



# Summer City Seminar 2016: Understanding the Divided City, Urban Methods

Washington University, Umrath Lounge

Tuesday, May 24- Thursday, May 26

The Center for the Humanities and the College and Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design in the Sam Fox School is convening a three-day intensive skill-sharing workshop as a part of the Divided City Initiative, a project funded by the Mellon Foundation's Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities program. We invite you to join us in this seminar that addresses research methodologies to approach the problem of urban segregation.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, May 24

**1 PM** Tour of St. Louis with Bob Hansman, Washington University, School of Architecture

**5 PM** Opening Reception

**6:30 PM** Keynote with Rev. Starsky Wilson, President and CEO of Deaconess Foundation and Co-Chair of the Ferguson Commission

### Wednesday, May 25

**9-12 PM** Two-part workshop on Urban Ethnography with Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology

*Part 1: Ethnographies: A Multicultural History of Ethnography*

*Part 2: Trust, Legitimacy and Discretion: Perceptions of Drug Dealing and Policing in a Small Black Town*

**12-2 PM** Lunch workshop on Geographical Information Systems (GIS), mapping, and communities with Andy Rutkowski, University of California, Los Angeles, Geospatial Resources Librarian

**2-5 PM** Oral History Workshop with Dan Kerr, American University (Washington, DC), Department of History

Dinner on your own



**Thursday, May 26**

**9 AM-12 PM** “Using Real Estate Records to Track Segregation Practices” with **Kevin McGruder**, Antioch College, Department of History, and **Thomas Harvey**, Executive Director, ArchCity Defenders

*Public real estate records can provide a wealth of information on residential segregation practices, and sometimes even the intent of the buyers and sellers, when used in conjunction with census, local newspaper, and other records. This workshop will provide an overview of the possibilities and challenges of using these records.*

**12 PM** Lunch

Closing Remarks



**The Reverend Starsky D. Wilson** is a pastor, philanthropist and activist pursuing God's vision of community marked by justice, peace and love. He is president & CEO of Deaconess Foundation, pastor of Saint John's Church (The Beloved Community) and co-chair of the Ferguson Commission. Deaconess is a faith-based grant making organization devoted to making child well-being a civic priority in the St. Louis region. From a corpus of approximately \$50 million, the foundation has invested more than \$76 million to advance its mission in the area. Starsky's leadership has birthed a dynamic community capacity building model, aligning policy advocacy, organizing and community engagement with grant making.

In 2014, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Rev. Wilson co-chair of the Ferguson Commission, a group of sixteen citizens empowered to study the underlying conditions and make public policy recommendations to help the region progress through issues exposed by the tragic death of Michael Brown, Jr. On September 14, 2015 they released the ground-breaking "*Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity*" Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility.

Starsky earned a bachelor of arts in political science from Xavier University of Louisiana, master of divinity from Eden Theological Seminary and is currently pursuing the doctor of ministry degree from Duke University's Divinity School. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Eta Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Starsky is married to Dr. LaToya Smith Wilson, a dentist at St. Louis Children's Hospital. They are raising four children in the city of St. Louis.

**Waverly Duck** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. He is an urban ethnographer whose primary research examines the social order of neighborhoods and institutional settings. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from Wayne State University. Upon completion of his Ph.D., Prof. Duck served as a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania and held a post-doctoral appointment at Yale University in addition to serving as the associate director of the Yale Urban Ethnography Project where he is currently a Senior Fellow. Prof. Duck has also served as visiting professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and at the Waisman Center, a research clinic dedicated to examining childhood psychopathology. While at the Waisman Center, Prof. Duck was selected as an inaugural Morse Fellow, a research and training fellowship dedicated to examining childhood mental health and developmental disabilities.

His academic areas of interest are urban sociology, inequality (race, class, gender, health and age), qualitative methods, culture, ethnomethodology and ethnography. His research on masculinity, health, crime and violence, and inequality has appeared in the journals *Ethnography*, *Critical Sociology*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *Crime, Law and Social Change* and *African American Studies*.

