## Architecture Program Report (APR)

**2020 Conditions for Accreditation**

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**Submission Requirements:**

- The APR must be submitted as one PDF document, with supporting materials
- The APR must not exceed 20 MB and 150 pages
- The APR template document shall not be reformatted
Progress Since the Previous Visit

Progress since the Previous Visit (limit 5 pages)

In this Introduction to the APR, the program must document all actions taken since the previous visit to address Conditions Not Met and Causes of Concern cited in the most recent VTR.

The APR must include the exact text quoted from the previous VTR, as well as the summary of activities.

The Conditions Not Met listed in the 2013 NAAB Visiting Team Report are:

- **Long Range Planning.** “Despite the current strengths and admirable legacy of the program, the team could not find evidence of requisite long-range planning strategies and processes by which the program identifies its objectives for continuous improvement. Planning appears to occur ad hoc and at the discretion of a few key individuals. Given the lack of a broadly informed and clearly organized process for planning and implementation, the strengths and assets of the existing program are at risk of loss when the current leadership is transferred.”

- **Professional Degrees and Curriculum.** “The YSoA MArch II program has no plan to change the post-professional degree program’s title, which conflicts with future NAAB criteria to have all schools retitle their nonaccredited programs. The school has ignored this requirement, which is a cause of concern.”

Program Response

I. Upon becoming Dean in 2017, Deborah Berke initiated a year-long strategic planning process (link to 5.2.1) that redefined the school’s mission and articulated a set of guiding principles. This effort in turn led to a comprehensive assessment and redesign of the school’s curriculum in 2018-2019. The strategic plan is considered to be a living document and was reassessed and updated in Spring 2021 in order to better reflect the ongoing growth and evolution of the YSoA community. Further information on the impact of the strategic planning process and the mission and guiding principles it lays out is provided in this report.

II. The School of Architecture, in consultation with our peer institutions, has carefully considered the option of renaming the Post-Professional Master of Architecture degree, which is non-accredited. This program attracts talented students from around the world who wish to enhance their design training at Yale, and potentially teach in the future. As such, the name of the degree and its identity and history are crucial characteristics of the program itself and there are no immediate plans to change it. Our communications to potential students and the public at large clearly indicates that the Post-Professional program results in a non-accredited degree, and further we have instructed the University Registrar to place the following language clearly at the top of each transcript issued for our Post-Professional students:

> The Master of Architecture degree described on this transcript is not accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) and does not fulfill the education requirement for licensure in those jurisdictions adhering to the requirements established by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

We believe this language addresses the potential confusion on the part of licensing authorities about the Post-Professional MArch degree while allowing Yale to continue to grant the degree under its current name. Finally, as we are currently examining the possibility of adding other post-professional degrees to our portfolio, we will re-examine this question further, in consultation with the President and Board of Trustees of the University, with whom the ultimate authority for degree nomenclature lies.

Program Changes

Further, if the Accreditation Conditions have changed since the previous visit, the APR must include a brief description of changes made to the program as a result of changes in the Conditions.

*This section is limited to 5 pages, total.*

The changes made to the program since the last accreditation in 2013 are numerous and described throughout this report. Changes made in response to the revised 2020 Conditions for Accreditation include the school’s Learning and Teaching Policy. Issued in Spring 2021, the new policy is intended to codify and strengthen the school’s culture and enable students, faculty and staff to collectively fulfill Yale School of Architecture’s mission. The policy highlights values critical to the culture of the school and shared by students, faculty and staff.

The emphasis on self-assessment in the 2020 Conditions added urgency to a number of initiatives already planned for Spring 2021. These included a survey of alumni focused on post-graduation career development; a culture survey of students, faculty and staff; and the strategic plan update.

The Yale School of Architecture will return to fully in-person operations for the 2021-2022 academic year. For information on how the school adapted to the global pandemic in 2020 and 2021, see the Statement on Covid-Related Operations in the Appendix.
Condition 1:

**Context and Mission**

- Setting within Yale University
- Mission of the University
- Mission of the School of Architecture
- Interaction between YSoA and the University at Multiple Levels
- Conclusion: Deans Statement
Context and Mission

To help the NAAB and the visiting team understand the specific circumstances of the school, the program must describe the following:

The institutional context and geographic setting (public or private, urban or rural, size, etc.), and how the program’s mission and culture influence its architecture pedagogy and impact its development. Programs that exist within a larger educational institution must also describe the mission of the college or university and how that shapes or influences the program.

Program must specify their delivery format (virtual/on-campus).

Setting Within Yale University

Yale University is a global center for research and scholarship, comprising an undergraduate college, a robust Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and twelve professional schools. In addition to architecture, these include schools of art, drama, and music; medicine, public health, and nursing; law, management, engineering, divinity, and the environment. The School of Architecture is an independent professional school with equal standing to the other twelve graduate and professional schools within the university.

Mission of the University

The University’s Mission Statement declares: “Yale is committed to improving the world today and for future generations through outstanding research and scholarship, education, preservation, and practice. Yale educates aspiring leaders worldwide who serve all sectors of society. We carry out this mission through the free exchange of ideas in an ethical, interdependent, and diverse community of faculty, staff, students, and alumni.”

Yale’s reach is both local and international. It partners with its hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, to strengthen the city’s community and economy. And it engages with people and institutions across the globe in the quest to promote cultural understanding, improve the human condition, delve more deeply into the secrets of the universe, and train the next generation of world leaders.

The University’s mission statement is reviewed periodically by the Institutional Policy Committee of the Yale Corporation, in order to ensure its accuracy and completeness in a changing University climate.

Mission of the School of Architecture

The mission of the Yale School of Architecture is to educate architects, scholars, teachers, and leaders who will shape the future through design. Our collective vision is of a world in which architecture matters, and of architecture in which the world matters.

Guiding Principles:

Upon becoming dean in 2017, Deborah Berke initiated a year-long strategic planning process that redefined the school’s mission as stated above and articulated a new set of guiding principles.

The work of the Yale School of Architecture engages a broad spectrum of architectural concerns, from the details of construction to the future of the discipline, explored within an intellectual culture founded on teaching, research and outreach. In all things, we are guided by the following core principles.

We foster creativity and innovation, stretching our modes of study by drawing upon the scholarly ethos of the larger University in which we are situated.

We commit to a culture of collaboration and inclusion that actively seeks many perspectives and backgrounds and integrates architecture with other disciplines.

We act on our intellectual curiosity and spirit of inquiry to explore, research, and experiment and to solve real design challenges.

We engage with the world beyond the academy to create an ethical, relevant architecture that supports a sustainable, resilient planet for all.
YSOA's role in the University Community

The program’s role in and relationship to its academic context and university community, including how the program benefits—and benefits from—its institutional setting and how the program as a unit and/or its individual faculty members participate in university-wide initiatives and the university’s academic plan. Also describe how the program, as a unit, develops multidisciplinary relationships and leverages unique opportunities in the institution and the community.

The ways in which the program encourages students and faculty to learn both inside and outside the classroom through individual and collective opportunities (e.g., field trips, participation in professional societies and organizations, honor societies, and other program-specific or campus wide and community-wide activities).

Student Coursework
Students at the School of Architecture are encouraged to avail themselves of the entire University and its many resources, and students regularly take courses in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the other professional schools, as well as in Yale College. The breadth and quality of Yale's academic offerings provide a strong interdisciplinary context for required coursework. Over the past two semesters alone, students from the School of Architecture have enrolled in 137 different courses in departments and schools across the university.

Faculty Teaching
The faculty of the School of Architecture also teach courses in other departments and schools across the university. These include the School of the Environment, the School of Management, and Yale College -- where they lead classes in American Studies, Global Studies, Urban Studies, and of course the undergraduate major.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration:
The Yale School of Architecture offers several dual degrees, allowing students a more formalized way to benefit from other professional schools at Yale. Specifically, YSoA offers an MArch/MBA with the Yale School of Management; an MArch/MEM with the Yale School of the Environment; and a Master of Environmental Design (MED), a research degree from the School of Architecture.

The School of Architecture’s ongoing exhibitions program, lecture series, and academic symposia comprise a significant contribution to the scholarly life of the broader university. Free and open to the entire academic community as well as the general public, these events are consistently well attended by students and faculty from across campus (an average of 200 people attended remote lectures held over the past year with some speakers drawing over 400), as well as by visitors from other academic institutions and local residents of the greater New Haven area. Faculty, administration, and students are all involved in the conception and curation of these events.

University Resources:
Yale University’s collection of nearly 15 million print and electronic volumes is housed across the campus’s 15 libraries. These include Sterling Memorial Library, the “heart of the university”; the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library; and of course the Haas Arts Library, located on the ground floor of Rudolph Hall.

Yale’s museums and collections—the Yale University Art Gallery, the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA), the Peabody Museum of Natural History, the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments, the WERTL Center, Hume American Furniture Study Center and the special collections held in the University Library—are among the best and most well-supported institutions of their kind in the country. As primary resources for teaching and research, they are fundamental to the intellectual life of the campus. The Art Gallery and YCBA are open to all without cost, and the Peabody Museum is free one afternoon a week, with reduced rates for the many visiting groups. Students, faculty, and staff at the school likewise enjoy access to two of Yale’s newest collaborative media laboratories, the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM), and the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID).

Student Organizations and Resources:
The School of Architecture plays host to a number of student-run organizations and extracurricular initiatives whose activities reach well beyond the walls of Rudolph Hall. Among these are Equality in Design (EID), a coalition of committed students seeking equity in the architecture profession and throughout the built environment; the Yale National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (Yale NOMAS) and YSoA East, which strive to foster greater inclusion, unity, and representation for our increasingly diverse student body, and to support the needs and interests of the School’s robust population of international students; Paprika!, a weekly broadsheet written, edited, and autonomously managed entirely by students from the School of Architecture, with graphic design services provided by students from the Yale School of Art; Green Action in Architecture, a student group devoted to addressing issues pertaining to sustainability and environmental health and wellbeing within the School, as well as promoting broader discussion of environmental considerations as they pertain to the built environment; and OutLines, an advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied students in Rudolph Hall, which provides a support system and social network focusing on the exploration of LGBTQ issues in the School of Architecture, on the Yale campus and in future professional settings. Beyond these, Architecture students also participate in a range of graduate and professional intramural sports throughout the academic year, including soccer, softball, volleyball, and basketball.

Architecture students likewise participate in, or otherwise seek the services of, a number of campus-wide organizations, clubs, and graduate student groups. These include the Graduate Writing Lab at the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning; the Yale Graduate Student Christian Fellowship; the Black Graduate Network at Yale; the Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking; and Yale’s Cultural Centers: the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, the Latino Cultural Center and the Native American Cultural Center.
Excerpts from the Dean's Statement

Architecture is a broad and complex discipline, a profession and a part of culture, an art that shapes the built environment but is also influenced by the world at large. Architects create, respond, direct, and elicit. They can draw inspiration from nearly anything: rap, ballet, philosophy, the social sciences, and the expanding digital universe, but also from meditative moments of solitude, hand-wrought objects, and everyday urban and domestic life. I believe in embracing this expansive interdisciplinary approach.

Here, at Yale, we understand architecture as the most public of arts, and as a discipline that is inextricably linked to others, including the humanities, the social and physical sciences, the applied and fine arts, and business and finance. We seek to respond to the complexity of today's globalized world—rapid urbanization and climate change, contested spatial and geographic borders, the increasing disparities in living conditions—with the claim that architecture has never been more important, more challenging to create, and more potentially transformative. We also approach architecture with curiosity, appreciation, and—when necessary—a healthy dose of skepticism. We encourage lively debate even as we foster inclusion and respect and embrace diverse perspectives. These values are a part of our tradition; I believe strongly that they continue to represent the way forward.

