

Bring Your Own Idea

## **Segregation by Design**

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### ***Project Description***

Segregation as a consequence of design has been widely debated by scholars from architecture and urban studies to environmental policy and planning. However, this debate has rarely been placed in a historical context where policy leading to segregation is analyzed and seen as a product of the imbalance between social, economic and environmental factors in urban policy over time. Yet, this omission perpetuates ill-informed policy decisions, which entrench racial, cultural, physical and socio-economic segregation. Thus can policy be analyzed through frameworks such as Triple Bottom Line Sustainability to understand the physical manifestation of segregation during growth and decline.

In conjunction with receipt of a Divided City grant for the development of a new seminar, we would like to propose a “bring your own idea” gathering on the topic of Segregation by Design to engage scholars, in particular from Washington University and the partner school Harris-Stowe, in a discussion in order to gain insight from different perspectives and bodies of knowledge from across disciplines. Analyzing segregation through multiple perspectives will help build an understanding of the role of planning and design in promoting segregation considering social, economic and environmental, and therefore the impact of policy on communities. The intent is to develop a comprehensive approach to the study of segregation through debates on planning, policy and sustainability in a series of round tables, which will directly feed into the content of the seminar.

### ***Significance of the project***

While excellent research is currently being conducted on issues of segregation, urban policy and sustainability across the university, these research areas are not always engaging in dialogue and share the unique insights of their perspective and research findings. Racial, cultural, physical and socio-economic segregation develops within cities over time due to a complex interaction of factors. Thus fully understanding these factors requires the context of transdisciplinary collaboration. Sustainable design is a topic particularly suited to a transdisciplinary approach due to the complexity of issues, which it addresses. As an example, while design and planning are often used to study sustainability, historical analysis has seldom been used to evaluate the impact of design and planning decisions on the socio-economic and environmental realms.

Taking advantage of the academic resources in the region, we propose to create a cross-university, cross-discipline environment to respond to the importance of this issue. This “brings your own idea” gathering will offer scholars the opportunity to discuss a critical topic that necessitates interdisciplinary engagement. We hope that this gathering will not only connect faculty that may participate in the Divided City seminar and enrich the content and direction of the seminar, but also set the groundwork for collaborative research and projects that engage with and build a relationship with the surrounding communities of St. Louis. Finally, our hope is that this gathering will provide an opportunity for colleagues to engage shared research interests that will lead to future research and funding.

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### ***Preferred Format:***

We propose a series of lunch roundtables to enable discussion among the participants, unique opportunities for learning and professional exchange that may serve as foundation for future research, funding and teaching collaborations.

A series of 15 minutes of targeted questions to the participants, followed by 30 minutes of debate and feedback, as a way to provoke an in-depth discussion on particular topics.

The number of participants will be limited to 10 to 12 per session, which will be selected from this list according to the particular topic proposed for discussion.

### ***Potential Faculty Participants:***

Name	School	Department/Division
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS		
Henry Steven Webber		Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of the Center for Research Technology and Entrepreneurial Exchange Professor of Practice, Brown School of Social work
Jean Allman	Arts & Science	Director, Center for the Humanities Professor with appointments in African and African American Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Gerald L. Early	Arts & Science	Director, Center for the Humanities Professor, Department of English
Rebecca Wanzo	Arts & Science	Associate Director, Center for Humanities Associate Professor, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Carol Camp Yeakey	Arts & Science	Founding Director, Center on Urban Research & Public Policy Founding Director, Interdisciplinary Program in Urban Studies Professor with appointments in Urban Studies, Education, International & Area Studies, American Culture Studies
Rafia Zafar	Arts & Science	Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusiveness in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Director of the Chancellor's Fellowship Program
Iver Bernstein	Arts & Science	Director, American Culture Studies Professor with appointments in History, African and African American Studies, American Culture Studies, American Culture Studies Program
Timothy Parsons	Arts & Science	Director, International and Area Studies Program Professor, with appointments in History, African and African

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### American Studies

Clarissa R. Hayward	Arts & Science	Director of Graduate Studies, American Culture Program Professor, with appointments in Political Science, Philosophy, and Urban Studies
Maire A Murphy	Arts & Science	Academic Coordinator American Culture
Margaret Garb	Arts & Science	Associate Professor, Department of History
Bruce Lindsey	Sam Fox School	Dean, College of Architecture/Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design
Molly Metzger	Brown School	Assistant Professor
Jason Purnell	Brown School	Assistant Professor
Aaron Hipp	Brown School	Assistant Professor
Eric Mumford	Sam Fox School	Professor, Architecture
Bob Hansman	Sam Fox School	Associate Professor, Architecture
Pablo Moyano	Sam Fox School	Lecturer Architecture
Eric Zencey	Sam Fox School	Lecturer Architecture
Arye Nehorai	School of Eng.	Chair of the Preston M. Green Department of Electrical & Systems Engineering
Michael Allen	University College	University College Coordinator
Kristine R. Smith	University College	Adjunct Instructor

### HARRIS-STOWE UNIVERSITY

Dwaun Warmack	Administration	President of the University
Reynaldo Anderson	Arts and Sciences Studies	Associate Professor, Communications and African-American Studies
Sudarsan Kant	Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor, Political Science
Gary Higgs	Arts and Sciences Systems	Assistant Professor, Geography and Geographic Information
Carla Allen	Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
Aldolphus Hardy	Arts and Sciences	Instructor, Criminal Justice

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John David Kerr      School of Business      Assistant Professor

## OTHER REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES

Sarah Coffin      SLU      Associate Professor, Urban Planning

Todd Swanstrom      UMSL      Director of Community Builders Network  
Professor, Political Science

Mark Tranel      UMSL      Director of the Public Policy Research Center

Terry Jones      UMSL      Professor, Political Science

Priscilla Dowden      UMSL      Professor, History and African-American Studies

Andrew Theising      SIUE      Professor, Political Science

## NON-ACADEMIC

Terry Kennedy      Alderman, City of St. Louis

John Posey      Director of Research, East-West Gateway Council of Governments

Dara Eskridge      Senior Planner, St. Louis County

Rosalyn Williams      Director of Planning (retired), City of Ferguson

Nancy Rice      Better Together

Sandra Moore      President Urban Strategies

Jasmine Aber      Creative Exchange Lab, Director