



LARCH 498 | Landscape Literacy

Summer 2021 - 3 Credit Seminar

Monday/Wednesday

10:20 - 11:50 am

It is crucial for planners and designers to engage site users through design allowing them to form meaningful connections with the land. In this advanced seminar, we will study lenses of **ecological literacy**, **ecological placemaking**, and **environmental storytelling** and delve into strategies for effectively incorporating them into design. Through readings, research, and discussion, we will: a) discover educational opportunities, personal connections, and stories that landscapes tell us, b) identify designed landscapes that reveal past histories, present conditions, and future possibilities, and c) explore approaches used to encourage landscape literacy and demonstrate ways to promote it within our own designs.

“landscape literacy is a cultural practice that entails both understanding the world and transforming it”

**- Anne Whiston Spirn,
From *Landscape Literacy and Design for Ecological
Democracy***