Context and Mission Summary Statement

The school’s mission is to educate architects, scholars, teachers, and leaders who will shape the future through design. Toward that end, the larger university plays a crucial role in the experience of students and faculty through student coursework in other schools and departments; faculty teaching outside of YSA; interdisciplinary collaboration through joint degree programs and events; and access to university libraries, museums, and other facilities. Primary among these physical resources is the school’s landmark building, Paul Rudolph Hall, designed by Paul Rudolph and most recently renovated in 2008.
Condition 2:
Shared Values of the Discipline and Profession

- Design
- Environmental Stewardship and Professional Responsibility
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Knowledge and Innovation
- Leadership, Collaboration, and Community Engagement
- Lifelong Learning
Design

The program must report on how it responds to the following values, all of which affect the education and development of architects. The response to each value must also identify how the program will continue to address these values as part of its long-range planning. These values are foundational, not exhaustive.

Design: Architects design better, safer, more equitable, resilient, and sustainable built environments. Design thinking and integrated design solutions are hallmarks of architecture education, the discipline, and the profession.

The School of Architecture’s mandate is for each student to understand architecture as a creative, productive, innovative, and responsible practice. To this end, design maintains a central place in the overall structure of the curriculum. It emphasizes the breadth of design as an area of both intellectual exploration and studio practice, from the scale of the individual construction detail through that of the global metropolis. Likewise, it emphasizes the depth of design as an area of study, from the fundamentals of aesthetic education and inquiry explored in the four-semester Core studio sequence, to the specificities of applied design work explored in the Advanced studios over the final two semesters.

Studio

The design studio remains central to the School’s curriculum, emphasizing the interrelationships between concepts, design, competition, collaboration, innovation, and open discussion in an environment that values risk-taking and experimentation. Each studio section is a workshop in which 9-to-11 students come together to present and discuss projects and proposals with fellow classmates, faculty, visiting critics, professionals, and members of the public. Design studios combine individual and group instruction, varying from desk critiques with individual faculty, to pin-ups before several faculty members, to more formal midterm and final reviews before faculty and guest critics—all undertaken with the intention of fostering critical thinking, spatial form-making skills, and the capacity for tectonic expression and communication. A studio-based education seeks to foster leadership skills, individual creativity, and the capacity for problem solving in the course of architectural practice.

Curriculum

Design work, as such, is hardly limited to the studio, however, and students are encouraged to apply knowledge developed through design in their work across the curriculum. Throughout the first four semesters, such work often proceeds in close and productive dialogue with specific Core studio projects. The current design curriculum is the product of a recent and ongoing process of curriculum planning and review, initiated in the summer of 2017 and was reassessed in Spring 2021. It runs parallel to a concurrent review of the YSoA Strategic Plan. More information on Design and the Curriculum is included in PC.2 Design.
Environmental Stewardship and Professional Responsibility

Architects are responsible for the impact of their work on the natural world and on public health, safety, and welfare. As professionals and designers of the built environment, we embrace these responsibilities and act ethically to accomplish them.

Curriculum

Design studios, other required courses, and elective seminars at YSoA are infused with ethical questions related to social justice and environmental sustainability from the beginning. As the curriculum has continued to evolve since the initiation of a school-wide review in 2017, such questions have become ever more central to the intellectual and design culture of the school, as they have to the broader YSoA community’s collective understanding of its mission. More specific descriptions of the courses and initiatives described below can be found in PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility.

Design and Visualization

In the four-semester sequence of Core design studios, the curriculum has been reformed over the past three years to engage more explicitly with the problem of climate change in an expanded field of intellectual and design inquiry, and to emphasize the architect’s professional responsibility to support the development of safe, healthful, and socially just built environments. The Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) plays a central role in defining the broader curriculum’s engagement with issues of equity, inclusion, and social justice, facilitating student engagement with a wide array of social and cultural contexts and, likewise, a number of real-world, community-based clients. The Core 4: Design Studio (1022b) addresses sustainability at the urban scale, focusing on issues of ecology, sea level rise, and storm water management through specific lectures, workshops and assignments. More than a studio addressing the urban context at the level of planning or design, Core 4 demands that students consider the full environmental and ecological contexts in which architectural work in the modern city proceeds. These two studios, taken in the second year, are fundamental to YSoA’s Integrated Design Studio Curriculum, and are taken in concert with Environmental Design (201la), Building Envelopes (2018a), Introduction to Urban Design (401la), and Systems Integration (2022b).

Technology and Practice

Courses in technology explore architecture’s material, environmental, and technological contexts; the properties of natural forces and their relationship to architectural form; and building systems. Other courses explore the professional contexts of architectural practice, with a special emphasis on the architect’s responsibility for, and stewardship of, the natural and built environment. The heart of this study area is a five course sequence that includes: Structures (2011a & 2012b), Building Project (2016b & 2017c), Environmental Design (2021a), Systems Integration (2022b), and Architectural Practice and Management (2031a).

History and Theory

Courses in History and Theory provide a forum for the examination of architecture’s social, cultural, philosophical, and environmental underpinnings, imparting technical knowledge and awareness of intellectual trends that inform the recept and role of architecture around the world. In this way, the curriculum emphasizes the cultural and social heterogeneity that has shaped the built environment throughout history and continues to provide the context for the contemporary practice of architecture. The required sequence includes Modern Architecture (301la) and Architectural Theory (3012a).

Urbanism and Landscape

Courses in Urbanism and Landscape address the study of aesthetic, economic, political, ecological, and social issues impacting the form and character of large-scale environments. This area deals with how architecture shapes and is shaped by urban and natural contexts. Introduction to Urban Design (401la) is required.

Interdisciplinary Study

Interdisciplinary study and research focused on social and environmental problems are strongly supported at Yale as well. Faculty and students participate in a number of institutional initiatives related to environmental studies, and in a variety of campus contexts. These include two recently initiated programs, the Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA) and the Ecosystems in Architectural Sciences track for students in the PhD program, as well as numerous interdisciplinary opportunities within the University.
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Architects commit to equity and inclusion in the environments we design, the policies we adopt, the words we speak, the actions we take, and the respectful learning, teaching, and working environments we create. Architects seek fairness, diversity, and social justice in the profession and in society and support a range of pathways for students seeking access to an architecture education.

In July 2020, Dean Deborah Berke wrote to the school community after the murder of George Floyd. That letter read, in part:

“...The complicity of the built environment in reinforcing the racial injustices in our culture requires structural change. Letters alone will not bring that change; we must challenge and dismantle racism through action.

“We recognize the culpability of architectural education, at Yale and elsewhere, in perpetuating the structural exclusion of BIPOC voices from positions of leadership in both professional practice and scholarly discourse — a discourse still predominantly and conspicuously defined by a culture of Eurocentricity and white hegemony. It is our responsibility to recognize the racism underpinning these structures, and to do the work necessary to dissolve them.

“Consequently, the school administration is working together with faculty to develop more inclusive teaching methods, more expansive topics, and more diverse sources to draw from in scholarship and design. We are working in partnership with students to move forward with curricular change, and to increase our support for their organizations. We have been listening to alumni and learning from their experiences while at the school and in the profession since graduating. And we will be asking the University administration to increase the financial support they provide for the urgent work we need to do, including the re-opening of our faculty searches and the hiring of an Equity and Diversity Officer. We have engaged Michelle Wonsley-Ford of the Center for Racial Justice in Education as an advisor.

“How can YSoA better embody the values of equity and inclusion it claims to strive for? Such work is necessarily ongoing, but begins with a commitment to dismantling inequities in the school’s culture and curriculum, and to increasing access for BIPOC students. It continues by way of expanding our collective engagement on issues of race and inequity in the areas of architectural education and professional practice, thereby contributing to the construction of a more equitable, inclusive, and fundamentally just built environment.

Over the past year, the Yale School of Architecture has launched a number of new initiatives addressing its curriculum, the composition of its faculty, and the make-up of its student body, with the intention of fulfilling our promise to make the school a more inclusive environment and institution for all. More specific information on these initiatives can be found in PC.8, 5.5 and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at YSoA page on the school’s website. More broadly, the School remains committed to nurturing and supporting an intellectual and creative community built on the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in the following ways:

Diversity and Faculty & Student Body

The composition of the YSoA faculty reflects a variety of professional perspectives and personal life experiences, and its student body encompasses a diversity of backgrounds, interests, and identities. The expansion of choice and diversity in the curriculum, the development of a diverse body of leading architectural educators on the faculty, and the enhancement of recruitment strategies aimed at students of color and other underrepresented groups remain fundamental to the School’s long-term goals and objectives. Consequently, the establishment of a climate that is both welcoming and supportive of a diverse body of students and faculty is understood to be absolutely essential.
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Education and Culture

As noted in the school’s Learning and Teaching Policy, “Yale School of Architecture aspires to sustain a school culture that is rooted in inclusivity and collaboration. YSoA welcomes many perspectives and backgrounds. The responsibility of sustaining a positive, respectful learning environment is shared by the entire YSoA community, including the administration, faculty, staff and students.”

The faculty and administration are collectively committed to forging an open, evolving and inclusive curriculum that responds to student interests, current circumstances, and a diverse set of constituents and audiences. This commitment extends to all forms of academic learning, including student travel, exhibitions and publications, media resources, and fabrication facilities.

Student groups, including NOMAS, Equality in Design, and the MED Working Group for Anti-Racism focus on a range of academic, cultural, political, and community-based issues extending beyond the general curriculum. The Visibility Project is an initiative led by a group of concerned students and recent alumni, whose goal is to analyze and illuminate the range of structural biases and prejudices endemic to schools of architecture and other, related institutions. The YSoA administration encourages such efforts on the part of its students to engage with these issues, as it strives to construct a culture of collaboration, equality, and inclusivity at the School. The School’s recent Climate and Culture Survey of the entire school community has allowed it to assess its educational culture and better understand the experiences of students, staff, and faculty.

Income Diversity and Financial Aid

The School of Architecture is committed to reducing the financial burden associated with a Yale degree, and to making the benefits of advanced design education accessible to low-income students enrolled at the institution. YSoA’s Strategic Plan identifies the reduction of student debt as a key long-term goal. To this end, the amount of financial aid awarded annually by the School of Architecture has increased from $3.5 million in 2016 when Deborah Berke became Dean to approximately $5.5 million as of 2020 (see YSoA’s 2020 Impact Report). In the 2019-2020 academic year, 84% of the student body received scholarship support. The School is committed to raising $75 million in scholarship endowment to fully support demonstrated need. The School will increase targeted recruitment efforts by creating a new annual fund dedicated to Diversity / Equity / Inclusion. Unlike many of its peer institutions, YSoA does not limit financial aid to Americans, providing financial support to international students as well.

