

Event Schedule - Day 1

Thursday, February 24th, 2022 | 12 pm - 2:30 pm

Improving the Built Environment, Improving the Health of People

Panel 1 : 12:00 - 1:00 pm

UPPSA presents a panel whose multidisciplinary approach and expertise on the built environment is set to explore emerging new responsibilities planners and urbanists have in the public health domain. The intersections in planning and public health are especially pressing in the wake of Covid-19, and in the roles we must take to promote not only equitable and thriving communities, but healthy ones as well. Our panelists will bring historical insights and knowledge to guide how the lessons of the past can continue to inform how cities can be shaped for longevity and people's well-being.

Organized by Urban Planning & Policy Student Association (UPPSA)

Panelists:

Julia Gerasimenko, Active Transportation Alliance

Stephanie Phillips, AICP, City of San Antonio

Lindsey Realmuto, MPH, Graduate Research Assistant, PhD Student, UPP, University of Illinois - Chicago

Kyle Shelton, University of Minnesota Center for Transportation

1:00 - 1:30 pm Break

Engaging Our Comunidades

Panel 2: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

As the primary contributor to our region's population growth, and a lasting economic and social force, the Chicago region's Latino/a/x population is a group that any effective planner and decision maker must reckon with. Yet despite their significant role in the region, this diverse community continues to face significant health, financial, and political disparities. Join our panelists as they share their advocacy work within the Latino/a/x population, and some of the key strategies they've developed to engage our comunidades and bridge some of the inequities they face.

Organized by Latino Planning Organization for Development, Education & Regeneration (LPODER)

Panelists:

Cynthia Brito, PhD, Community Development, University of Illinois - Chicago

Edgar Gonzalez Jr., Illinois State Representative, 21st District

Yaritza Guillen, NeighborSpace

Event Schedule - Day 2

Thursday, February 25th, 2022 | 12 pm - 2:30 pm

Built by Women: Reclaiming Spaces

Panel 3: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

WPPA presents a panel that focuses on reframing and reclaiming public spaces. We will explore how to build community cohesion and how cities can transform by striving for gender equity.

Organized by Women in Planning & Public Affairs (WPPA)

Panelists:

Paola Aguirre, Borderless Studio

Tonika Johnson, Englewood Arts Collective & RAGE; Creator of The Folded Map Project

Audrey Wennink, Metropolitan Planning Council

1:00 - 1:30 pm Break

Building Solidarity Economy

Panel 4: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

What is a Solidarity Economy? It is an economy that embodies the values of economic and social justice, diversity, cooperation, self-management, and ecological sustainability. The Solidarity Economy is a global movement to build a just and sustainable economy where we prioritize people and the planet over endless profit and growth. Join the Society of Black Urban Planners for a roundtable discussion on solidarity economies and its potential in “reshaping the normal.” The goal of the discussion is to derive strategies for building more just, democratic, and resilient communities while navigating preexisting systemic issues and the COVID 19 pandemic. Our invited panelists will share values, strategies, and experiences that align within the emerging Solidarity Economy movement.

Organized by Society for Black Urban Planners (SBUP)

Panelists:

Asiaha Butler, Resident Association of Greater Englewood (RAGE)

Renee Hatcher, Community Enterprise and Solidarity Economy Law Clinic

Gené Moreno, Turner Group Consulting (TGC) & Chicago Rehab

Nneka Onwuzurike, 929 Consulting Group