

World Cities: A Personal and Virtual Exploration

This urban geography presentation will include the historical contexts and modern layouts of several world cities. Topics will include the reasons for city formation (e.g. defense, food storage, etc.) and changing urban patterns (e.g. grid street pattern, organic growth, etc.). We'll cover the urban landscapes of imperial London, arrondissements of Paris, street markets in Vienna, canals of Venice, artistic Florence, ruins of Rome, unique architecture of Barcelona, nightlife in Madrid, post-Apartheid Johannesburg, and scenic Cape Town. Also, personal photos and stories from each world city will have a virtual reality enhancement—an immersive way to view cities from above and the streets.



Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hybrid class: Online through **Yuja** and In-person at Tallent Hall, Room 201



ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Dr. Kenneth French is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Dr. French earned a PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2008 with a dissertation on Patterns and Consequences of Segregation: An Analysis of Ethnic Residential Segregation at Two Geographic Scales. As an Urban Geographer, his research interests pertain to transportation networks, ethnic residential segregation, ethnic enclaves, electoral geography, and the geography of rap music. His wide variety of classes taught include Race and Ethnicity in America, World-Regional Geography, GIS and Land Use Planning, Geography of Transportation, and Urban Geography.

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