Gender Balance

Recognizing the persistence of gender inequity in the field of architecture at large, and in light of the various structural and cultural factors contributing to the underrepresentation of women in the profession, the Yale School of Architecture assumes as a matter of policy the active promotion of gender balance on its faculty, within its student body, and among its visiting critics, jurors, and guest speakers. As of the 2020-2021 academic year, women represented 56.3% of the total student population — up from 50.5% in 2016. Given the presence of tenured professorships, turnover on the faculty is a much slower process, however the percentage of women has increased from 29% to 40% since 2016. In 2020-2021, Visiting Professors were nearly evenly split with 13 men and 12 women joining the school with short-term appointments.
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Ethnic Diversity and Representation

In recognizing and embracing the diversity of architectural culture, YSoA is committed to understanding and supporting the needs of our students and faculty, who come from an increasingly diverse variety of backgrounds themselves. Recent initiatives intended to increase inclusivity in the School community include changes to the curriculum, a critical focus on institutional culture, the expansion of access to School and University resources, and the active recruitment of a more diverse faculty and student body.

YSoA is striving to improve the representation in its student ranks. Since 2015-2016 the share of students who are international, who are women, or who identify as Black / African American or as Asian American have all increased. More detailed information on faculty and student representation can be found in Condition 5.5. Detailed statistics on student enrollment by race/ethnicity, gender, and nationality from 2014-2021 can be found here.

Policy Development

Faculty, staff, and students in the School of Architecture collaborate in the development of policies related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, primarily by serving on the School’s many committees — both inside the department, and across the broader University. The Student Curriculum Advisory Committee meets monthly with the administration as a representative body voicing a range of student concerns and policy suggestions. The Dean and associate Deans meet regularly with NOMAS, Equality in Design and other student groups and are available for informal discussions and input on policy through appointments with all faculty, staff, and students. The Yale School of Architecture adheres to and enforces the overall Yale University policies on diversity. These policies are further supported by scholarships targeted at promoting diversity within the School. For more details on YSoA Resources and Student groups related to equity and Inclusion, see PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion.

Institutional Resources at Yale University

Yale University maintains a wide array of resources, programs and offices devoted to diversity, equity, and inclusion, fostering a learning environment and campus community in which everyone feels a sense of belonging. For more information, see PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion.
Knowledge and Innovation

Architects create and disseminate knowledge focused on design and the built environment in response to ever-changing conditions. New knowledge advances architecture as a cultural force, drives innovation, and prompts the continuous improvement of the discipline.

Innovation, supported by rigorous research, is a core tenet of the curriculum at the Yale School of Architecture. The school is committed to sponsoring innovation, among faculty and students alike, through research on technology and the environment, as well as sociological and cultural study. The development of research-based, innovative approaches to environmental design and technological systems integration are supported by major investment in a variety of digital media and fabrication technologies, and by a concerted effort on the part of faculty to fold these technologies into the curriculum and culture of the School.

YSoA also benefits from its integral place within the vibrant and diverse intellectual community of Yale University, where the tenets of academic freedom, intellectual pluralism, and scientific innovation remain fundamental to the culture of the campus. The Yale School of Architecture strives to embody these same ideals, and both its culture and curriculum emerge from a deep, institutional concern for design and the cultivation of architectural knowledge at a range of scales, from the individual building to the urban landscape.

Curriculum

Alongside the studios, courses in Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, and Urbanism and Landscape provide the basis for a rich and comprehensive approach to architectural design. The diversity of courses and extracurricular programs offered by the school are richly supplemented by offerings from the University’s other schools and departments, where students from the School of Architecture are encouraged to take courses. For more information on the role of Innovation in the curriculum, see PC.5 Innovation.

Advanced Technology

Advanced technology and integrated information systems are an integral part of the School’s curriculum as described further in PC.5. Innovation in the studio is supported by a wide array of advanced digital tools and fabrication technologies. These include a variety of labs and equipment stations, located throughout the building, and are maintained by the School’s in-house Advanced Technology office. The digital media department supports all aspects of the design and fabrication process to allow students to explore design in various phases and with different representational means. All students are provided with a high-end computer workstation, equipped with all of the school’s software, and dual LCD monitors. The School provides facilities and resources for students’ design, research, computational, communication, and fabrication needs. Students also have access to a robust array of University resources and facilities, including the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM), the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID) and the Digital Humanities Lab.

Advanced Academic Study

Advanced academic study and research in architecture and urbanism are supported throughout the curriculum, and they are a primary focus in the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Environmental Design (MED), and Post-Professional (MArch II) programs. These advanced students are integrated with the broader student body in a number of ways: working at their desks in the Rudolph Hall studios, enrolling in courses including advanced studios in the School of Architecture, and serving as teaching assistants and guest critics for courses in the MArch I sequence. For more information on the advanced degree programs, see PC.4 History and Theory.
Knowledge and Innovation

Undergraduate Major

As is the case with most other Yale Professional Schools, faculty members from the School of Architecture participate in the teaching of Yale undergraduates. The undergraduate major at Yale has been conceived within a broad-based and comprehensive liberal arts education. It leads to a bachelor of arts degree with a major in Architecture, a nonprofessional degree. Alumni of the program are prepared for graduate study in architecture, as well as advanced study in a variety of fields, including art, art history, urban planning, environmental studies, social studies and public affairs. The program was expanded in 2019 with the addition of a new Urban Studies major. Master of Architecture students have the opportunity to work in this program through Teaching Fellowships and Assistantships.

Research Initiatives

A number of research-based programs and initiatives at YSoA further expand opportunities for innovation at the School. These include the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA), focused on the development of transformative systems for the built environment; the Ecological Living Module (ELM), a prototype dwelling unit based on the principles of resiliency, renewability, and sustainability, which was recently installed on the UN Plaza in New York City; and Stalled!, an ongoing project exploring the inclusion of transgender men and women -- and other “non-compliant bodies” -- in the design of public restrooms. For more information on these initiatives, see PC.5 Innovation.

Extracurricular Programs and Publications

Knowledge production at YSoA reaches far beyond the studio, classroom, and other conventional spaces of education. The school supports a robust exhibitions program, a host of scholarly publications, and a broad range of student and faculty initiatives. For more information on these programs, see PC.5 Innovation.

University Resources

The various schools and departments comprising the University are conceived not as individual units, but as connected parts of an indivisible whole. As such, they contribute to an especially lively educational atmosphere at Yale, one where interdisciplinary thinking flourishes, and where the interaction among individual units makes the broader University something more than the sum of its parts. The University provides students at YSoA with access to a wide range of innovation-focused resources, including the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM), where members of the University community come together to explore points of intersection between art, science, and technology; and the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID), a hub for collaborative design and interdisciplinary activity. Both the CCAM and CEID support a wide range of courses, clubs, and student organizations, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. For more information on university resources, see PC.5 Innovation.

Long-Range Planning for Innovation

The School of Architecture is committed to increasing opportunities for long-term innovation among students and faculty alike, to which end the permanent faculty has recently been expanded to include new tenure-track positions in Architectural Design Technology, Architectural Sciences, and Landscape Architecture. These searches were begun in 2019, temporarily frozen during the pandemic and will be reopened next year. The PhD program has likewise been recently expanded to include a second “track,” Ecosystems in Architectural Sciences, with the goal of making Yale a major center for sustainable building systems research. More information on Planning for Innovation can be found in Condition 5.2.
Architects practice design as a collaborative, inclusive, creative, and empathetic enterprise with other disciplines, the communities we serve, and the clients for whom we work.

The Yale School of Architecture recognizes that architectural practice proceeds within a complex web of collaborative processes, developed through the coordinated efforts of designers, engineers, clients, community members, and other constituents. Collaboration is sponsored throughout the curriculum in the following ways: among students; with other design professionals and consultants; with clients, stakeholders, and communities; between faculty; and beyond the School.

Cultivating Collaboration and Leadership Among Students

Frequently, design studios and electives require that students work in groups to develop basic research, create site models or complete analytical exercises. There are several courses that specifically require students to work in groups throughout the design process, including the first-year Building Project, Systems Integration, and the fourth-semester Urban Design Core studio. The Building Project in particular contributes greatly to the construction of shared identity among members of the first-year class, demanding that students collaborate on the detailed design and construction of a house, which serves each year as an icon of collective achievement. Reviews for the Core studios are held collectively, encouraging students and faculty alike to take stock of their colleagues’ work across the Core, and to understand their mission as a common one. Individual section instructors collaborate with the coordinator to develop the studio brief and, later, to discuss grading across the studio as a whole.

The spatial character of Rudolph Hall, the School of Architecture’s home since 1963, encourages this open culture and environment by providing spaces of interaction within the studio floors as well as central review spaces that are open to multiple studios. Students are encouraged to engage in critiques outside of their assigned studios for exposure to multiple viewpoints.

We encourage a culture of leadership among students at the School of Architecture, in required coursework and the community more broadly, by providing ample room for students to assert agency. The School seeks to provide students with a social and academic structure -- formal and informal, curricular and extracurricular -- in which collective, democratic, and fundamentally student-driven initiatives and endeavors can take shape. This occurs by way of generous engagement, activism, and participation, by and within the student body.

Collaboration with Design Professionals and Consultants

Multiple required and elective courses prompt students to work with consultants, clients and other experts, including the Building Project, in which teams work closely with the client, a local non-profit organization; Core 3 Studio; and Systems Integration, where student teams meet weekly with a consultant group composed of an architect, a structural engineer, and a mechanical engineer. For more information on collaboration, see PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration.
Leadership, Collaboration, and Community Engagement

Community Engagement

The School of Architecture emphasizes its role in the community through a variety of curricular and extracurricular courses and programs. These include Building Project, which exposes students to a diverse set of clients, local neighborhoods, and non-profit organizations; Core 3 Studio, in which students work closely with actual client groups on the development and articulation of public-interest programs and civically-minded projects; the Yale Urban Design Workshop, a community design center in which students and faculty collaborate with a variety of clients, consultants, and other stakeholders on projects of public interest; and, for the first time last year, Design Brigade, a 10-week summer program in which students work with city clients and professional mentors to solve a variety of spatial problems related to the ongoing pandemic. For more information on these programs and others, see PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration.

Public Programs

The School of Architecture lecture series is open to the public, drawing members of the local and architectural communities. Additionally, the School hosts symposia throughout the year that draw students, faculty, local practitioners, and community members alike. The School also maintains an active program of exhibitions. The Architecture Gallery, located on the second floor of Paul Rudolph Hall, is open to the public Monday through Saturday and free of charge.

“garden - pleasure”
Yale Architecture Gallery
March 2020
Lifelong Learning

Architects value educational breadth and depth, including a thorough understanding of the discipline’s body of knowledge, histories and theories, and architecture’s role in cultural, social, environmental, economic, and built contexts. The practice of architecture demands lifelong learning, which is a shared responsibility between academic and practice settings.

The core curriculum at the Yale School of Architecture has been conceived and developed, from the beginning, to be a platform for future learning. Its primary goal is to leave students intellectually and creatively nimble enough to navigate the vicissitudes of a rapidly changing profession. It begins with the development of architectural skills that are transferable — that is, skills related to the articulation of space and form, and to the visual representation and communication of complex ideas — before asking students to frame and apply those skills within a more involved set of creative and discursive processes. The curriculum stresses the value of collaboration as a fundamental aspect of architectural practice — and indeed of work in design, broadly considered. It encourages collaborative work in a variety of contexts, at numerous scales, from the local to the global.

In addition to the curriculum, several other facets of the School grant current students exposure to a culture of lifelong learning, and to an understanding of architecture not just as a profession, but as a way of understanding and engaging with the world around them. Many of the public events hosted by the School of Architecture are conceived and organized in collaboration with scholars from other departments, providing opportunities for all members of the community to engage in the development and sharing of emerging scholarship. Recent events have included the symposium, My Bauhaus: Transmedial Encounters, which brought together historians, artists, architects, and educators from around the world; and the important and timely lecture by Wendy Chun, “Authenticating Figures,” examining the structural biases of various facial recognition platforms.

