This course looks at the problems of the older and historic neighborhoods of U.S. cities. In particular, it will focus on the Broadway-Slavic Village and Tremont neighborhoods of Cleveland. Both are evolving from their past as largely residential areas populated by European immigrants working in the industrial valley. They have had to face numerous challenges in the efforts of community organizations to promote their revitalization. Students will visit these two neighborhoods, meet with community leaders, and research current issues facing these neighborhoods. Part of the class time will be devoted to field research.

Professor Keating teaches courses on urban planning and neighborhood development. He recently co-authored an article about the long-term impact of community development corporations—Slavic Village Development and Tremont West Development — on the two Cleveland neighborhoods which will be studied in this class.