



LARCH 361

WINTER 2025

# HUMAN EXPERIENCE OF PLACE

**3 CREDITS**

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY  
10:00-11:20AM**

**LYNNE C. MANZO, PhD**  
Environmental Psychologist

Open to all majors.  
Fulfills A&H/SSc, BLA major  
and UED minor requirements

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This class, taught by an environmental psychologist, examines a range of people-place relationships and placemaking efforts using the lens of the social sciences (psychology, geography, anthropology and sociology) and the design disciplines (landscape architecture, architecture and urban planning). Topics include **place attachments, relationships to nature, climate justice & adaptation, urban change & displacement, grassroots community development, the politics of public space and design justice.**

Through lectures, in-class activities, writing reflections and exercises, this course will help you to think more critically about the physical world around you and the factors that contribute to the human experience of place - on both an individual and communal level.



LARCH 561

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MLA students

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Dimensions of Design Selective

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As a graduate level seminar, this course is focused on dialogic learning and cultivating reflexive and equitable practice.