



**252 (01, 51353) – The Changing Environment**

**Day/Time:** Tuesday & Thursday – 10:45 – 12:00 PM

**Building/Room:** Powdermaker Hall 253

**Instructor:** Natalie Vena

**252 (02, 51356) – The Changing Environment**

**Day/Time:** Monday – 6:30 – 9:20 PM

**Building/Room:** Kiely Hall 419

**Instructor:** Natalie Vena

**Course Description:** In this course, we will analyze the law and policy of ongoing environmental problems in American cities, including: equitable access to public space, climate change adaptation, and routine decisions to locate environmental hazards in under-resourced communities. Our case studies will take us from Chicago to New Orleans, Central Park to Willets Point. Throughout the semester, we will pay close attention to matters of environmental justice, in part by examining the extent to which otherwise marginalized city-dwellers participate in environmental decision-making. We will also consider how urban laws and policies shape the natural world, and in turn, the extent to which nature determines the destiny of cities.