



2021 Western Places | Western Spaces Conference Bouncing Forward: Building Thriving, Healthy & Equitable Communities

Over the last year, we have seen a world of change with a global pandemic that disrupted economies and re-ordered our notions about how and where to work and live. At the same time, the impacts of climate change are increasingly evident in the ferocity of our wildfire seasons and extreme weather events. And the inequities in our society—highlighted in the disproportionate impacts of COVID across communities—have become impossible to ignore.

We don't want to "bounce back" to business-as-usual. Instead, the focus for RMLUI's 30th Western Places | Western Spaces conference will be on how to **bounce forward** and build communities that are thriving, healthy, equitable places for both people and nature. Through design, planning, and other creative approaches, we will look at how our built environment contributes to health, wellness, and economic vitality, while also reducing our impact on climate change.

| Virtual

The conference will be virtual this year, taking place every Friday during the month of March and featuring sixteen substantive panel discussions on a variety of hot topics related to land use and real estate in the post-COVID world. Most sessions will be held live so you can still interact with our expert panelists, but we'll also have some on-demand videos.

| Conference Highlights



2021 Keynote: Julian Agyeman Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Julian Agyeman is a Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University. He is the originator of the increasingly influential concept of just sustainabilities, the intentional integration of social justice and environmental sustainability.

He believes that what our cities can become (sustainable, smart, sharing and resilient) and who is allowed to belong in them (recognition of difference, diversity, and a right to the city) are fundamentally and inextricably interlinked. We must therefore act on both belonging and becoming, together, using just sustainabilities as the anchor, or face deepening spatial and social inequities and inequalities.

For a full biography please visit: <https://julianagyeman.com>

Key Dates

Thursday, March 4

Welcome
Keynote: Just Sustainabilities in Policy, Planning & Practice
Ethics Sessions

Friday, March 5

Conference Sessions

Friday, March 12

Conference Sessions

Friday, March 19

Conference Sessions

Thursday, March 25

Housing Affordability & Zoning Workshop

Friday, March 26

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Housing Affordability & Zoning Workshop Thursday, March 25, 2021

This practice-focused workshop will consider the causes and effects of the current housing affordability crisis in Colorado (and elsewhere), will examine the role of zoning in limiting the development of affordable forms of housing, and will consider legal and policy reforms that can help remove barriers and increase the availability of workforce and “missing middle” housing.

Continuing Education Credits

We will be providing continuing education credits for planners and lawyers. We anticipate offering between 12 and 15 credits for the conference, and 4 to 5 credits for the workshop. In addition, we will be offering ethics courses for planners and lawyers on Thursday, March 4.

| Learn More

The [Western Places | Western Spaces event website](#) includes information about the conference, program, speakers, and our sponsors. Visit now to learn more and to register.

Register for the conference at this link: [RMLUI Conference Registration](#)

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