

## Newark, DE: People, Politics and Place (GEOG315), Fall 2004

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The unique qualities and tensions that typify college towns in the United States are examined. Emphasis is on: what makes a college town a special place; historical relationships between town and gown; growing impact of campus culture on the nature of the surrounding town; factors that contribute to conflict in a college town; and the commodification of lifestyle, landscape and landuses in the effort to "sell place".

Newark, Delaware will be used as a case study, and students will spend time on and off-campus observing, participating, and interviewing the people of Newark to discover what type of place this is. Students' personal experiences of Newark are a valuable inclusion to the discussion.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Sept. 19	<i>Newark Community Day</i> , participant observation/survey	10 points
Sept. 28	Essay—write-up on college towns	15 points
Oct. 1-2	<i>UD Homecoming</i> Participant observation/survey	10 points
Oct. 26	Essay—write-up on campus culture	15 points
Nov. 2-4	<i>Citizenship and the politics of belonging</i> Interviews about Newark's social and spatial divides	10 points
Dec. 7	In-class final essay/exam	25 points
	Class attendance and participation	15 points

## MATERIALS FOR CLASS DISCUSSIONS:

### **Aug. 31- Sept. 2 What is a college town?**

<http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/college/index.html>

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/college/CT\\_Living\\_in\\_a\\_small\\_college\\_town.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/college/CT_Living_in_a_small_college_town.htm)

SEE: <http://www.planetizen.com/oped/item.php?id=51>

### **Sept 7-9 Blake Gumprecht on college towns.**

SEE: [http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht\\_cv.htm](http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht_cv.htm)

2003, American College Town. *Geographical Review* 93(1): 51-80

### **Sept. 14-16 Newark Community Day: town/gown partnership?**

SEE: [http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht\\_cv.htm](http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht_cv.htm)

2004, Campus as Public Space...

### **Sept. 21-23 Where campus interests (don't) meet community interests....**

SEE: [http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht\\_cv.htm](http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht_cv.htm)

2003, Paradise for Misfits

<http://www.madison.com/tct/news/stories/index.php?ntid=9150&ntpid=1>

<http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/democrat/news/opinion/9506187.htm>

SEE: [http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht\\_cv.htm](http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht_cv.htm)

2005, Fraternity Row, Student Ghetto.....

### **Sept. 28-30 Home-coming; Whose home?**

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Student\\_Housing\\_Hist.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Student_Housing_Hist.htm)

<http://www.dmregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/artikkel?SearchID=73175324858022&Avis=D2&Dato=20040620&Kategori=NEWS02&Lopenr=406200331&Ref=AR>

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Economics.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Economics.htm)

<http://www.thisisbath.com/displayNode.jsp?command=newPage&nodeId=163037&contentPK=10778661>

### **Oct. 5-7 Home-Coming: Whose Home?**

SEE: [http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht\\_cv.htm](http://www.unh.edu/geography/Pages/gumprecht_cv.htm)

2003, Stadium Culture. *Southeastern Geographer* 43(1):28-53.

Fieldwork at homecoming: Reports on Findings.

### **Oct. 12-14 Campus culture: youthful lifestyles**

See: Barbieri thesis—chapters on youth

See: BRC and Veness video about campus partying  
See: NYTimes article on Binge Drinking in the UK  
[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Quality\\_of\\_Life.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Quality_of_Life.htm)  
<http://www.thehoya.com/news/092200/news1.htm>

**Oct. 19-21 Campus Culture: findings from class survey**

**Oct. 26-28 When Campus Culture Spreads: "studentification"**  
GO TO

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/college/CT\\_Studentification.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/college/CT_Studentification.htm)

READ: Patterns and processes of 'studentification' in Leeds, Study of Leed's, UK, housing issues (PDF) Search on 'studentification'. Source: *The Regional Review*, May 2002

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Campus\\_Expansion.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Campus_Expansion.htm)

<http://www.Colorado.EDU/geography/COGA/geogweb/universityhill/forum/page2.html>

**Nov. 2-4 Citizenship in Newark: issues and agendas**

Survey/ interviews with stakeholders during class period

**Nov. 9-11 Contestations about social space in a college town**

See Veness video—Town Meeting 2001

See Barabieri thesis—chapters on housing conflict

Findings from fieldwork

**Nov. 16-30 Putting Students in their Proper Place: zoning, occupancy limits, licensing, pressure on university policies**

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_ZoningNews.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_ZoningNews.htm)

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/Menomonie%20WI/Downtownzoning\\_Menomonie.html](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/Menomonie%20WI/Downtownzoning_Menomonie.html)

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Less\\_Than\\_3.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Less_Than_3.htm)

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Licensing\\_Rentals.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Licensing_Rentals.htm)

[http://facweb.arch.ohio-](http://facweb.arch.ohio-state.edu/jevanscowley/crp852/crp8522003.htm)

[state.edu/jevanscowley/crp852/crp8522003.htm](http://facweb.arch.ohio-state.edu/jevanscowley/crp852/crp8522003.htm)

[http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT\\_Neighborhood\\_Associations.htm](http://www.users.muohio.edu/karrowrs/College/CT_Neighborhood_Associations.htm)

**Nov. 30- Dec. 3 Resolutions in Newark and other College towns**

<http://www.collegiateway.org/>

<http://www.collegiateway.org/reading/price-1993.html>