

\*Fall 2006 Honors Colloquium\*

“Cities and Suburbs: Successes, Failures, Life Therein.”

106 Cockefair Hall / Wednesday 3-3h50  
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The following paperback novel is required reading for FS 06 Colloquium:  
*The King of Kings County* by Whitney Terrell (Viking, 2005)  
Any articles that will be assigned will be available on the Honors BlackBoard site.

Guiding questions:

1. How did Kansas City become one of the most spatially and economically dispersed cities in the nation?
2. What role do different levels of government—federal, state, municipal—play in facilitating suburbanization?
3. How does the separation between urban and suburban proliferate misconceptions about both?

August 23: Introduction to Honors Program and Colloquium; presentation of candidates for new co-director of University Honors Club.

August 30: Welcome BBQ at Oak Street Hall.

September 6: Prof. Sherry Schirmer, Dept. of History at Avila College: “How Did We Get Here?: What History Tells Us About Race, Space, and Residence in Kansas City”.

September 13: Film, *Community Builder: The Life and Legacy of J.C. Nichols*; discussion with Prof. Shannon Jackson.

September 20: Discussion of article, “A City without Slums: Urban Renewal, Public Housing, and Downtown Revitalization in Kansas City, Missouri” by Kevin Fox Gotham (on BB)

September 27: Chuck Haddix, Director of Marr Sound Archives at MNL: “Kansas City Jazz, From Ragtime to Bebop”.

October 4: Film, *Home Economics*.

October 11: Prof. Mike Frisch, Department of Architecture, Urban Planning, and Design: "The Mid Century Rise of the Single Family Suburban Home"

October 18: Discussion of film and speakers.

October 25: Airick West, Ivanhoe House: “Urban Renewal and its Impact on Ivanhoe”.

November 1: Discussion of *King of Kings County*.

November 8: Gwendolyn Grant, Director of the KC Urban League: TBA

November 15: Tom Jacobs, Director of Environmental Programs at Mid-America Regional Council: “Charting KC’s Regional Future”.

November 22: No class: Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29: Discussion of Colloquium topic for next semester.

December 7: Vote on Colloquium topic.