

Geography 803: Urban Geography
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This course will explore the material reality of U.S. cities in the current moment, the political, historical, and economic forces influencing this reality, and the everyday lived experiences of city residents. We will welcome a variety of theoretical approaches to interpret and explain the complexity of urban spaces and urban assemblages, including structuralism, feminism, black geographies, and the interests of the students in the class. Some foundational urban geography authors will be included (e.g. Lefebvre and Harvey) but the class will primarily focus on the seemingly intractable problems characterizing U.S. Cities today, drawing on authors from across the social sciences. These include the following: financialization of housing and gentrification, racial segregation, economic inequality and precarious work, immigration and integration, and governance, elite interests, and the politics of city planning. The class is open to graduate students from all disciplines and advanced undergraduates (by permission of the instructor). Students are welcome to contact the professor with questions and suggested topics.