YSoA lectures and symposia are heavily attended by practitioners hailing from throughout the state of Connecticut; an average of 27 accredited design professionals attended each of the ten conferences held over the last five years. The School hosts many joint events with the Connecticut chapter of the AIA, including an annual meeting with representatives from NCARB to discuss the process of earning AXP credits and taking the ARE exam. Finally, YSoA is beginning a new executive education program in collaboration with the Yale School of Public Health this fall. In November 2021, approximately 20 senior architects will spend three days on campus as part of a program that will serve as a model for expanded offerings in continuing education in the future.

Lectures, exhibitions, and symposia often serve as venues for the sponsorship of student-led initiatives. Each year, the student-editors of Perspecta select and invite a different speaker to participate in the School’s lecture series. Recent invitees have included Walter Hood, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, Francis Kéré, and Tammy Eagle Bull. For a complete list of YSoA lectures from 2018-2021, see Condition 5. Since 2019, the School’s North Gallery has been reserved for a host of special exhibitions initiated, curated, and designed by students. And in the fall of 2021, YSoA students convened a special symposium, Beyond the Visible: Space, Place and Power in Mental Health, bringing awareness to the built environment’s capacity to affect access to mental health services, and the architect’s role in improving cultural perceptions of mental illness.

Direct experience of contemporary and historical architecture and urbanism, as well as firsthand contact with experts in a range of related fields, remain fundamental to the School’s educational mission. To this end, many studios and classes incorporate both domestic and international travel into their course work. These include, in particular, a suite of programs offered each summer in Europe: an intensive drawing course in Rome, Italy (“Continuity and Change: Rome”); a course in archival research in Madrid, Spain (“Deploying the Archive: Madrid”); and a program on urban design based in Gothenburg, Sweden (“The Urban Atlas: Gothenburg”).

The School provides numerous opportunities for students to gain broad exposure to the global context of contemporary practice and scholarship free of charge. The Advanced Studios travel every semester to sites around the world in Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America, as well as the United States. These faculty-directed trips and project briefs expose students to the breadth of historical and current issues critical to the academic setting and the profession. Students tour precedents, visit offices, research and study different cities and sites, meet clients and constituents, and engage in realistic contemporary scenarios of architectural practice. Recent studios have included travel to: Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and Costa Rica; Austria, Iceland, Italy, and Greece; Rwanda, Ghana, and Dubai; China, Japan, Indonesia, and Nepal.
Student Empowerment

The School of Architecture’s curriculum is built on a tradition of student empowerment, its primary focus being the personal, intellectual and professional growth of our students. Students are involved in every facet of life at the School, from the planning of the curriculum on participatory committees and the development of extracurricular programs, to the editing, design and production of School publications. The School’s admissions process, which includes both faculty and students, is intended to assemble a student body of exceptional diversity and independence. Independent student initiative and study are not simply encouraged, they are expected. Structurally, both the University and the School of Architecture are publicly committed to non-discrimination and affirmative action within their descriptive policies. Furthermore, several scholarship funds, traveling fellowships, and internship programs allow students to pursue self-directed summer study abroad, independent research, and travel.

The School hosts a vital culture of student activities and activism highlighted by student-run organizations and publications, student-curated exhibitions and student-initiated symposia and other events. In addition, the school sponsors numerous additional programs outside of regular studio providing students the opportunity to find agency as designers in a variety of contexts. These include Design Brigade, which connects students with local clients and interest groups to create collaborative solutions to design problems in the community; the Dreamer Institute, a new school in Afghanistan designed by students in collaboration with faculty at the Yale School of Architecture and the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; and the Regenerative Building Lab, under whose auspices students designed and built a new Coastal Research Station on the Connecticut shore.
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3.1 Program Criteria

These criteria seek to evaluate the outcomes of architecture programs and student work within their unique institutional, regional, national, international, and professional contexts, while encouraging innovative approaches to architecture education and professional preparation.

A program must demonstrate how its curriculum, structure, and other experiences address the following criteria.

**PC.1 Career Paths**

How the program ensures that students understand the paths to becoming licensed as an architect in the United States and the range of available career opportunities that utilize the discipline’s skills and knowledge.

As a professional school of design within a major research university, the Yale School of Architecture acknowledges its responsibility to instill in its students a commitment to the highest standards of the architecture profession. To this end, the School understands its curriculum to be a testing ground for an expanding variety of approaches to contemporary architectural practice and a laboratory for exploring architecture’s broader engagement with real-world problems. Studios and other courses touch on a wide range of issues and scales (from building details to the city) and have a consistently interdisciplinary focus.

The faculty itself embodies a range of approaches and responses to these problems. Among its members are widely published historians and theorists, prominent practitioners of architecture and design, and a dynamic group of lecturers, adjuncts, and studio critics. As a group, the faculty remain intimately engaged with the profession at large. Currently, 55% of all YSoA faculty are licensed architects; 81% of design faculty are licensed.

**Curricular Activities**

Courses exploring the challenges associated with navigating architecture’s rapidly shifting professional and disciplinary landscape include a required course on architectural practice and management (2031a); and elective seminars interrogating the problem of value in design (2230b); architecture and entrepreneurialism (3239b); zoning (4248); and a joint course taught with the law school on supply chain practices.

**ARCH 2031a**

Architectural Practice and Management
Phil Bernstein

In addition to helping students understand the structure and efficacy of architectural practice, and of the business context in which architects design and realize buildings, this course serves as a critique of current versus future practice models and approaches.

**ARCH 2016b**

Building Project

The Building Project allows students to take a project from conception through documentation and construction, giving them hands-on experience with each step of that process. Students work with consultants and experts in a variety of fields and building trades and their client, a non-profit housing services organization.

**ARCH 2022b (Spring 2020)**

Systems Integration and Development in Design

Students work with teams of consultants to develop their projects from the Core 3 studio, before proposing and eventually designing a set of appropriate building systems.

**ARCH 2230b**

Exploring New Value for Design Practice
Phil Bernstein and Brittany Oliviari

This course reimagines the value proposition of architecture practice, explores strategies used by better compensated adjacent professions and markets, and investigates methods and models by which architects can deliver — and be paid for — the value they bring to the building industry.
PC.1 Career Paths

Non-Curricular Activities

Career Services Program and Licensure Coordinator

The Yale School of Architecture’s career services program organizes a series of workshops, panels, lectures, recruiting events and online resources to help prepare students for career opportunities after Yale. The schedule is reviewed and tailored each year, responding to student needs and general market conditions.

The school’s Career Development Team consists of:

- Phillip Bernstein, Associate Dean at YSoA and Licensure Coordinator
- Rona Walstra, Senior Administrative Assistant for Career Development & Undergraduate Studies
- Bimal Mendis, Director of Career Development at YSoA
- 2-4 work study positions each year filled by current students

See Condition 5.4 for more information on the Career Development Program.

The School of Architecture’s Architect Licensing Advisor is Phil Bernstein (FAIA), Associate Dean and Professor, Adjunct. Professor Bernstein also advises the Career Services Program, teaches both required and elective courses in Architectural Practice, and interacts directly with all students in the MArch program in their third year. He is knowledgeable and trained in all issues pertaining to AXP requirements, NCARB and licensure. He is a regular attendee at the biannual NCARB Licensing Advisor Summit, and organizes numerous AXP information sessions each year, as part of both his required course on Architectural Practice and the School of Architecture Career Services Program.

Associate Dean Bernstein serves on a working group with representatives from the University of Hartford Department of Architecture, NCARB and the licensing board which meets regularly to discuss licensure issues for students in Connecticut. As noted above, the school hosts a number of joint events with the Connecticut chapter of the AIA, including annually hosting a representative from NCARB to speak about the process for earning AXP credits and taking the ARE exam. YSoA lectures and symposia are heavily attended by practitioners throughout the state of Connecticut.

Lectures, Symposia & Outside Perspectives

Throughout the year, nationally and internationally known architects, architectural scholars, and artists are invited to participate in the School’s weekly lecture series, and to present their work as part of the School’s ongoing series of conferences and symposia. As a group, these speakers bring a wide range of perspectives to bear on the problems of architectural practice, embodying the myriad ways architectural thinking can be applied in the world at large. All lectures and symposia at YSoA are free and open to the public.

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment

The School’s 2021 survey of alumni serves as a broad gauge of how YSoA is preparing graduates for their future careers. It reveals that 72% of alumni have practiced architecture; 59% are licensed (66% excluding the classes of 2017-2020 who are working through AXP); and 42% are in leadership positions - sole proprietors, principals, or partners of their firms. NCARB data show that Yale students have passed each of the 6 AREs at above average rates each of the past 4 years.

Indirect Assessment

At the annual career fair hosted by the School of Architecture’s Career Services program, representatives from a host of professional offices visit the School, meet with students, and interview qualified candidates for employment after graduation. This gives graduating students intensive exposure to the interview and hiring process, but also allows faculty to solicit constructive feedback from outside practitioners about the state of the curriculum, the relative preparedness of our students for professional practice, and the state of the program, more generally.

The outside organizations and individuals engaged in specific specific courses and programs such as the clients for Building Project, community-based organizations involved in Core 3, and consultants that team with students during Systems Integration not only provide students with an understanding of a variety of architectural and affiliated career paths, they also provide the school with feedback on how well the students’ skills are suited to those career paths.

The relatively small size of the school and the administration’s open-door policy allows staff, faculty, and students to provide input on the school’s culture, curriculum, career services and other functions related to students’ potential career paths. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

Changes Since Last Accreditation

Changes to the administration, curriculum, and culture of the school related to career paths, based on these assessment mechanisms, include the hiring of Professor Phil Bernstein, who teaches courses related to professional practice and is the School’s architecture licensing coordinator, as Associate Dean; ongoing development of the career services program; and the many new courses and events listed above. The School has also worked with its students to revive its chapters of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) and YSoA East, which both serve as bridges to the professional world.
PC.2 Design

How the program instills in students the role of the design process in shaping the built environment and conveys the methods by which design processes integrate multiple factors, in different settings and scales of development, from buildings to cities.

At the Yale School of Architecture, design studio occupies the vital center of a rich and varied curriculum. Reflecting recent changes to the curriculum growing out of the Strategic Plan, the four-semester sequence of Core studios has been reconceived as an integrated sequence that emphasizes the materiality of architecture and urban form at a range of different scales from the building detail to the urban metropolis. This represents a shift away from the typological investigations that were central to previous iterations of the Core.

Design Studio Sequence and Structure:

The overall structure of the Core design studio curriculum in the first four semesters of the MArch program is organized around a series of interrelated themes, bridging across semesters, and creating a cohesive pedagogical trajectory.

Core 1: Form and Space
Core 2: Space and Building
Core 3: Building and City
Core 4: City and Systems

Core 1 Studio - In-Between
Student: Hannah Mayer Baydoun
Faculty: Michael Szivos
Fall 2019

Core 2

This second Core studio extends spatial exploration into issues of tectonics and materiality to formulate the design of a building that engages issues of site, scale, and program. The term is organized around a series of projects culminating in the design of a modestly-scaled building that explores the relationship of housing and site as a negotiation between public and private space.

Core 3

As part of the integrated design studio sequence, the third Core studio in the MArch I curriculum concentrates on a medium-scale public building, focusing on the integration of composition, site, program, mass, and form in relation to structure and methods of construction. Studio problems are community-focused and sited in neighboring urban areas, and students actively engage community stakeholders in the development of their projects and the criticism of their final designs.

