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A broadly trained human-environment geographer, Newell’s research focuses on questions related to urban sustainability, resource consumption, and environmental and social justice. Newell’s current research can be divided into two primary areas of interest: Urban Infrastructure and Form and Urban Consumption and Commodities. His research approach is often multi-scalar and integrative and, in addition to theory and method found in geography and urban planning, he draws upon principles and tools of industrial ecology, and spatial analysis.

In this talk, Newell will use a political-industrial ecology approach to more fully delineate the urban water supply metabolism of Los Angeles, which sprawls for thousands of miles across the American West. He will reflect on the potential of the urban metabolism concept to provide an interdisciplinary architecture for the fields of urban ecology, political ecology, and industrial ecology.

Lunch will be provided.