

A CUE Seminar Talk

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EXPERIENCING NATURE and HAPPINESS in WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

A mixed-method study of the relationship of urban green space to well-being

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 12-2pm in the DV UTM Room (lunch will be provided)

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Dr. Megan Maurer is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Earth Institute at Columbia University. A cultural anthropologist by training, her research broadly concerns the relationships between people and plants in the city. She is currently working on two active projects. The first, "Experiencing Nature and Happiness in Washington Square Park" investigates the relationship between connectedness to nature and subjective well-being in urban green spaces. The second, "Trees of Interest: An Ethnography of NYC Street Trees," examines the roles of street trees and residents' relationships to them within the socioecological production of New York City, and how framing street trees as green infrastructure is reshaping these roles. Her manuscript, "Nourishing Environments, Caring Cities: Gardening and the Social Reproduction of the Urban Environment in Deindustrial Michigan," is forthcoming in the journal *City & Society*.



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