

Politics/UEP 265
Community Planning and Politics Practicum
Spring 2022

*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 partners

Readings for the course are available on Moodle or accessible on-line with provided links. Readings associated with each topic should be completed before the first class meeting for which they are assigned and unless otherwise noted, all are required.

We will begin most class sessions with a discussion of "What's in the News" related to planning. These discussions will be tightly focused on planning, describing the story and either why it is significant or what questions it raises. Contributions should not stray to extraneous topics. Active and insightful engagement in these discussions will be evaluated as a part of your participation grade. Such news stories may also become part of a "Journal of Planning" assignment described below. To prepare for these discussions, students should develop a daily habit of reading the Los Angeles Times and relevant websites and blogs. Some important ones are listed below:

Planetizen - <http://www.planetizen.com/tag/los-angeles>

The Planning Report - <http://www.planningreport.com/>

CityLab - <http://www.citylab.com/>

Streetsblog LA - <http://la.streetsblog.org/>

Curbed LA (migrated to new platform but still relevant) - <http://la.curbed.com/>

Paper #1 Essay (Due 2/14)

15%

Because we are beginning the semester remotely and may have to do so at other points, there may be times when I will record classes for asynchronous viewing. This means that the audio-visual and chat portions of class may be recorded and then stored on the College's servers. Recordings may be made available through Moodle (or another secure platform), but only for the express and sole use of those registered in the course. The recorded

Engage in active, courteous listening to other students and contribute to class

restore their stewardship of the land. Please click through to read more about the [Gabrielino-Tongva tribe](#) about the practice of [land acknowledgement](#) and about the [land back movement](#).

W 2/2- Community Partner Introductions

- <http://allianceforcommunitytransit.org/>
- <https://www.seaca-la.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/NELAAlliance>
- TBD

M 2/7 and W 2/9 – Planning Historiography

*LeGates and Stout, "Modernism and Early Urban Planning"

*Hall, "The Turbulent Eighth Decade: Challenges to American City Planning"

*Responses to Hall's "The Turbulent Eighth Decade"

*Sandercock, "Framing Insurgent Historiographies for Planning"

M 2/14 and W 2/16– Planning and The Planner – Ideology, Process, and Outcomes
(***Walk Reflection Due M 2/14***)

*Fainstein and Fainstein, "City Planning and Political Values: An Updated View"

*Stein, "The Poverty of Planning"

<https://www.progressivecity.net/single-post/2017/03/27/THE-POVERTY-OF-PLANNING>

One of the following according to your last name:

*Davidoff, "Advocacy and Pluralism in Planning" (names A-F)

*Forester, "Planning in the Face of Power" (names G-L)

*Harvey, "On Planning the Ideology of Planning" (names M-S)

*Friedman, "The Mediations of Radical Planning" (names T-Z)

M 2/21 HOLIDAY NO CLASS

W 2/23 – Privilege, Critical Race Theory, and Planning

*Los Angeles Department of City Planning Website

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/>

*LA Department of City Planning Zoning Regulations, City of Los Angeles

https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/eadcb225-a16b-4ce6-bc94-c915408c2b04/Zoning_Code_Summary.pdf

<https://planning.lacity.org/zoning/overview>

<https://planning.lacity.org/zoning/new-code>

*LA City Housing Element

<https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/housing-element-update>

*ACT-LA Housing Element Campaign

<http://allianceforcommunitytransit.org/housing-element/>

https://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2017/05/AboPlan_Pub_FINAL_online-v2-1.pdf

<https://www.plannersnetwork.org/2018/08/response-to-abolitionist-planning/>

M 3/28 - Politics, Power, and Planning

*Sonenshein, Los Angeles: Structure of a City Government

http://www.lwvlosangeles.org/files/Structure_of_a_City.pdf

*Opinion Editorial, "The Huge 'Revolving Door' Fine" Los Angeles Times, Aug 22, 2019

*Pols/UEP 295 LA Planning and Politics Finding Aids

W 3/30 – The Planners' Perspective

Guest Speaker: Department of City Planning, Los Angeles (invited)

*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'"

M 4/4 – People's Planning in L.A.

*Forester, "Challenges of Deliberation and Participation"

*Arnstein, "The Ladder of Participation"

*ELACC Plan del Pueblo

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

*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 4/6 - Community Plans

**Guest speaker: Rémy De La Peza

M 4/11- Popular Education and Planning

**Guest speakers: Omar Ureta and Rosten Woo(invited)

*Dr. Pop What is Popular Education?

<http://drpop.org/what-is-popular-education/>

*Blocks and Lots

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/461934/manualandkit%20for%20website.pdf>

*What is Affordable Housing?

* "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/>
- The Containment Plan: 99% Invisible Podcast
<https://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-containment-plan/>
- TBD

W 4/20 – Staples Center, Farmer's Field, CBAs, CASP

Guest Speaker: Sissy Trihn SEACA

(***Public Meeting Reflection Due 4/20***)

*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 *Jobs and Economic Development in Minority Communities* 2006 (e-copy in library)

*Dorsey, "Making Community Benefits Agreements Count"

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

- TBD

M 4/25 – Planning and the Ballot Box – Measures JJJ, S, and House LA Initiative

Guest Speaker: Laura Raymond ACT-LA

*Conduct your own research on these three measures

*Fulton and Shigley "Ballot Box Planning" pp244-245

*Ballot Box Planning – Read three articles of your choice

<https://www.planetizen.com/tag/ballot-box-planning>

*House LA Initiative

<http://allianceforcommunitytransit.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/United-to-House-L.A.-Measure-Summary-12.15.21.pdf>

