

UCSUR's Brown Bag Speakers' Series Presents...

Aging in Place: An Exploration of Built Environment Challenges in the Rust Belt

**Beverly McLean, Research Professor at the School of Architecture and Planning,
University at Buffalo, State University of New York**

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3343 Forbes Ave, UCSUR's 1st Floor Conference Room



Beverly McLean is a research professor with the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. Her recent research activities focus on sustainable, healthy neighborhood development, community crime prevention, and business development strategies in distressed neighborhoods. A particular emphasis of this research was exploration of three emerging paradigms for older adult housing—age-integrated neighborhoods, naturally-occurring retirement communities, and the age-restricted retirement community.

While at the Center for Urban Studies at University at Buffalo, she laid the framework for exploring the impacts of the neighborhood built environment on potential health outcomes of community residents through the study of health status of African-Americans in Near East Side Buffalo. She also worked with the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA)'s Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Universal Design and the Built Environment to explore the impacts of an older adult housing project on well-being of older adults in a distressed first-ring suburb. She continues the exploration of neighborhood inequities through the preparation of the regional fair housing and equity assessment for the HUD-funded One Region Forward Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.