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Seminar: Space and Place in America

This seminar considers the ways that Americans locate themselves in space. What does it mean to be from somewhere? How does one establish and maintain a sense of place? When and under what circumstances does that sense change? What are the consequences? We will examine the interplay of localism, regionalism, cosmopolitanism, and globalism in American life over the last two centuries. Topics will range from nineteenth-century dialect humor to twentieth-century Las Vegas architecture, from the mythic West to cyberspace, and from the European Grand Tour to the drive-through restaurant.