

# Professional Planning Colloquium

UP 494-PC, Spring 2024

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## About the course

The Urban & Regional Planning Colloquium is a one-credit course on a range of topics of interest to students in urban planning, sustainable design, and other related fields. We meet every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:45 in 227 Temple Buell Hall.

## Course requirements

This course carries a letter grade by default. When I grade the course, I will give you an A if you have completed all the requirements for the course and an F if you haven't. You are welcome to shift from a letter grade to credit/no credit, which you should be able to do (soon, if not already) by submitting this form: <https://faa.illinois.edu/current-students/forms>. For more information about the credit/no credit system please see: <https://registrar.illinois.edu/registration/registration-process/credit-no-credit/>

## Attendance

Attendance is mandatory if you're enrolled for credit. It's critical for you to attend at the lecture's scheduled time because when the room (or Zoom) is full, our guests feel like it's worthwhile for them to be there. For in-person lectures, we expect you to attend in 227 Temple Buell Hall. Be there before the lecture begins at 12:30; stay until the end. If something urgent comes up that prevents your attendance for an in-person session, please notify me using the Canvas Inbox before we start the lecture. Unless we notify you otherwise, we'll broadcast the online lectures in 227 TBH to provide everyone an opportunity to gather and attend as a community. In-person attendance at TBH is not mandatory for those sessions. If possible, for online sessions, please leave your cameras on for at least the first 5 minutes of the lecture and turn them on again for the question-and-answer period.

Anyone who must miss a session entirely because of an emergency or a health concern must document it to the instructor using the Canvas inbox (not his illinois.edu email, where it will get lost) by the end of the Wednesday following the Colloquium. Students who have a documented absence should watch the recorded lecture as soon after it's uploaded as possible and participate as directed below on the discussion board.

At the beginning of each in-person session, we'll pass around a sign-in sheet for all in-person sessions. We will collect it at the end and review it afterward to identify anyone who missed a session. For online sessions, we'll get login information from Zoom, which records when an attendee logs in and signs out. Be sure to long in on time and stay until the end.

## Self-introductions

By midnight Friday, January 19, make a post to the [self-introductions discussion](#).

## Reactions: questions and responses

Before 11:59pm on the Friday following each lecture, every student is required to post a thought-provoking question, contention, or assertion on the Canvas discussion board for each lecture. Before 11:59pm the following Tuesday, every student is also required to write a thoughtful response of 250-500 words to at least one original post by another student about the previous week's lecture. One missing original post is permitted without penalty. All students are required to write a response every week.

## Final assignment

By 5:00 PM May 9, write a synthetic reaction and reflection paper that weaves together questions and reflections referring to at least three of the lectures. How did these lectures affect your ideas about what you'd like to do as a change-maker? This paper should be between 750 and 1000 words for undergraduates and between 1500 and 2000 words for grad students.

## Class sessions

***All events in person unless otherwise indicated as online.***

1/16: **Building bridges between planning academia and practice** | Evan Alvarez, Lindsay Braun, Andrew Greenlee, & Ben LeRoy | Champaign County RPC & DURP

1/23: **Quad Cities Climate and Vulnerability Assessment** | Nina Struss & Maggie Struss | Prairie Rivers Network, Champaign

1/30: **Everything dope about America comes from Chicago** | Shermann “Dilla” Thomas | Chicago’s grassroots historian | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

2/6: **Designing Equitable Grant Programs: Learning from the award-winning Chicago Recovery Plan** | Munira Mithaiwala | Chicago Department of Planning and Development | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

2/13: **Belt & Road Reboot: Beijing’s Bid to De-Risk Its Global Infrastructure Initiative** | Ammar Malik | AidData, Fairfax, VA | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

2/20: **Climate resilience for an aging nation** | Danielle Arigoni | National Housing Trust, Washington, DC | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

2/27: **Planning While Black: Redefining Leadership in Urban Planning and Beyond** | Nina Idemudia | CNT, Chicago | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

3/5: **Homelessness is a Solvable Problem** | Mary Cunningham | Urban Institute, Washington, DC | Online and broadcast in 227 TBH

3/19: **Building equitable community food systems** | Rodger Cooley | Chicago Food Policy Action Council

3/26: **Foresight for regional transportation planning: Lessons from Central Illinois** | Ana Mendoza | McLean County Planning, Bloomington, IL

4/2: **Equitable transit-oriented development: The CTA's award-winning Red Line Extension Plan** | Ammar Elmajdoub | CDM Smith, Chicago

4/9: **Affordable housing at a crossroads** | Kirk Goodrich | Monadnock Development, New York City

4/16: **Resilience and Recovery in Cape Coral, Florida: The Hurricane Ian experience** | Vince Cautero | Barraco and Associates, Inc.; Ft. Myers, FL

4/23: **Staying in the flow: Lessons from Warrensville's municipal water tower project** | Consuelo Andrade Arguilles | City of Warrensville, IL

4/30: **Affordable Housing for Urban Native Americans** | Shelly Tucciarelli | Visionary Ventures, Chicago