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GEOG 410.01: Migration and Population Change - Special Focus - Population Loss on the Northern Plains

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Course Objectives: This class has two objectives.

1. It provides a **sound understanding of internal migration in the United States** by exposing students to classic and contemporary works on mobility and migration, in particular on migration to nonmetropolitan areas (Part I. Understanding Migration and Population Change)

2. It **involves students in empirical research** by analyzing a recent survey of residents and migrants of the Northern Plains (w. SPSS; Part II. Migration on the Northern Plains)

Part I. Understanding Migration and Population Change.
During the first sessions of the class (Essentials), I will introduce the basic terminology, review publicly available migration data, and discuss classic works in migration research. The next sessions provide an understanding of migration to nonmetropolitan areas (What Drives Nonmetropolitan Migration). Then students will review and present on a series of papers on Demographic Restructuring. Migration in the Mountain West has attracted the interest of several contemporary migration researchers, and students will review and present on some of that work.

Part II. Migration on the Northern Plains.
After an overview of population change in the Northern Plains, we will use a recent survey of residents of and migrants to the Northern Plains (Eastern Montana, Eastern Wyoming, Eastern Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Western Iowa). We will use SPSS to understand area demographics, reasons for moving and staying, migration histories, attachment to place and propensity to stay. A series of short reports will build the building blocks of a final research paper and presentation.

Readings:


Reserve Reader (includes readings as indicated on this syllabus)

Web: see URLs below
Progress in this course will be achieved through reading and in-class discussion (20%), literature reviews (presentation and paper, 25%), research reports (25%), and a final presentation and paper (30%).

Part I. Understanding Migration and Population Change

The Essentials

Introduction

Basic Terms (the demographic equation, etc.)


Regional Terms (rural-urban, nonmetro-metro, rural-urban continuum)
Census definitions: rural urban [http://www.census.gov/population/censusdata/urdef.txt]
Rural-urban continuum Beale Codes [http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/rurality/RuralUrbCon/]

Classics: Mobility Types, the Mobility Transition, Push and Pull


Public Migration Data: Census, CPS, IRS, Estimates (ACS)

Life Course Mobility

More Classics: Migration for Jobs

What Drives Nonmetropolitan Migration

The Metro-Nonmetro Turnaround


Industrial Restructuring


Residential Preferences


Migration for Amenities


ERS amenity areas http://www.ers.usda.gov/emphases/rural/data/amenities/


(Option: Return Migration)


**Demographic Restructuring (Review Presentations)**

**Migration of the Baby Boomers**

**Migration of the Elderly**


**Migration of the Foreign Born**

**Nonmetro Migration as White Flight?**

**Migration in the Mountain West (Review Presentations)**

**Cromartie**

**Rudzitis**

**Vias**
Nelson


Jobes

Shumway

Von Reichert

Part II. Migration on the Northern Plains

*Population Change on the Northern Plains: An Overview*

Rathge
http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/sdc/presentation/download.html

*Research: The Northern Plains Survey*

Getting to know it

Who lives there, who moves there (incl. report)

Reasons for moving, reasons for staying (incl. report)

Migration Histories (incl. report)

Attachment to place and propensity to stay (incl. report)

*Outlook: The Future of the Northern Plains*

Cartlett, Power, etc. http://gppop.dsu.nodak.edu/p_schedule.htm
Research Presentations
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