Core 4

The fourth and final MArch I Core studio expands on the fundamental architectural skills introduced in the previous three terms to examine the role of architecture and the architect at the scale of the city. In this studio, ‘the city’ is explored as a complex system of layers that include built form, infrastructure, demographics, codes, and ecology to encourage students to think strategically about issues that range from urban disparities to coastal resilience.

Advanced Studios

During their third year, students enroll in their choice of the (typically) nine advanced studios offered each year. These studios explore a wide array of topics, sites, and contexts, and are led by a diverse group of instructors and practitioners from around the world. More information on advanced studio.
PC.2 Design

Additional Curricular Activities

At Yale, Visualization and Representation is treated as an intellectual pursuit, where students learn the power of visual thinking to convey ideas. Techniques and technologies of representation allow students to develop the necessary skills to fully express the formal and conceptual intention of design work done by students in the Core studios. Each student is required to take at least 2 visualization and representation courses, one of which must be chosen from the following list of four required electives:

**ARCH 1223a**  
*Formal Analysis I*  
Peter Eisenman

The goal of this class is to learn to see and read as an architect, through a weekly series of texts and comparative analyses, which move from the late-medieval period, to the early renaissance, to the beginning of the enlightenment of the late 18th century.

**ARCH 1233a**  
*Composition*  
Peter de Bretteville

This seminar addresses issues related to architectural composition and form. Across a sequence of four three-week exercises, students explore compositional problems related to assembly and parti, section, structure, and elevation.

**ARCH 1289a**  
*Space-Time-Form*  
Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen and Trattie Davies

This course explores a variety of key concepts, techniques, and media that have affected the design, discussion and representation of architecture over the course of the past 100 years. It is organized around a series of experiments based on those offered in the legendary Vorkurs, or Preliminary Course, offered at the Bauhaus.

**ARCH 1289a**  
*The Mechanical Eye*  
Dana Karwas

This seminar explores how machines see our environment, with emphasis on the role of human subjectivity. It examines the human relationship to mechanized perception in art and architecture as well as the current digital world. The course is connected to the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media at Yale (CCAM).

Additional Required Courses

Both the technical and theoretical portions of the curriculum also encourage students to engage with design as a framework for exploration of ideas outside the studio through the following required courses:

**ARCH 2016b**  
*Building Project*  
Adam Hopfner and Martha Foss

Running in parallel to the Core 2 studio, the Building Project (ARCH 2016b) is a term-long course of research, analysis, design, and technical documentation exploring the conception and construction of dwelling space in the modern city. The integration of these two parallel courses of study and exploration highlights the manner in which Semester 2 in the Core curriculum has been conceived, yielding a synthesis of studio-based exploration of materiality in building construction with a field-based design-build practicum.

**ARCH 4011a**  
*Civic Art: An Introduction to Urban Design*  
Alan Plattus and Andrei Harwell

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of urban design within the context of the broader fields of urbanism and urban history. The design of the built environment is considered in relation to patterns and practices of urban life and culture, and as a response to historical transformations of the political, economic and technological forces that have shaped cities since their origins.
PC.2 Design

ARCH 2022b
Systems Integration and Development in Design

This course is an integrated workshop and lecture series in which students learn to develop the technical systems of preliminary design proposals from earlier studio work, thus tying technical decisions to broader design goals and ambitions.

ARCH 3012b
Architectural Theory
Marta Caldeira

This course examines moments of significant change in modern architectural theory through a series of case studies organized thematically and chronologically, from the mid-eighteenth century to the present.

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
The initial level of assessment of the Core studio sequence is conducted by the section instructors who meet collectively with the studio coordinator to evaluate student work after each day of midterm and final reviews. Grading decisions for every student are made collectively by the studio instructors, who then meet to evaluate the studio curriculum, in retrospect and relative to previous years, and to outline prospective changes for subsequent iterations of the studio syllabus.

The continuity of the Core sequence is evaluated by the four Core coordinators, who meet in late spring, after the academic year is completed, with Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, Sunil Bald. Studio syllabi and assignments, along with a range of student work from each section, are presented to the group and evaluated as part of an holistic sequence. Changes to individual studios are then recommended for incorporation into subsequent syllabi by the coordinator, in consultation with the team of instructors for that studio.

The review of the curriculum as a whole is an ongoing and continuous process, overseen by an eight-member committee of senior faculty from across the school’s four study areas — Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, Urbanism and Landscape — who are charged with reviewing syllabi for all required and elective courses offered at YSoA. The committee is chaired by Associate Dean Bald.

Rigorous assessments of the design curriculum take place during annual Design Committee reviews, occurring each year prior to the promotion of students to their final year of study and preceding graduation. This regular evaluation of student design and technical competence provides an important opportunity to assess the School's core functions, including curriculum, admissions, and student support. In this way, the Design Committee plays an important role in curriculum evaluation and planning. See 5.3.2.

Indirect Assessment

The Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions meets monthly with the student Curriculum Committee. This group of four students, elected by their colleagues, provides input on how subjects are being taught, and communicates student feedback on potential improvements to the broader curriculum.

Student evaluations of courses and faculty are ready closely each semester by the Dean and Associate Dean, and while participation by students is not mandatory, it is typically robust. These evaluations ensure that the administration remains sensitive to student expectations and concerns, even those that don't rise to the level of formal complaints. They inform decisions about hiring and promotion, the renewal of short-term contracts, and the identification of faculty considered for longer-term appointments. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

Changes Since last Accreditation

The Associate Dean and Curriculum Committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum in Fall 2017. This project ran parallel to the development of the School’s new Strategic Plan, initiated in the same year. The Strategic Plan was updated and re-assessed during Spring and Summer 2021. This process and the curricular changes made over the last 5 years are explained in detail in Condition 5.3.
PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility

How the program instills in students a holistic understanding of the dynamic between built and natural environments, enabling future architects to mitigate climate change responsibly by leveraging ecological, advanced building performance, adaptation, and resilience principles in their work and advocacy activities.

Curricular Activities

The curricular sequence at the Yale School of Architecture specifically addresses environmental concerns from the perspective of architecture and urbanism, fostering examination of global, regional, community, site, and building-scale environmental problems and responses through architectural design and technology. These include Core studios, advanced option studios, and a variety of electives in environmental design and sustainability.

Design Studios

Design Studios, both Core and Advanced, explore the problems of ecological adaptation and resilience, details of advanced building performance, and the cultural and political ramifications of the climate crisis:

ARCH 1012b
Core 2: Design Studio

The Core 2 studio is focused on the design of a building through studies of scale, site, program, and materiality. Each of these concepts is introduced in an ecological context. In particular, students are asked to consider site as an ecological organism and material as means of connecting program and environment.

ARCH 1022b
Core 4: Design Studio

The Core 4 studio addresses sustainability at the urban scale, focusing on issues of ecology, sea level rise, and storm water management through specific lectures, workshops and assignments. More than a studio addressing the urban context at the level of planning or design, Core 4 demands that students consider the full environmental and ecological contexts in which architectural work in the modern city proceeds.

ARCH 1119b (Spring 2020)
Advanced Design Studio: Salvador de Bahia, Brazil
Norma Barbacci and Sunil Bald

This studio explored the restoration and future possibilities for the Ladeira da Misericórdia in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, and provided an opportunity to explore the relationship between cultural heritage, environmental sustainability, adaptive reuse, and the richness of contemporary urban life.

ARCH 1101a (Fall 2019)
Advanced Design Studio: Burkina Faso — New Tools
Francis Kéré and Martin Finio

The studio asked students to consider the informal settlements of Burkina Faso as places of inquiry and inspiration, to approach spaces which are unfamiliar to most contemporary architectural practices, and to understand these spaces—as and their associated building practices—as expressions of inherent design ingenuity.

ARCH 1103a (Fall 2019)
Advanced Design Studio: Vienna — Another Day in the City
David Gissen and Surry Schlabs

This studio was conceived as a contribution to ongoing studies sponsored by the city of Vienna, Austria, to reduce the experience of physically debilitating solar heat within Vienna’s urban core. Students examined how architecture, in dialogue with urban environmental history and a curated set of modernist architectural and urban precedents, can complement and contribute to efforts to reform the geography of brightness, darkness, heat, and coolth in Austria’s capital city.
PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility

Required Courses

Other Required Courses exploring the relationship between the built and natural environments include:

ARCH 4011a (Fall 2019)
Civic Art: An Introduction to Urban Design
Alan Plattus and Andrei Harwell

This course presents itself as an attempt to negotiate between the broader landscape of historical, political, technological, and ecological transformation giving form to the modern city; the specifics of particular cities at critical moments in their development; and the projects which represent the efforts of those cities and their designers to come to terms with the dynamics of urban change.

ARCH 2021a (Fall 2019)
Environmental Design
Anna Dyson and Naomi Keema

This course examines the fundamental scientific principles underpinning the thermal, luminous and acoustic behavior of built environments, exploring the potential of architectural design to sculpt and shape these behaviors. Students learn to “diagnose” the history and development of existing technologies for creating and controlling interior environments and, working together, probe the ways in which architects can once again be protagonists in the design and development of architectural ‘technique’ and technologies.

ARCH 2022b (Spring 2020)
Systems Integration and Development in Design

Working with teams of consultants to assemble comprehensive environmental design strategies, students begin with a climatological analysis of their respective projects and their proposed sites, calculating probable heating and cooling loads, before proposing and eventually designing a set of appropriate building systems. Active and passive solar control devices, specialty glass products, and various integrated technologies are explored as means of developing an energy efficient envelope.

Elective Courses

Numerous elective courses also exploring the role of the architect relative to problems concerning environmental sustainability include:

ARCH 3229b
Sustainability: A Critical View from the Urban History of Amazonia
Ana Maria Durán Calisto

By studying the history, current conditions, and causes for urbanization in the Amazon, this seminar critically probes into current approaches to urban sustainability, keeping in mind that many of the “green solutions” being advanced by the global north demand further extraction of natural resources in the global south. Students analyze the complex intertwining between the global market and the myriad local conditions of this mythical territory, as well as the critical role both are called to play with regard to climate change.

ARCH 4244
Cartographies of Climate Change
Joyce Hsiang

This exploratory seminar uses methods of research and spatial analysis to conceptualize and materialize climate change. More broadly, it examines the implications of considering and conceptualizing the world, in its entirety, as an architectural project, experimenting with ways of mapping and drawing the physical forms, power dynamics, and infrastructures of marginalization and socioeconomic inequity at a planetary scale that have emerged through global urbanization and climate change.
PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility

ARCH 2018a
Anna Dyson and Mohamed Aly Etman

This course is geared towards graduate students in Architecture who already have an advanced background in bioclimatic analysis and design and who wish to pursue an area of design research in conjunction with their studio projects. It provides an overview of emerging critical theory and technology in the areas of environmental and energy systems. Students are asked to consider a variety of fundamentally novel ways of redirecting energy and water flows, towards the fulfillment of various social mandates to transform the relationship between the built environment and extended ecosystems.

ARCH 4216
Globalization Space: Infrastructure and Extrastatecraft
Keller Easterling

This course considers global infrastructure as a spatial operating system and a medium of polity. Focusing on the special political powers of large spatial and technical systems, it studies networks of trade, transportation, resources, communication, labor, tourism, energy, commerce and finance from the late 19th century to the present.

