



American Planning Association
Michigan Chapter

Making Great Communities Happen

MAP Reads Book Group

Wednesday June 28, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Tech Town, Wayne State University Integrative Biosciences Center at 6135 Woodward Avenue.

Adjacent to the Amsterdam QLine stop.

(The façade facing Woodward is mostly glass painted with birch trees, you can't miss it.)

Parking: The on-site lot will be closed, but all of the street parking around the building, including Cass, is not metered.

Our June title is ***Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age***, a 2004 book by historian [Kevin Boyle](#). The book chronicles racism in Detroit during the 1920s Jazz Age through the lens of Ossian Sweet, a grandson of a slave who becomes a doctor and eventually moves from the ghetto to an all-white middle-class neighborhood. When racist whites attack and invade Sweet's home, a white man is killed. Sweet and his family are persecuted by the legal system, leading to the deaths of members of Sweet's family and the destruction of Sweet's career as a physician.

The book won the 2004 [National Book Award for Nonfiction](#).

<https://www.amazon.com/Arc-Justice-Civil-Rights-Murder/dp/0805079335>

Thursday August 24, 2017

from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place TBD

Our August title is ***Evicted*** by Matthew Desmond. This Pulitzer Prize winning book is a deeply humanizing and empathetic book about poverty which has had an enormous impact on housing experts and planners. Detroit based housing leaders will join us for a robust conversation.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/books/review/matthew-desmonds-evicted-poverty-and-profit-in-the-american-city.html>