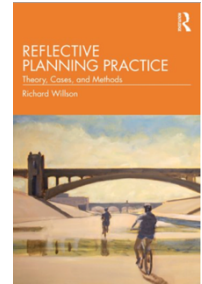


Workshops on Reflective Practice in the ENV Professions

Spring 2021 ENV Professional Development Workshops

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Offered by Dr. Richard Willson FAICP, Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning



Practicing according to a single theory or framework is difficult in the ENV professions. The availability of multiple approaches in each ENV discipline makes things complicated. Clients, decision-makers, and community members have their own goals and aspirations that do not neatly line up. As well, ENV professionals have personal commitments about their craft, their mission, and may ascribe to a professional ethics code. Moreover, the dynamic setting of COVID-19 recovery, renewed attention to racial justice, and the imperative of environmental regeneration makes a static practice approach problematic.

Rather than standing on the “high ground” of analytic or creative certainty, ENV professionals work in the “lowlands” where things are messy. Reflective abilities make the transition from school to work easier, helping graduates navigate the complex territory of professional practice.

The one-hour workshop will kick-start reflective processes necessary for professional practice. The workshop includes presentation of a reflective framework, examples of how ENV professionals engage in reflective practice, and an opportunity to discuss the practical judgments that are required of ENV professionals.

A secondary goal of the workshop is to promote conversations among student in ENV departments and the Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies. By talking with your fellow ENV students now, you'll be more prepared to work in multidisciplinary professional teams.

Workshop details

- Presentation by Dr. Richard Willson FAICP on reflective professional practice. The presentation draws on his book, *Reflective Planning Practice: Theory, Cases and Methods* – 20 minutes
- Break-out groups discuss example practical judgments in each discipline, mixing students from each ENV program in each group – 20 minutes
- Report-backs on insights gained and ways that ENV can continue cross-departmental conversations about professional practice– 20 minutes

Who should attend?

Any ENV student, graduate or undergraduate, who wants to prepare for professional practice. ENV faculty and administrators are invited to join the conversation as well.

Dates (Choose a date that best fits your schedule)

Thursdays, Noon - 1 p.m. | February 25, March 4, March 18, and April 8

Zoom: <https://cpp.zoom.us/j/83902336832> (Meeting ID: 839 0233 6832)

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