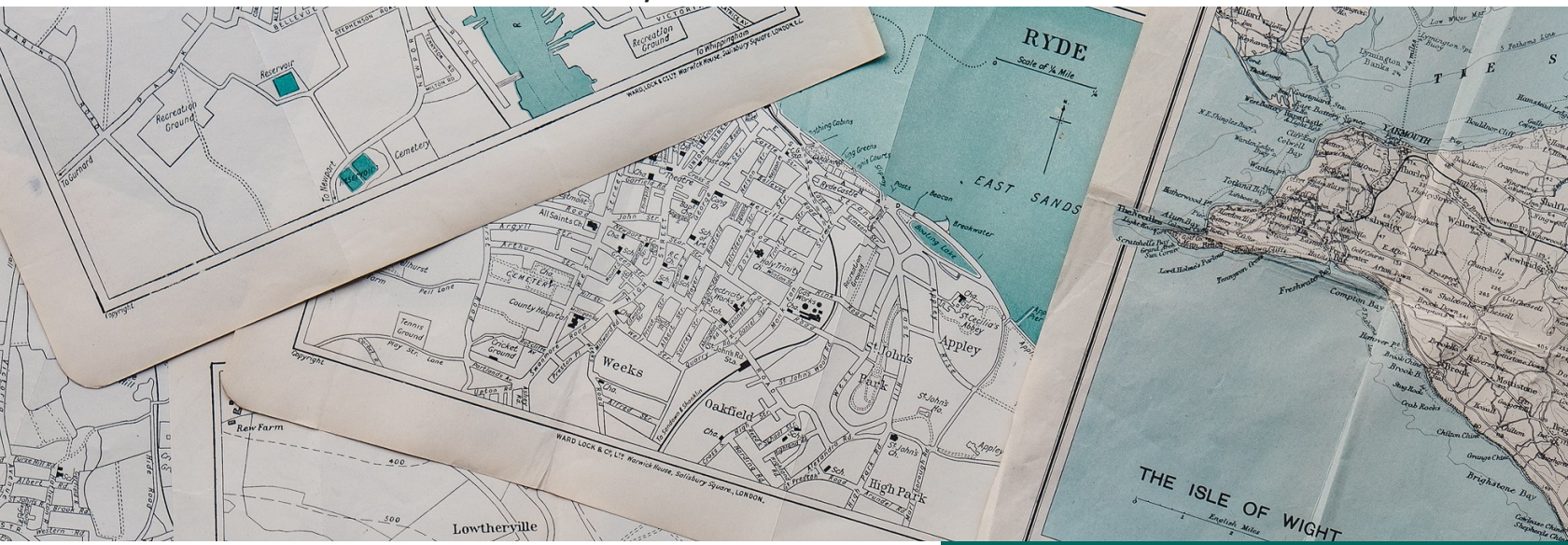


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This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land: How Maps Shape the World

Course Description

We often think about maps as representing some tangible reality — but what if maps actually create it?

We'll start by looking at the difference between "location" and "place," and how maps are a political tool as much as an aid to hiking Door County.

We will spend an extended time looking at maps from ancient Egypt, the Middle Ages, the age of European exploration (including Mercator's famous map projection that is still ubiquitous), and U.S. government maps.

We will end with a discussion of modern-day political redistricting.

Can any map actually be “fair”?

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Shober is a professor of government at Lawrence University (PhD, University of Wisconsin--Madison). Courses in elections, public opinion, public policy, federalism, mass media, and education policy are among his offerings.

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Prof. Shober has appeared frequently in the news media, including in such sources as *USA Today*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, Education Week, Wisconsin Public Radio, the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, and every other week on Appleton's WHBY radio.

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