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TOWARD THE HEALTHY CITY: PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THE POLITICS OF URBAN PLANNING

LECTURE BY

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*In his lecture, Jason Corburn will discuss the concepts presented in his latest book, *Toward the Healthy City*. In distressed neighborhoods, where residential segregation concentrates poverty, liquor stores outnumber supermarkets, toxic sites are next to playgrounds, and more money is spent on incarceration than schools, residents also suffer disproportionately from disease and premature death. Recognizing that city environments and the planning processes that shape them are powerful determinants of population health, urban planners are beginning to take on the added challenge of revitalizing neglected urban neighborhoods in ways that improve health and promote greater equity. Professor Corburn argues that city planning must return to its roots in public health and social justice, and provides a detailed account of how city planning and public health practices can reconnect to*

address health disparities. His work offers a new decision-making framework called “healthy city planning” that reframes traditional planning and development issues and offers a new scientific evidence base for participatory action, coalition building, and ongoing monitoring to promote healthy places.

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Lecture: 7-8:30 pm

University Club

Dining Room

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