Explore D.C.

EDCI 688 X & 488 X : Teaching about good place-making: What is it? Why does it matter? (3 credits)

Summer Session I a:  
Tuesday sessions online*  
Saturdays (10 am – 6 pm)  
at various locations in D.C.

* online hours asynchronous

With its historic neighborhoods, transformed urban spaces and public monuments, D.C. offers an ideal backdrop for considering the concept and practice of good place-making. Join us as we explore the city while pondering a range of issues related to the relationships between people and the places in which we live. Through a series of city-based field trips and conversations with experts from various fields, we will examine a variety of issues: What makes a place worth living in? How do we educate ourselves and others about the importance of the built environment? What role does public art play in the creation of public space? How do places impede or encourage community building and civic identity?

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“The culture of good place-making, like the culture of farming, or agriculture, is a body of knowledge and acquired skills. It is not bred in the bone, and if it is not transmitted from one generation to the next, it is lost.”  
~Howard Kunstler, The Geography of Nowhere