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# Driving Detroit: The Quest for Respect in the Motor City



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**Noon-1:30 pm**

**William Pitt Student Union, Lower Lounge  
4200 Fifth Ave**

Please join us as George Galster discusses his book *Driving Detroit* and Detroit's bankruptcy crisis:

*"For most of the twentieth century, Detroit was a symbol of American industrial might, a place of entrepreneurial and technical ingenuity where the latest consumer inventions were made available to everyone through the genius of mass production. Today, Detroit is better known for its dwindling population, moribund automobile industry, and alarmingly high murder rate. In *Driving Detroit*, author George Galster, a fifth-generation Detroiter and internationally known urbanist, sets out to understand how the city has come to represent both the best and worst of what cities can be, all within the span of a half century." (University of Pennsylvania Press).*

**George Galster, Ph.D.** is the Clarence B. Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from M.I.T. with undergraduate degrees from Wittenberg and Case Western Reserve. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed articles and 30 book chapters on topics ranging from metropolitan housing markets, racial discrimination and segregation, neighborhood dynamics, residential reinvestment, community lending and insurance patterns, neighborhood effects, and urban poverty, and has authored, co-authored, and edited eight books. Dr. Galster also provides a wealth of experience in academic, governmental, non-profit, and for-profit circles, and has held positions at the Universities of: Harvard, Berkeley, and North Carolina among others. He served as Director of Housing Research at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC before coming to Wayne State in 1996.

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