Course Title:
The Legacy of Failure

Course Description:
Failure. Losing. Rejection. Defeat. A look around American society and throughout history reveals that countless noble efforts and ideas have failed. Individuals have crashed and burned, so to speak. Some of these failing endeavors nearly succeeded; others never had a chance. This course will investigate notable failures and "losers" in America's past and present. The course will weave together economics, history, and psychology in order to address how and why these failures occurred.

Readings/Texts:
1. Brian Stevenson, Just Cause
2. Jed Horne, Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City
4. Assigned articles.

Student Requirements:
Class participation, written and verbal assignments.

About the Instructor:
Ryan Swanson is an Associate Professor in the Honors College. He studies sport in America and is very familiar with the topic of this course—failure.