ARCH 2229b (Spring 2020)
Regenerative Building: Research and Design
Alan Organschi and David Skelly

This seminar, developed collaboratively by faculty at the Yale School of Architecture and the Yale Peabody Center for Biospheric Studies, explores design and building techniques that seek to reduce environmental impacts across the building lifecycle, promoting metabolic, non-mechanistic approaches to the production of the built environment. A sequence of lectures and associated research questions challenge students from the disciplines of design and environmental management to posit and test means to mitigate the significant ecological and climatic impacts of those building sector activities.

ARCH 4213
The City and Carbon Modernity
Elisa Iturbe

This course focuses on the social and spatial organizations that arise from, and are dependent on, dense and abundant energy. Of particular interest is the way in which society, over the course of the 19th and 20th centuries, reorganized itself around the availability of abundant energy, as fossil fuels established a new horizon of possibility for production. Asserting the need for architecture to declare the death of carbon modernity — and, indeed, of carbon form — this course interrogates the foundations of contemporary human organization in order to lay new foundations for the oncoming transitions in energy and social form.
PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility

Non-Curricular Activities

Work in the areas of ecological literacy and environmental responsibility is supported by a host of interdisciplinary and interdepartmental initiatives at Yale.

Center for Ecosystems in Architecture

The Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA) seeks to address the complexity of transitioning global construction patterns by uniting deep expertise of current practices with radically new socio-economic and technical approaches. YALE CEA is purposely putting the scientific inquiry of living ecosystems behaviors at the forefront of the research and development of transformative Built Environment Systems.

Regenerative Building Lab

The mission of the Regenerative Building Lab is nothing less than the transformation of the building sector: the cultural, political, economic, and technical means and methods all along the building material supply chain and throughout the building life cycle. Through experimentation and prototyping of material and technical systems, financial models, policy recommendations, and the publication of findings and design solutions though journals and conferences, the Lab seeks to become a major design and technical voice for a system-wide change to the way we form and operate the built environment. The Regenerative Building Lab’s inaugural project was the design, fabrication, and construction of a new Coastal Research Station at Horse Island.

Dual Degree: Master of Architecture / Master of Environmental Management

The Yale School of Architecture and the Yale School of the Environment offer a dual-degree program in Architecture and Environmental Management. Capitalizing on the breadth and depth of expertise at the School of the Environment in ecosystem ecology, land change science, environmental economics, industrial ecology, and ecological anthropology, this program fosters students who can innovatively merge ecological science with architecture at the site, city, and regional scales.

New Ecosystems Track in the PhD Program

In the Spring of 2019, YSoA formally introduced a new area of concentration, or “track,” within the existing PhD program in Architecture. Students in this track engage in research related to the behaviors of living ecosystems, emphasizing the interconnections between the built environment process and the health and wellbeing of both human and non-human living systems. Though not a part of the MArch I program, MED. and PhD students are integrated within the MArch I student body, sharing space in Rudolph Hall, and populating many of the same courses and events.

YUDW

The Yale Urban Design Workshop is a community design center based at the Yale School of Architecture that provides local governments, organizations and companies with ecological and resilience planning and vision studies.

New Faculty in Landscape Architecture

With an eye toward expanding its course offerings and intellectual resources in the area of landscape and environmental design, YSoA has created a new, tenure-track faculty position, for which the hiring process is currently underway. This new associate professor of landscape architecture will join the faculty in the 2022/2023 academic year, and will be the first full-time, tenure-track faculty member in this study area.
PC.3 Ecological Literacy and Responsibility

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
Self Assessment of the school’s handling of Ecological Literacy and Responsibility is conducted foremost through the expertise, ongoing research and energy of the faculty. The faculty conduct research through teaching, practice and YSoA-affiliated programs including the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture, The Regenerative Building Lab and the Yale Urban Design Workshop described above. Faculty publish their work widely in a host of peer-reviewed journals. A list of recently published, peer-reviewed projects can be found in Section 5.2.5. Faculty engaged in ecological research serve as regular members of the Curriculum and Design Committees, and in those committees’ annual assessments of student work in the context of the YSoA curriculum.

The school’s dual degree program with the Yale School of the Environment allows the school and its students to capitalize on the breadth and depth of expertise at YSoE in ecosystem ecology, land change science, environmental economics, industrial ecology, and ecological anthropology. Faculty and administrative engagement with the School of the Environment informs YSoA’s approach to environmental issues and allows for collaborative self-assessment.

Indirect Assessment
Student engagement with ecological questions also prompts feedback, from both individual students and student organizations, including Green Action in Architecture, a student group devoted to addressing sustainability and environmental health and well-being issues within the school and promoting broader discussion of environmental considerations in architecture more generally. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

Changes Since last Accreditation
Changes initiated to the administration, curriculum, and culture of the school related to ecological literacy and responsibility, based on these assessment mechanisms, include the hiring of a new tenure-track faculty position in landscape architecture, the founding of the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture and the many new courses listed above. In particular, ecological content is now more explicitly addressed in the second and fourth semester Core Studios, and far more Advanced Studios centrally position ecological issues.
PC.4 History and Theory

How the program ensures that students understand the histories and theories of architecture and urbanism, framed by diverse social, cultural, economic, and political forces, nationally and globally.

The YSoA faculty includes a number of leading historians and theorists of architecture and the built environment. This is an area of the curriculum which is particularly well-supported at Yale, one of the country’s top universities for study in the Humanities, and the only one of its peer institutions supporting four separate professional schools of fine and performing art (Art, Architecture, Music, and Drama). In addition to full-time and tenured faculty in this area, the Vincent Scully Visiting Professorship of Architectural History allows the School to invite leading scholars in the history of art and architecture to teach lecture and seminar courses, and to support advanced scholarly work at the School. Since the previous accreditation visit, Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Annabel Wharton, Anthony Vidler, Mary McLeod, Esther da Costa Meyer, Mario Carpo, and Joan Ockman have held this professorship, playing a crucial role in defining the form and character of the History & Theory curriculum at Yale. What’s more, a number of studio faculty at YSoA hold PhDs themselves, helping to ensure an integral and mutually beneficial relationship between design and history-theory within the curriculum.

Courses in History & Theory emphasize the cultural and social heterogeneity that has shaped the built environment throughout history and continues to provide the context for the contemporary practice of architecture. The school has moved to broaden the historical and cultural diversity covered by these courses and shift the euro-centric bias in its course offerings. The content of the required courses in history, theory, and urbanism have been integrated and the history and theory courses have been redesigned for fall 2021. These courses are supplemented by advanced electives in the school and in other departments of the University, which focus on the complexity of contemporary society and of the disciplinary connections that are necessary to think about and respond to rapidly changing conditions. Students learn to formulate questions and seek answers through research and writing.

Strong thinking and verbal skills are developed in weekly discussions with faculty. Research is likewise fundamental to coursework in History, Theory, and Urbanism, where students are expected to produce original work through in-depth research and analysis, culminating in a written paper of original research.

Curricular Activities

Course content in the following three required classes is coordinated to emphasize thematic continuity across scales and areas of intellectual inquiry in the built environment, and to support the development of both historical literacy and conceptual thinking in students:

ARCH 3011a
Modern Architecture in a Global Context: 1750-Present
Craig Buckley

This course surveys central buildings, projects, and discourses that have marked architectural culture over the last two-and-a-half centuries. Key themes include: the invention of new building types, architecture’s changing relationship to politics, the impact of new technologies on construction, the explosion of cities, the dialogue of architecture with works of modern art and new forms of audio-visual media. The goal is to enable students to develop their own critical interpretations of works of modern architecture and to pose challenging questions about the past, present, and future of our built environment.

ARCH 3012b
Architectural Theory
Marta Caldeira

This lecture course examines moments of significant change in modern architectural theory through a series of case studies organized thematically from mid-eighteenth century to the present. It explores the different forms that architectural theory assumed both as an internal dialogue that consolidates the disciplinary body and as a response to key social, political, philosophical and technological developments.
PC.4 History and Theory

ARCH 4011a
Civic Art: An Introduction to Urban Design
Alan Plattus and Andrei Harwell

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of urban design within the context of the broader fields of urbanism and urban history. The design of the built environment is considered in relation to patterns and practices of urban life and culture, and as a response to historical transformations of the political, economic and technological forces that have shaped cities since their origins.

Elective Courses

The following elective courses invite students to explore the social, cultural, political, economic, and historical forces giving form to the built environment. Each student is required to take at least 2 visualization and representation courses which include:

ARCH 4219a
Urban Research and Representation
Elihu Rubin

ARCH 4219 is a theory and methods class in urban research, with a focus on archives, field work, photography, and filmmaking. The seminar sets out to strengthen the designer's tool kit of social and historical methods; to bring storytelling to site research. To this end, students engage in an interdisciplinary manner with work in urban sociology, cultural geography, architectural history, critical theory, and the politics of representation.

ARCH 3240a
Spatial Concepts in Japan: Their Origins and Development in Architecture and Urbanism
Yoko Kawai

This seminar explores the origins and development of Japanese spatial concepts, and surveys how they have helped for the contemporary architecture, ways of life, and cities of Japan.

ARCH 3211b
Abstraction and Architecture: A Critical History
Pier-Vittorio Aureli

This course traces the history of abstraction in architecture from the advent of sedentary societies to today by focusing on pivotal moments: the rise of calculus, geometry and architectural drawing; the building of large-scale structures such as Egyptian Pyramids and European cathedrals, the planning of monasteries and the engineering of infrastructure; the building of houses, glasshouses, factories and data centers.

ARCH 3264b
XS: ‘Mirco’ in Japanese Architecture and Urbanism
Sunil Bald

This seminar focuses on trends in Japanese architecture and design culture that embrace the diminutive. Topics include the contemporary Japanese house, micro-urbanism, return to nature movements, and concepts of both the cute and monstrous. These are explored through a series of lenses that engage tradition, pragmatism, commercialism, sustainability, gender, and nationalism.

ARCH 3300b
The Idea of an Avant-Garde in Architecture
Joan Ockman

This seminar undertakes a close reading of one of Manfredo Tafuri’s richest and most complex books, The Sphere and the Labyrinth: Avant-Gardes and Architecture from Piranesi to the 1970s. The course’s concern is equally with history and historiography: with specific material and ideological contexts, and with the ways they are written into architectural literature. Its central aim is to explore the role and function of avant-gardes in the history of architecture.

YSoA is fortunate to share a building with Yale’s world class History of Art Department. A number of art history courses are cross-listed and many are enrolled in by YSoA students.
PC.4 History and Theory

Non-Curricular Activities

Advanced Degree Programs: Master of Environmental Design and Doctor of Philosophy

Students from the Advanced degree programs serve as teaching assistants and reviewers for courses in the MArch I sequence. MED and PhD students are integrated within the MArch student body sharing space in Rudolph Hall, populating many of the same courses and events.

The Master of Environmental Design (MED) program is a two-year research-based program culminating in a Masters thesis. Started in 1967, the MED program remains one of the first and most intensive of its kind, with a history that is particularly relevant today. Situated to cross reference all the programs at YSoA and all the disciplines within the University, MED students have a special agency within the school. They generate a rich interdisciplinary discussion of social, political, economic, technical, and aesthetic material. Emphasis is placed on rigorous methods of research and scholarship leading to a substantial written thesis. Graduates become writers, curators, teachers, and often go on to PhD programs.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program at YSoA has two tracks: History & Theory and, since 2018, Ecosystems in Architecture. Both tracks aim to educate teachers capable of effectively instructing future architects in their own field and its manifold connections with the culture at large. Entering students with sound professional preparation engage in a concerted course of study that leads directly to a research-based dissertation and a doctoral degree. Students in the PhD program in Architecture are likewise expected to teach or serve as research assistants for four terms. Each year, students in the PhD program elect one of their number to represent the interests of graduate architecture students as a member of the Yale Graduate Student Assembly.

