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This seminar undertakes a wide-ranging consideration of the city—its history, functions, problems, and glories. Sessions are devoted to urban cultural and social history, and to the meaning of physical form and landscape of both American and worldwide cities. The heterogeneous nature of the seminar's membership is reflected in the variety of subjects that the meetings address.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

October 27	*Self-Help Housing: Incremental Approaches to Shelter Since 1965* **Cassim Shepard**, The City College of New York, City University of New York
November 5	*Constructing Community by Association: Registered Community Organizations and New Development in an Old Neighborhood in Philadelphia* **Aaron Passell**, Barnard College
February 17	*Road to Nowhere: How a Highway Map Wrecked Baltimore* **Emily Lieb**, Historian and Writer
March 5	Joint meeting with (503) *Displacement and Infrastructure Provision: Evidence from the Interstate Highway System* **Pablo Valenzuela-Casasempere**, Yale University
April 15	*A Reputation Restored: New York City Mayor William O'Dwyer and the Failure of History* **Chris McNickle**, Historian

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