/15/02)
“For African-Americans, trend is back to the South” *Christian Science Monitor* (6/26/2001)
“Don’t count Midwest out” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* (12/28/00)
Turner, Frederick Jackson. “The Significance of Sections in American History”
- Chpt. 1, *The Frontier in American History*
- See also [http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/TURNER/home.html](http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/TURNER/home.html)

Bradshaw, “The Significance of Regions” “Elements of Regional Differences in the United States”

Web resources
- Growth of United States - e.g. territorial expansion. Map Link: [http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MAP/terr_hp.html](http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MAP/terr_hp.html)
- Regional literary culture: [http://www.traverse.net/people/dot/default.html](http://www.traverse.net/people/dot/default.html)

Class Exercise #1

II. Politics of Regionalism: Federalism
Hamilton, *Federalist Papers*: 10, 11, 15, 39, 46
- Available via CU Digital Library Collection

Reader
Chubb, “Federalism and the Bias for Centralization”
Diamond, Martin “What the Framers Meant by Federalism”
Dye, Thomas, “Federalism as Competition”
Elazar, Daniel. “Cooperative Federalism in American History”

III. Regionalism in the United States: the Early Republic to 1900
Fishman, 4
Larson, All

Reader
Bradshaw, “Historic Basis of Regional Differences”
III. The Era of Centralized Regional Planning: From Appalachia to the Sunbelt
Fishman, 3,5-8
Schulman, All

Reader
Bradshaw, Chaps. 5,6,8,9
Derthick, “The Logic of Regional Organization” “Tennessee Valley Authority” “Appalachian Regional Commission” “Federal Regional Councils”

Web Resources - Centralized Planning
- The Tennessee Valley Authority: http://www.tva.gov/
  http://newdeal.feri.org/tva/
- The Appalachia Regional Commission: http://arc.gov/

IV. People over Places: Silicon Valley, Edge Cities and (Gilded?) Ghettoes
Fishman, 9,10
Luger, All
Saxenian, All except 5-6

Reader
Miller and Cote, “The Minnesota High Technology Cluster” “The Case of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Area”
Porter, “Clusters and the New Economics of Competition”
Porter, “The Competitive Advantage of the Inner City”
Regional Plan Association, “A Region at Risk”

Web Resources - People over Places
  http://ntl.bts.gov/DOCS/473.html
- Sierra Club anti-sprawl: http://www.sierraclub.org/sprawl/

Regional Councils
- The Research Triangle (NC): http://www.researchtriangle.org/
- Regional Plan Association (NY/NJ/CT): http://www.rpa.org/
- Midwest: http://www.marc.org/

Class Exercise #3

V. Conclusion

Final Exam - December 17, 2002

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