The PhD students are also responsible for coordinating two series of student-run lectures and discussions: the “Dialogues,” in which distinguished in-house and visiting faculty are invited to respond to student research projects and other scholarly work-in-progress from members of the PhD program; and the “Architecture Forum,” an interdisciplinary series of seminar-scale lectures curated in collaboration with students in the History of Art Department. Both series are free and open to the public, and are well-attended by students and faculty alike. The PhD students also serve as teaching fellows within both the History and Theory curriculum and Design Studios, elevating the level of academic rigor and scholarship in the core sequence.

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Symposia, Events, Publications & Exhibitions

The study of history and theory, and the production of scholarly work in these areas, are directly supported at YSoA by a robust publications program; a public series of lectures, symposia, and other events; and a rich series of public exhibitions.
PC.4 History and Theory

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
Assessment of the History & Theory Curriculum is an ongoing and continuous process, engaged most directly by the faculty in relation to their expertise and ongoing research. Faculty serve on juries and forums for other classes in the school and publish their work widely in a host of books, periodicals and peer-reviewed journals. A list of recent publications can be found in the appendix.

Assessment is also carried out by the curriculum committee and the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions. In 2017, the Associate Dean and curriculum committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum. In the case of History and Theory, this discussion led to resequencing the required classes in relation to the Core studio as described below. More on this process can be found in 5.3.

Indirect Assessment
Paprika, a weekly, student-edited broadsheet newspaper, serves as a forum for lively debate on a wide array of issues. Students, faculty, and others outside the school write essays, stories and responses to issues raised in classes, events, and pieces from past issues. The paper is widely read by students, faculty and the administration, and it serves as an ongoing feedback mechanism with a particular focus on issues related to History and Theory.

Changes Since last Accreditation
Changes made to the curriculum since the last accreditation review include an emphasis on better coordination between the required history & theory courses and the sequence of Core design studios. The progression from history to theory to urban design corresponds with a parallel progression in the first three semesters of studio instruction, allowing students to bring knowledge of history, critical thinking skills, and an urbanist imagination to bear on their design work from the beginning, thus allowing both faculty and students to test the general efficacy of the interplay between design and history/theory in the School’s broader curriculum.

The history and theory courses have also been restructured and re-named for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, decentering Modern Architecture as the primary narrative that they trace. A number of new elective courses have been added that engage race and architectural contexts and histories beyond Europe. A greater number of classes with a global as opposed to solely western outlook are now offered, and additional classes have a greater emphasis on non-western content.
**PC.5 Innovation**

How the program prepares students to engage and participate in architectural research to test and evaluate innovations in the field.

**Curricular Activities**

Students develop an understanding of applied research and its value to the design process throughout the Core Design Studios, which require students to develop design strategies in relation to research about site, construction, and environmental and building concerns. Research and innovation are most explicitly addressed in a sequence of three required courses: ‘Building Project’ (2016) where collective research — technological, environmental, social, and political — is applied in the development and construction of an actual house; ‘Systems Integration’ (2022), which examines the technical and practical value of applied research relative to design; and ‘Environmental Design’ (2021a) which invites students to engage in research-based design.

**ARCH 2016b**

**Building Project**

Students are required to apply a course of rigorous research to the innovative design, selection, and integration of building technology and environmental systems, and to the physical construction of a house. Building Project encourages students to think about energy use by reconciling the desire for transparency and connectivity between indoor/outdoor space with thermal, air, and vapor resistance. Passive heating and cooling systems, alongside necessary active systems are a major theme.

Students work with landscape architects and engineers, who provide consultation on landscape strategies and structural analysis during conceptual and final design phases. Various suppliers of products come and give talks including: Huber Engineered Woods, Fox Blocks, Pella Windows, and VEFLUX Skylight Performance.

**ARCH 2022b**

**Systems Integration and Development in Design**

This course explores the careful advancement of structural form and detail; environmental systems; issues of egress and accessibility; and envelope design. These are approached systemically, as part of a research-based design strategy. Students develop an understanding of the constructive process from which architecture emerges as one in which technical and performance goals both reinforce and reframe the conceptual origins of design work.

**ARCH 2021a**

**Environmental Design**

In this required course, students develop an understanding of the significance of research and innovation of environmental factors as a key means of determining form, function, site location and system integration. The overarching premise of the course is that the understanding and application of the physical principles by the architect must respond to and address the larger issues surrounding energy and the environment at multiple scales and in domains beyond a single building.

**ARCH 1019c**

**Visualization and Computation**

In parallel to the Building Project during the summer term at the end of the first year, students enroll in 2 of 5 offered courses focused around emerging technologies. In 2021, these courses centered on Building Information Modeling (BIM), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Virtual Reality, Grasshopper and scripting, and image making.
PC.5 Innovation

Non-Curricular Activities

A number of school-sponsored research initiatives, programs and publications push the boundaries of research-based innovation in architecture, in terms of both building technology and cultural criticism.

Center for Ecosystems in Architecture

The Center of Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA) is a joint academic initiative between the Yale School of Architecture and The Yale School of the Environment. CEA unites researchers across multiple fields in the development of transformative systems for the Built Environment, purposefully prioritizing the requirements of living ecosystems towards the development of innovative methods for buildings and cities that support biodiversity with clean energy, water, and materials.

In collaboration with UN-Habitat and UN-Environment, Yale CEA recently partnered with Gray Organschi Architecture (directed by Yale faculty members Alan Organschi and Lisa Gray) to design and construct a prototype dwelling unit, based in the principles of resiliency, renewability, and sustainability. The first Ecological Living Module (ELM) was installed on the UN Plaza in the summer of 2018, during that year’s UN High-Level Political Forum.

Stalled!

Stalled! is an ongoing project directed by Joel Sanders in collaboration with Susan Stryker (professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Arizona) and Terry Kogan (professor of Law, University of Utah), exploring the implications of recent debates on the inclusion of transgender men and women -- and other “non-compliant bodies” — in the design of public restrooms. A related symposium, Non-Compliant Bodies: Social Equity and Public Space, was convened by Joel Sanders and Susan Stryker, who assembled a cross-disciplinary group of designers and scholars to explore the relationship between architecture and the demands for social justice voiced by people who have been marginalized and oppressed on the basis of race, gender and disability.

Exhibitions

Since its founding in 1979, the Exhibitions program at YSoA has evolved into a critical space for the exploration of architectural ideas and discourse in New Haven and beyond. Today, the Yale Architecture Gallery — situated at the very heart of Rudolph Hall — hosts four exhibitions per year, including the annual year-end show of student work.

Publications

In addition to Perspecta, a peer-reviewed academic journal published annually by the School of Architecture and distributed by MIT Press, YSoA is also home to Retrospecta, an annual journal of student work; Constructs, a bi-annual news magazine highlighting events and activities at the School of Architecture; and a number of books documenting the work of advanced studios.

Student and Faculty Initiatives

The School of Architecture supports a range of initiatives developed by faculty in parallel to their work as teachers and scholars at Yale. Likewise, our faculty and advanced students publish widely and, each year, participate in a wide variety of conferences, symposia, and design competitions. For instance, Gary Huafan He (PhD ’20) and Skender Luarasi (PhD ’18) chaired a panel at the annual conference of the ACSA in 2018, entitled “On the Advantages and Disadvantages of Instrumentality for Architecture.” More recently, a group of advanced MArch students recently won first place in the 2020 Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition, sponsored by HUD. The winning proposal, submitted by students Helen Farley (MArch ’20), Kelley Johnson (MArch ’20), Eva Leung (MBA ’21), and Jackson Lindsay (MArch ’20), is a mixed-use and mixed-income community, focusing on young families in Santa Fe, NM.
PC.5 Innovation

Yale makes a wide range of innovation-focused resources to all members of the University community. These include an array of courses, clubs, and student organizations, as well as libraries, laboratories, and research centers.

The Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM) is a media laboratory, open to all members of the Yale community, exploring intersections of art, science, and technology through research, programs, and exhibitions. Located at 149 York Street in New Haven, just down the street from YSoA, the 5,000 square foot space boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including a motion capture studio, immersive media research, projection mapping system, creative suites, computerized audio and light systems, video studio, equipment lending library, wide-format printers, open workspace labs, and exhibition gallery. Past and current CCAM supported courses include Mechanical eye (ARCH 2222), The Mechanical Artifact (ARCH 2238), and Sensitive Machine (ART 912).

The Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID) is a hub for collaborative design and interdisciplinary activity, whose 8,700 square foot design lab is equipped with 3-D printers, hand-tools, electronics work stations, and a state-of-the-art machine shop, wood shop, and wet lab.

The Dreamer Institute

In 2019, students and faculty from the Yale School of Architecture, the Yale School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, and the CEID, embarked on the collaborative design and development of a new technology school for high-school students in Afghanistan, a project conceived and spearheaded by Associate Dean Sunil Bald and Afghan entrepreneur, Roya Mahboob. The new school, to be called The Dreamer Institute, is particularly remarkable because it will be attended by both boys and girls. In a country that has only recently started to accept women in science, such a school would have been impossible just a few years ago. The Dreamer Institute, to be built in Kabul, will focus on robotics, artificial intelligence and blockchain, and will consist of two interlocking buildings on the campus of Kabul University. One building is the high school, to be attended by girls for one half of the day and by boys the other half. The other is an innovation center based partly on Yale’s CEID, which would be shared by the high school students and students from Kabul University.

Digital Humanities Lab

The Digital Humanities Laboratory (DHLab), a unit of Yale University Library, offers space, community, and resources for Yale scholars who are using computational methods to pursue research questions in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences. The lab is a hub for consultations, training, and opportunities that support Yale students, faculty, and cultural heritage professionals in their engagement with digital tools and techniques.

Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

The Poorvu Center provides training, consultations, and resources designed to make teaching and learning more public and collaborative, so that every Yale instructor experiences the satisfaction that results from teaching well, and every student develops the critical reflection that marks deep and independent learning.

Libraries

Students and faculty at the School of Architecture share generous access to a wide range of physical resources across the University. The Haas Arts Library, located on the first floor of Rudolph Hall, serves as the working library and visual resources collection for the School of Architecture, the School of Art, the History of Art Department, and the Yale University Art Gallery, and as an adjunct library for the Yale Center for British Art. Additionally, students have access to the University’s library system in its entirety — the second largest university-based library in North America — including diverse holdings in Yale Manuscripts and Archives, the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, the Yale Law Library, and the Wurtele Study Center for object-based teaching and learning.
**PC.5 Innovation**

**Self-Assessment**

**Direct Assessment**

Self-Assessment of the School’s approach to innovation is conducted foremost by the faculty in relation to their own work in a number of fields and initiatives. Faculty research is integral to a number of required and elective courses offered at the School, and often proceeds in relation to centers and laboratories based here on the campus. These include the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA), Stalled!, and the Yale Urban Design Workshop, as well as Yale’s Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM), the Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID), and the Yale Digital Humanities Lab. Faculty publish their work widely in a host of peer-reviewed journals. A list of recently published, peer-reviewed projects can be found in Section 5.2.5.

At the administrative level, the school’s guiding principles related to innovation are described in the strategic plan. The first guiding principle is fostering creativity and innovation. One of the key strategies articulated in the plan is to increase opportunities for innovation through the implementation of faculty/student research units.