His forthcoming book, *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing* with the University of Chicago Press, challenges the common misconception of urban ghettos as chaotic places where drug dealing, street crime, and random violence make daily life dangerous for everyone. *No Way Out* explores how neighborhood residents make sense of their lives within severe constraints as they choose among very unrewarding prospects. His second manuscript, *Ethnographies* is under contract with Paradigm Press, examines the history of ethnography in sociological research.

**Andy Rutkowski** is the Geospatial Resources Librarian at UCLA Library. He holds a joint appointment in the Digital Library Program and in Collections, Research, and Instructional Services (CRIS) at Charles E. Young Research Library. Previously he was the Interdisciplinary GIS Library Fellow at the University of Southern California and before that he worked at New York University Libraries as the Reference Associate for Government Documents and Business. He is interested in how GIS applications and methods can be applied to traditional library collections and archives in order to improve discoverability of collections as well as provide richer context and meaning to materials. He is also interested in the role that GIS and mapping can help play in community building and providing spaces for discussion, dialogue, and engagement around a variety of topics and issues.

**Dan Kerr**, the director of American University's public history program, specializes in the fields of community history, oral history, and public history. The projects he has initiated, including the Cleveland Homeless Oral History Project, the Shenandoah Valley Oral History Project, and the Homeless Voices Amplification Cooperative in Washington, DC, have gained inspiration from the traditions of popular education, participatory action research, and people's history. With each project, Kerr seeks to honor the "shared authority" inherent in the oral histories and documents generated throughout the research process.

He has recently published *Derelict Paradise: Homelessness and Urban Development in Cleveland, Ohio* where he offers answers to the question, "Who benefits from homelessness?" The book takes the reader on a sweeping tour of Cleveland's history from the late nineteenth-century through the early twenty-first.

Kerr is currently working on a manuscript addressing the research he has conducted with the Cleveland Homeless Oral History Project and the Homeless Voices Amplification Cooperative. He has interviewed over 200 people experiencing homelessness and has facilitated dozens of workshops and meetings in the shelters, drop-in centers and parks of Cleveland, Ohio and Washington, DC. He addresses aspects of this work in his article, "We Know What the Problem Is," in *Oral History Review*, Winter/Spring 2003.



Through his work, Kerr seeks to explore the relationship between activism, social change, and history. Can the study of history facilitate movement building in community? What does it mean to be an engaged historian?

**Kevin McGruder** is an Assistant Professor of History at Antioch College. His interest in community formation led to a career in community development, and now as an academic, to research interests that include African American institutions, urban history, and gay and lesbian history. He has a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University and an M.B.A. in Real Estate Finance from Columbia University. Before pursuing doctoral studies at City University of New York, McGruder worked for many years in the field of nonprofit community development. Positions included Program Director at Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Director of Real Estate Development with the Abyssinian Development Corporation, and Executive Director of Gay Men of African Descent (in New York City). McGruder's interest in Harlem's history led to two entrepreneurial ventures. From 1990 to 1991 he was owner/manager of Home to Harlem gift shop, and from 2000 to 2008 he was co-owner of Harlemade Style Shop, a store providing Harlem-themed tee shirts, books and other items celebrating Harlem. During the 2011-2012 academic year McGruder was a Scholar in Residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, of the New York Public Library, where he conducted additional research and revised his doctoral dissertation for publication as a book. The result is *Race and Real Estate: Conflict and Cooperation in Harlem, 1890-1920* (Columbia University Press, June 2015).

**Thomas Harvey** is the executive director of ArchCity Defenders. ArchCity Defenders is a nonprofit that strives to prevent and end homelessness among the indigent and working poor in the St. Louis Region by providing holistic legal representation, advocating for policy change, and by bringing impact litigation designed to combat the systemic problems in the justice system. ArchCity Defenders was started in 2009 with the goal to break the cycle of "revolving door justice" in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The organization strives to provide holistic criminal and civil legal services to the homeless and working poor in the St. Louis Region.