

Politics/UEP 265

Community Planning and Politics Practicum

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T/Th 3-4:25 PM – Fowler 301

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Course Description

This course will introduce students to the history, theory, issues, concepts, tools, techniques, and controversies of urban planning. In addition to examining a wide body of literature pertinent to the theory and practice of urban planning, students will also study and discuss current planning issues and politics in Los Angeles with a particular focus on community-based planning initiatives. What are the politics of planning in LA? To extend Harold Laswell's description of the study of politics:

in the sphere of urban planning and land use in Los Angeles?

This introduction will serve as a foundation for case studies and community based research projects conducted in partnership with local non-profit community based organizations engaged in the planning process. Students will develop community-based research, writing, and presentation skills.

Through this course, students will gain an understanding of the impact that

*Craft well written papers organized around a sophisticated, contestable claim/thesis statement supported by analysis of evidence marshaled from primary and scholarly secondary sources

*Conduct research on urban planning and politics in Los Angeles

*Work effectively, ethically, and reciprocally with community partner

Assignment

Worth

The class will be run much like a graduate seminar, requiring you to come to class having read all of the assigned material and being prepared to discuss its content and the questions raised by it. Lectures will be infrequent.

In addition to writing two standard essays, you will also complete a 2-page reflection essays based upon observations from fieldwork. You will also have a zoning assignment that requires you to apply concepts of planning. You will also have a journal assignment that requires you to track your thoughts on planning.

More detailed assignments described in additional materials.

avoid plagiarizing the work of others. Please review Occidental College's policy on plagiarism located within the statement on Academic Ethics:

<http://www.oxy.edu/student-handbook/academic-ethics>

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Complete all assigned reading by the first day we discuss the topic and bring hard copies of assigned reading to class.

T 8/27 - Introduction

Th 8/29 and T 9/3 What is Planning?

*Fulton, "Introduction: How Planning in California Really Works" in Guide to California Planning 4th ed. Pp 3-28

*Los Angeles City Planning Department Website - <http://cityplanning.lacity.org/>

* Zoning 101

*Planning4LA - City of LA Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChI2PmRhAzUf158o0vZjnHw/videos>

**optional 100 Years of Planning History

**Optional: Rouse, " Race, Space, and the Poetics of Planning" pp.15-29 [https://issuu.com/chandrachristmas-rouse/docs/race space and the poetics of plann?fbclid=IwAR1N32jGvru7ItKOz4plggUERLm0Njz0iN6_31mchbG7e4cLXB96QdeE_rQ](https://issuu.com/chandrachristmas-rouse/docs/race_space_and_the_poetics_of_plann?fbclid=IwAR1N32jGvru7ItKOz4plggUERLm0Njz0iN6_31mchbG7e4cLXB96QdeE_rQ)

Th 9/26 and T 10/1 – LA History and Space

(***Essay 1 Due 9/26***)

*Davis, "Fortress LA"

*Whittemore, "One Hundred Years of Land-Use Regulation"

*Soja, "Seeking Spatial Justice in Los Angeles"

*Wachs, "Autos, Transit, Sprawl, Los Angeles"

*Gibbons, "Introduction"

* "A history of planning and zoning in Los Angeles"

Th 10/3 -

*Putting the Vision into Action: How Zoning Implements the General Plan

<https://recode.la/updates/news/putting-vision-action-how-zoning-implements-general-plan>

T 10/15 ***FALL BREAK – NO CLASS***

Th 10/17 – Community Planning – Grounding the Theory

Film, “Holding Ground : The Rebirth of Dudley Street” or “Gaining Ground?”

*Kennedy, “Transformative Planning Through Community Development: Parts 1 and 2

*Koh, “Decolonial Planning in North America”

https://www.progressivecity.net/single-post/2019/03/04/DECOLONIAL-PLANNING-IN-NORTH-AMERICA?utm_source=so

*Chan, “What Counts As ‘Real’ City Planning?”

<https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/03/what-counts-as-real-city-planning/556082/>

T 10/22 - Politics, Power, and Planning

*Sonenshein, Los Angeles: Strp10/22

*TBA

Th 10/24 – The Planners' Perspective

Guest Speaker: Dylan Sittig (Oxy '13), External Affairs Department of City Planning, Los Angeles

*American Institute of Certified Planners Code of Ethics and Principles

<https://www.planning.org/ethics/ethicscode/>

<https://www.planning.org/ethics/ethicalprinciples/>

* "Planners, Here Are Your Keys To Successfully Facilitating Meetings"

<https://www.planning.org/blog/9180992/planners-here-are-your-keys-to-successfully-facilitating-meetings/>

*Stein, "As They Rally Around Rezoning, Planners Often 'Plansplain'"

T 10/29 – People's Planning

*ELACC Plan del Pueblo

http://issuu.com/eastlacomunitycorporation/docs/plandelpueblo_english_digitalversio

*Forester, "Challenges of Deliberation and Participation"

*Arnstein, "The Ladder of Participation"

*Lauren Ahkiam, "Learning from Los Angeles: People's Planning in the City of Angeles." Progressive Planning summer 2012

http://www.plannersnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/PPMag_SUM12.pdf

UNIDAD's "People's Plan"

<http://www.unidad-la.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/peoples-plan-report-FINAL.pdf>

*Our Skid Row

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/artbound/future-of-skid-row-housing>

W 10/30 – “North Pole” evening screening , time and location TBD

Th 10/31 - Community Plans

**Guest speaker: Rémy De La Peza

*<http://www.dtla2040.org/>

*Sustainable Little Tokyo

<http://sustainablelittletokyo.org/projects/slt2013>

<http://sustainablelittletokyo.org/projects/slt2020>

*South East LA

*Freudenberg, Pastor, and Israel, "Strengthening Community Capacity to Participate in Making Decisions to Reduce disproportionate Environmental Exposures" American Journal of Public Health

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3222508/>

*Organizers' Warning and Notification for Tenants - OWN IT!

<https://www.ownit.la/>

*The Works LA

<http://www.theworks.la/>

T 11/12 – Planning, Gentrification/Displacement/South LA and Downtown

"City Rising" KCET documentary on gentrification (watch online)

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/city-rising>

* "The Gentrification of Skid Row"

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/mar/05/gentrification-skid-row-los-angeles-homeless>

Los Angeles Poverty Department (LAPD)

<https://www.lapovertydept.org/>

Th 11/14 – Staples Center, Farmer's Field, CBAs

(***Public Meeting Reflection Due 11/14***)

*Jaqueline Leavitt, "Linking Housing to Community Economic Development with Community Benefit Agreements: The Case of the Figueroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice" in Ong and Loukaitou-Sideris eds

2006 (e-copy in library)

*Dorsey, "Making Community Benefits Agreements Count"

<https://shelterforce.org/2016/10/21/making-community-benefits-agreements-count/>

T 11/19 -