**COMMUNITY DESIGN**

TH 2:00-4:50PM, Lawrence 206
Instructor: Ceara O’Leary, Assistant Professor, Lawrence 316 [office hours by appointment]

**Catalog Description:** Multidisciplinary examination of the history, theory and practice in the design and development of meaningful and sustainable neighborhoods. Special focus selected by faculty.

**Winter 2023 Detail:**
This class will begin with an introduction to the history of urban and suburban neighborhood development trends over time including social and policy impacts on the built environment and spatial patterns at the community scale. This survey will focus on the United States while integrating European and non-Western examples. The subsequent section of the class will focus on special topics in urban design including the practice of community engagement in neighborhood design and development, climate and environmentally-responsive development patterns, and regionally specific development patterns impacted by policy, place and politics. Finally, the class will explore questions of neighborhood development pertinent to Oregon and with much broader global relevance such as designing with unhoused populations, designing policy and housing for greater density, and principles of smart growth and living with nature. There is an opportunity for student input on relevant topic areas covered in class. Multiple disciplines are encouraged to enroll.

**Course Format and Requirements:** This seminar aims for a mix of teaching and learning methods including lectures, guest speakers, peer-to-peer presentations and learning, workshop time in class, select film screenings, and reading discussions. The class also includes a series of projects including a final research project/paper which is an opportunity for students to explore a particular area of interest. Evaluation will be based on both class participation and projects.

Ceara O’Leary, AIA is a new Assistant Professor with a focus on community-engaged design at the intersection of policy, infrastructure and neighborhood spaces. She joins UO following ten years at the Detroit Collaborative Design Center.