

## THE OTHER BASEBALL IRP, Spring 2015, Syllabus

### SESSION ONE - A LOOK AT AMERICA'S PASTIME

Watch Ken Burns' Baseball, "First Inning-Our Game", (1840-1900), from 17 minutes, 48 seconds to 52 minutes, 55 seconds.

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Past Time: Baseball as History, Jules Tygiel, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 3-14.

"Truth in the Minor League Class Structure: The Case for the Reclassification of the Minors", John Cronin, SABR, (Society for American Baseball Research), Spring 2013, Baseball Research Journal.

National Pastime: How Americans Play Baseball and the Rest of the World Plays Soccer. Brookings Institute, 2005, pp. 1-11.

### SESSION TWO -DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINOR LEAGUE SYSTEM

1. Watch Bottom of the Ninth, 50 min. DVD.

"The Evolution of Minor League Baseball", Minor League Baseball: Community Building Through Hometown Sports, Rebecca S. Kraus, Ph.D., The Haworth Press, Inc. 2003, pp. 87-95.

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“It’s the Life - the One Everyone Wants to Live,” Knocking on Heaven’s Door: Six Minor Leaguers in Search of the Baseball Dream, Marty Dobrow, Thomson Shore, Inc., 2010. pp. 83-92.

“An Error in the National Pastime”, Angela Lumpkin, Phi Kappa Phi Forum, Fall 2013.

“Emancipation of the Minors,” Sports Nut: the Stadium Scene, Lily Rothman, The Slate Group, 2014.

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### SESSION THREE - ECONOMICS OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Sports, Jobs and Taxes, Roger G. Noll and Andrew Zimbalist, eds., Brookings Institution, 1997.

“For One Minor League Baseball Team, Never an Empty Seat”, George Vecsey, The New York Times, July 3, 2011.

“It’s Not Whether You Win or Lose. It’s How You Sell The Game.” Paul Wachter, Bloomberg Businessweek, Issue 4185, June 28, 2010.

“Baseball Stadium: an investment in the city’s future.” Editorial. Star-News, Wilmington, NC, October 14, 2012.

“Ay Chihuahuas!” HYPERLINK "<http://grantland.com>" "[grantland.com](http://grantland.com)", April 23, 2014.

### 6. Four Research Abstracts

### SESSIONS FOUR AND FIVE - ISSUES IN THE MINOR LEAGUE SYSTEM

“Touching Baseball’s Untouchables: The Effects of Collective Bargaining on Minor League Baseball Players,” Garrett R. Broshuis, Harvard Journal of Sports and Entertainment Law, Vol.4.1, 2012, pp. 5-13.

“MLB’s New Collective Bargaining Agreement Is No Help to Small-Market Clubs,” Jonah Kori, HYPERLINK "<http://grantland.com/>"grantland.com, November 22, 2011.

“Fast Trackers,” Albert Chen, Richard O’Brien and Mark Bechtel, Sports Illustrated, Vol 119, Issue 2, July 2013.

“A Piece of Property”, Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency, Daniel A. Gilbert, University of Massachusetts Press, 2013, pp. 41-74.

“How Curt Flood Changed Baseball and Killed His Career in the Process”, Allen Barra, The Atlantic, July 2011.

“Curt Flood and Free Agency: The End of the Reserve Clause,” R. T. Johnson, The History Rat, January 2011.

“Is the Game Over?”, Jonathan Mahler, The New York Times, September 28, 2013.

## SESSION SIX - THE NEGRO LEAGUES AND “BLACK BALL”

Watch Ken Burns: Baseball: Season 1; Inning Five, DVD, minutes 12:25 to 19:00

Baseball – A History of America’s Game; Third Edition. Benjamin G. Rader, University of Illinois Press. pp. 155-170.

“The New Negro”, Shades of Glory: The Negro Leagues, and the Story of African-Baseball, Lawrence D. Hogan, National Baseball Hall of Fame, 2006, pp. 153-160.

“Integration’s Curse”, Raceball: How The Major Leagues Colonized The Black and Latin Game, Rob Ruck, Beacon Press, pp. 109-117.

## SESSION SEVEN - LATINO BASEBALL

1. View Ballplayer: Pelotero. 77 min. DVD.
2. Playing America's Game: Baseball, Latinos and the Color Line, Adrian Burgos. pp. 1-12, 71-82, 162-176.
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## SESSION EIGHT - WOMEN'S BASEBALL

### Timeline for Women's Baseball

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Stolen Bases: Why American Girls Don't Play Baseball, Jennifer Ring, University of Illinois Press, 2009. pp. 33-46.

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## SESSION NINE - JAPANESE BASEBALL

View the film Kokoyaku, 54 min. HYPERLINK "<http://www.youtube.com/watch?>

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“Differences between Nippon Professional Baseball and Major League Baseball,” Nippon Professional Baseball, pp. 1-4.

“The Concept of WA”, HYPERLINK "<http://pbs.org/>"PBS.org.

”Samurai Baseball vs. Baseball in Japan”, Charles Hayford, HYPERLINK "<http://www.japanfocus.org/>"www.japanfocus.org.

“Is Baseball a Global Sport? America’s National Pastime as Global Field and International Sport”, William W. Kelly, Global Networks 7, 2007, pp. 187-201.

## SESSION TEN AND ELEVEN - SABERMETRICS

1. View Moneyball, 133 min. DVD.
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3. “The Growth and Application of Baseball Analytics Today”. Baumer and Zimbalist. pp. 23-37.
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5. “The Sabermetric Manifesto”, David Grabinber. HYPERLINK "<http://seanlahman.com/>"SeanLahman.com.
6. “Baseball in the Age of Big Data: Why the Revolution Will Be Televised”. Sean Lehman, 2013 SABR Convention.

## SESSION TWELVE - MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS