Suburban America examines the history, culture and problems associated with suburban development in North America beginning in the nineteenth century and leading up to present day. The course takes an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the growing phenomenon of suburban sprawl and the emergence of consumerism, consumption and material culture. Expect to examine the suburban American landscape from a planning perspective including actual field exercises and to examine how suburban life is represented in print and media paying special attention to issues of race, class, gender, sexuality and socioeconomic status. The course will rely heavily on historic examples of suburban development such as Levittown and Radburn and may include one off-site field trip.