

# BRAVE NEW WORKPLACE

MPA Elective

Spring, 2016

## Course Overview



**THIS ELECTIVE** examines working, and workplaces, from a design thinking perspective, investigating the future of work and how workplace design reflects, reifies, and influences how we work. Central to our investigation is how to best design (brave new) workplaces that enable work that matters. This elective is linked with the Winter 2016 MPA elective Design Thinking for Public Service, and students are best served, although not required to, complete both courses. Like Design Thinking, Brave New Workplace is field based and project centered; work culminates in a workplace design project.

This is an unusually organized elective. First, it taught in collaboration with Rob Knapp and Helena Meyer-Knapp, and in conjunction with their undergraduate program, [Sustainable Work and Workplaces](#). We meet together sharing most, but not all, curriculum and activities.

Second, this elective meets on an unusual schedule: Tuesdays (March 29, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24) from 6-10pm; Friday, (May 6) from 1-5 pm; and Saturdays (April 23 and May 21) from 9am-5pm. A draft overview of the curriculum is on the second page of this overview.

This course is applicable for students interested in innovative management practices and human resources management.

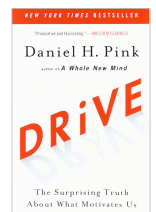
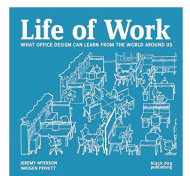
### OUR TEXTS ARE:

- Myers, Jeremy & Emily Gee (2014). [Time and Motion: Redefining Working Life](#). Liverpool University Press. ISBN 978-1-84631-966-2 (~\$20.00)
- Myerson, Jeremy & Imogen Privett (2015). [Life of Work: What Office Design Can Learn from the World Around Us](#). Black Dog Publishing. ISBN 978-1-908966-78-0 (~\$25.00)
- Pink, Daniel (2011). [Drive: The Surprising Truth about what Motivates Us](#). Riverhead Books. ISBN-13: 978-1594484803 (~\$16.00)
- Van Meel, Juriaan, Yuri Martens & Hermen Jan Van Ree (2010). [Planning Office Spaces: A Practical Guide for Managers and Designers](#). Laurence King Publishing. ISBN-13: 978-1856696982 (~\$15.00)

**ASSIGNMENTS:** “Ideal Design” workshops, seminar and reflective papers, individual and group workplace design proposal.

**MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Cheryl Simrell King ([kingcs@evergreen.edu](mailto:kingcs@evergreen.edu)).



# DRAFT COURSE OVERVIEW:

	Topic	Activities	Reading
<b>Week 1</b> Tuesday, March 29 6-10pm	Introduction/Grounding/Contextualizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shared Lecture with Sustainable Work and Workplaces: 6-8pm</li> <li>✓ Seminar: 8:15-10pm</li> </ul>	✓ <i>Time and Motion: Redefining Working Life</i>
<b>Week 3</b> Tuesday, April 12 6-10pm	Case Studies of Workplace Design  <b>Guest:</b> Joanna Eley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shared Lecture with Sustainable Work and Workplaces: 6-8pm</li> <li>✓ Seminar: 8:15-10pm</li> </ul>	✓ <i>Life of Work: What Office Design Can Learn from the World Around Us</i>
<b>Week 4</b> Saturday, April 23 9am-5pm	Work, Workplaces & Design/Making Skill Building  <b>Guest Panel:</b> Doing Workplace Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Skill Building/Ideal Design Workshop(s)</li> <li>✓ Project work</li> <li>✓ Seminar</li> </ul>	✓ <i>Planning Office Spaces: A Practical Guide for Managers and Designers</i>
<b>Week 5</b> Tuesday, April 26 6-10pm	Mistakes and Corrections: What Drives Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shared Lecture with Sustainable Work and Workplaces: 6-8pm</li> <li>✓ Seminar/Project Work: 8:15-10pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <i>Drive: The Surprising Truth about what Motivates Us</i></li> <li>✓ Reading posted to Canvas, TBA</li> </ul>
<b>Week 6</b> Friday, May 6 1-5pm	Workplaces Tour	✓ Field Trip	
<b>Week 7</b> Tuesday, May 10 6-10pm	Innovations on the Horizon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shared Lecture with Sustainable Work and Workplaces: 6-8pm</li> <li>✓ Seminar/Project Work: 8:15-10pm</li> </ul>	✓ Readings posted to Canvas, TBA
<b>Week 8</b> Saturday, May 21 9am-5pm	Workplace design project work and presentations	✓ Workplace design project work and presentations	
<b>Week 9</b> Tuesday May 24 6-10pm	Academic Advising workplace design project presentation (Sustainable Work and Workplaces)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Presentation: 6-8pm</li> <li>✓ Course Wrap Up: 8:15-10pm</li> </ul>	