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## **Robert Gioielli on "Hard Asphalt and Heavy Metals"**

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Robert Gioielli is a historian of modern America with a specific interest in how the perception and experience of the urban environment has shaped social movements, politics and policy. He received his PhD from the University of Cincinnati in 2008, and has taught previously at Towson University in Towson, Maryland. While at the Carson Center he was working on a manuscript entitled "Hard Asphalt and Heavy Metals: An Environmental History of the Urban Crisis." This project explores how the experience of living in decaying urban environments was the catalyst for a significant amount of activism in American cities, and how this activism was an important connection between environmentalism and other postwar social movements.



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