Putting personality in its place: The expression of personality in everyday life

How are we connected to the spaces in which we live and work? How do our living rooms, bedrooms, offices, music collections, and Facebook profiles reflect what we are like and, more fundamentally, who we are? We are so tightly bound to our living and work spaces that many of the connections linking people and places go unnoticed. But the connections between people and spaces they occupy are pervasive and powerful. The present talk will examine how people manipulate and select their environments to reflect and express their attitudes, values, traits, and emotions. I will focus on places that range in scale from the individual rooms of a house or a classroom to larger-scale spaces such as neighborhoods and geographic regions. Together, these studies of physical, aural, and virtual environments illuminate the intimate bonds between people the worlds they craft around themselves and underscore the importance of considering individuals within the contexts of their everyday lives.