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SOCI 554
Introduction to Urban Systems
Liz Blume
Tuesday/ Thursday 2:30 – 3:45

Required Texts:
Sustainable Urban Metabolism
Paulo Ferrao and John E. Fernandez
MIT Press
2013

Sustainable Urbanism and Beyond: Rethinking Cities for the Future
Edited by Tigran Haas
Rizzoli International Publications
2012

Green Cincinnati Plan 2013

SCHEDULE

August 26: Introduction and Orientation
August 28: NO CLASS

September 2, 4, 9 and 11: Overview of Urban Systems
The anatomy of a metropolitan system
Readings: Haas part one pgs. 1-50
F&F part one pgs. 1-64

September 16, 18, and 23: GIS as a way to understand urban places:
Natural systems

September 25, 30 and Oct 2: Built systems
Visit from Roxanne Qualls Sep 30

October 7, 9, 14 and 16: Human systems
Readings: Haas Part four pgs. 120-140
F&F part two and three, pgs. 65-186
Oct 21, and 23: Case study: Oakley Station

Oct 28, 30 Nov. 4 and 6: Introduction to the Green Cincinnati Plan

Visit from Roxanne Qualls Oct. 28

November 11 Presentation: Oakley paper presentations

Nov. 13, 18: Current events and your second case study choices

Visit from Roxanne Qualls Nov 13

- Streetcar
- Local food
- MSD/Lick Run
- Brent Spence Bridge
- University Station
- Union Center Blvd
- Intermodal facility at Ohio River in Lower Price Hill

Nov 20 and 25: Guest speakers on topics

Nov 27: Open

Dec 2 and 4: Open

Dec 9 – 11; Presentation of final papers

Roxanne Qualls to join us for presentations Dec. 9

Grading

25% class participation
   Attendance; we are all adults; don’t miss class, if you have to you have to, let me know via email before you miss
25% short class papers/presentation

50% final paper/presentation

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