**Indirect Assessment**

Outside organizations, client groups, and other consultants involved with specific courses provide a real-world check on strategies for innovation developed in an academic setting, while introducing a range of innovative practices and techniques developed outside the School. These include local clients for the Building Project, community organizations involved in Core 3, and consultant teams engaged with students for Systems Integration, among others.

Multiple student groups also focus in part on innovation and provide feedback to the school through meetings with faculty and the administration. These include Green Action in Architecture, The Architecture Lobby, and The Yale Architecture Forum. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

**Changes Since last Accreditation**

Changes related to innovation, based on the strategic plan and faculty and student feedback, include the founding of the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture within the School of Architecture and the hiring of Professor Anna Dyson. The School has also developed its relationship to University Centers including the Digital Humanities Lab which directly supports YSoA courses and the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media. CCAM’s director, Dana Karwas, teaches two courses cross listed in the architecture school including “The Mechanical Eye” (1289a).
PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration

How the program ensures that students understand approaches to leadership in multidisciplinary teams, diverse stakeholder constituents, and dynamic physical and social contexts, and learn how to apply effective collaboration skills to solve complex problems.

Leadership skills in the context of collaborative work are developed at virtually every stage of the curriculum at the Yale School of Architecture, and are a fundamental part of each student’s studio experience. The architecture studio is a collaboratively intensive space, by nature, and most design studios begin with a phase of group-based research and analysis, whose findings may then be adapted to individual student projects.

Collaboration and communication among students and with consultants and clients remain a fundamental part of a number of courses at YSoA, but are absolutely central to the first-year Building Project and second-year Design Studios, where group-based work with outside organizations and community stakeholders plays a central role in the development of design proposals.

ARCH 2016b
Building Project

Throughout the design process, students work with visiting consultants and experts in a variety of fields and building trades. In addition, students are involved with the client for the Building Project house from the beginning, and are conscious of the client’s involvement and role in the design process. For the past few years, YSoA has collaborated with New Haven’s Columbus House, a non-profit housing services organization serving the local homeless and housing-insecure population. Representatives from Columbus House assume an intimate role in the design process, as they attend reviews and desk critiques and contribute to the final choice of building design to be developed and constructed. Students additionally participate in community workshops and meetings to establish the local culture and requirements. They interview specific community representatives to help inform an appropriate design.

As a part of Building Project and in coordination with the Core 2 studio, student presentation, communication, and workplace collaboration skills are emphasized and reinforced through meetings with experts from the Yale School of Management. Meetings include individual feedback on oral presentations and discussion of broader issues related to workplace management and business communication.

ARCH 1021a
Core 3: Design Studio

This studio serves as an introduction to the design of civic spaces, providing students with a broad look at the forces giving form to our local communities, and the various ways architects can work to serve their neighbors. Students work closely with actual client groups on the development and articulation of public-interest programs and civically-minded projects.

ARCH 1022b
Core 4: Design Studio

The first half of the Core 4 ‘Urbanism Studio’ requires students to work collaboratively on research and design. Though each section will have a distinct take on the problem, there will be times throughout the semester when the class will convene as a group to share our individual approaches, research, methodologies, and progress. Through reviews with outside jurors, sessions in which critics swap sections, and lectures, and workshops, each section will have several opportunities to get a sense of the diverse approaches being taken by the group as a whole.
PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration

ARCH 2022b
Systems Integration and Development in Design

The fourth-semester course in Systems Integration also requires a high degree of collaborative work. Student teams are matched with teams of faculty consultants, composed of an architect, a structural engineer, and a mechanical engineer. Students meet with this assigned team on a weekly basis to review progress and to plot the course of group work. These critics give assignments intended to provide a structure within which to pace the development of each project.

Advanced Studios

Advanced Studios, in particular, often require group work on the part of students, whether as part of a collective and collaborative course of research preceding design work, by encouraging students to work in teams, or by requiring the development of collaborative relationships with real-world clients, stakeholders, and partners. MArch I students take two advanced studios during their third year.

ARCH 1103a (Fall 2019)
Advanced Design Studio: Vienna — Another Day in the City
David Gissen and Surry Schlabs

This studio began with the collaborative design and execution of two large murals, incorporating critical visual analyses of a host of modernist architectural and urban precedents which, when taken together, presented competing visions of the 20th century metropolis in its relationship to light and dark, transparency and opacity, warmth and coolth, morality and depravity.

ARCH 1107a (Fall 2019)
Next Generation Tourism: Touching the Ground Lightly
Patrick Bellew, John Spence, Henry Squire, Timothy Newton

This studio — a collaboration with real estate and resort developer, John Spence; and Patrick Bellew, of the environmental design consultancy, Atelier Ten — focused on the impact of global tourism on the fragile environment of the Gili island group, in Indonesia.

ARCH 1115a (Spring 2020)
Advanced Design Studio: Kitchen Sink Realism
Pier-Vittorio Aureli and Emily Abruzzo

This studio explored the emergence of the home as a stable structure providing security and enhancing a sense of possession, which gradually expanded from the house to its surrounding environment. Students spent the first half of the semester engaged in a rigorous course of collaborative research, tracing back to the home the rise of the idea of property, a concept which, up until the present day, remains the most important spatial and political datum of our society. This research comprised the basis of a studio book presenting the studio’s findings, published at the end of the semester.

ARCH 1107a (Fall 2018)
Life Cycle Studio
Lisa Gray and Alan Organschi

The LifeCycle Studio was funded by a grant from the Sitra Foundation, and was conducted contemporaneously and in collaboration with an advanced Master level studio at the Department of Architecture at Aalto University in Otaniemi, Finland. Both studios worked on the same architectural project—a program of new, high density housing for Jätkäsaari, an urban development zone in a former industrial district on Helsinki’s western waterfront. Students shared research, analytical methods, and design approaches, and even entered into direct design collaborations with their Finnish counterparts through a series of meetings in Helsinki during the YSoA travel week and subsequently through online meeting and information exchange platforms. Two Yale Students, Davis Butner and Millie Yoshida, presented their work from this studio at the World Circular Economic Forum, in Helsinki.
Syllabi

Required and Elective courses

A number of elective courses demand student collaboration in pairs or groups to produce design, research, or fabrication projects. Others require students to engage with a variety of community members and other stakeholders in the city of New Haven.

**ARCH 4242a**

**Introduction to Planning and Development**

Alexander Garvin

This course demonstrates the ways in which financial and political feasibility determine the design of buildings and the character of the built environment. Working in teams through a series of different “games,” students propose projects and then adjust them to the conflicting interests of financial institutions, real estate developers, civic organizations, community groups, public officials, and the widest variety of participants in the planning process. Subjects covered include housing, commercial development, zoning, historic preservation, parks and public open space, suburban subdivisions, and comprehensive plans.

**ARCH 2234a**

**Material Case Studies**

Emily Abruzzo

In this course, which culminates in a collaborative design-build spatial proposal, students build their intuition for material use in both the execution and generation of design. Part lecture, part research lab, and part field work, this intensive research seminar exposes students to a broad overview of the role of materials in the formation and execution of a spatial concept, and provides a venue for intensive work with specific materials. Working in groups, students identify a specific site within the School of Architecture for the design and temporary fabrication of a site specific installation.

**ARCH 4219a**

**Urban Research and Representation**

Elilhu Rubin

Arch 4219 is a theory and methods class in urban research, with a focus on archives, field work and community engagement, photography, and filmmaking. The seminar sets out to strengthen the designer’s tool kit of social and historical methods; to bring storytelling to site research. To this end, students engage in an interdisciplinary manner with a variety of local stakeholders and community members, working at the boundaries between urban sociology, cultural geography, architectural history, critical theory, and the politics of representation.

**Theory and Practice of Design Leadership**

Laura Weiss (new fall 2021)

Historically, architectural education has been dedicated to teaching skills that produce superior design concepts, authored by an individual talent, while the skills required to transform these concepts into reality are developed primarily through professional practice. This course seeks to change that tradition by focusing on what it takes to actuate design; it references a variety of design disciplines and enables students to experiment with leadership skills in the context of learning to be great designers.
PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration

Non-Curricular Activities

Other School-sponsored initiatives built on partnership and collaboration with outside clients, community-based organizations, and local stakeholders include:

The Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW) is a community design center based at the Yale School of Architecture. Students and faculty from the School work with communities all across the state of Connecticut, and even internationally. The program provides planning and design assistance on projects ranging from comprehensive plans, economic development strategies, and community visions to the design of public spaces, streetscapes, and individual community facilities. Clients include small towns, city neighborhoods, planning departments, Chambers of Commerce, community development corporations, citizen groups, and private developers. Students are encouraged to become involved with the YUDW during the academic year or as paid employees during the summers. Recent projects include “Resilient Bridgeport,” a prospective study of coastal resilience strategies for Bridgeport, CT, developed in collaboration with Waggoner & Ball Architecture/Environment, of New Orleans, LA; a study of the area around Union Station in New Haven’s Hill neighborhood; and the “Thames River Heritage Park Plan” for the cities of Groton and New London.

The Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA) under the direction of YSoA Professor Anna Dyson and Gray Organschi Architecture - led by YSoA faculty members Lisa Gray and Alan Organschi - a team of Yale students - collaborated with UN Environment and UN Habitat on the design, construction, and exhibition of a new eco-housing module. The 22-square-meter Ecological Living Module (ELM) sparked debate and proposed new ideas on how to redesign the way we live. The first demonstration unit was installed on the UN Plaza in New York City, during the 2018 High-Level Political Forum, and contained features relevant to the local climate and context of New York.

Design Brigade

Rooted in the values of equity, inclusivity, and transparency, Design Brigade creates collaborative solutions to design problems emerging from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Through a collaboration with Atelier Cho Thompson and Yale’s Center for Collaborative Arts and Media, Design Brigade launched in New Haven, Connecticut in June 2020. Multi-disciplinary teams made up of Yale undergraduates and graduate students research key conceptual questions surrounding the changing social and cultural rituals facing the world. Guided by practicing designers and academics, the teams then work towards built solutions. By serving and working with community clients, students will develop design skills through real-world problem solving and will deliver plans that can be implemented.

Regenerative Building Lab

The School of Architecture’s Regenerative Building Lab’s inaugural project was the design, fabrication, and construction of a new Coastal Research Station at Horse Island, one of the outermost islands of the Thimble archipelago off Branford, Connecticut, for Yale’s Peabody Museum. Ten YSoA students developed the project over a two course sequence, designing the new building during the Spring 2020 seminar 2229b: Regenerative Building: Horse Island. Fabrication took place at Yale’s West Campus, and the building was erected over a 10-week period on Horse Island that summer.
PC.6 Leadership and Collaboration

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
Direct assessment of student learning is most directly evident in the evaluation of coursework by faculty, external consultants, and clients. Such evaluation takes many forms. The selected design is then developed, documented and built by students, and opened to the entire school and local community in the fall. The successes and shortcomings of technical innovations and novel design strategies are manifest in built form for all to see.

Indirect Assessment
In the fall of 2020, YSoA launched its first Climate and Culture Survey, soliciting feedback on a range of issues from across the School community. A primary goal of this survey was to gauge the sense of community and shared purpose among students, faculty, and staff at the School. 165 community members responded. By gathering confidential input from across YSoA, the School takes an evidence-based approach to reinforcing our successes and addressing future challenges. Dean Berke also meets regularly with students in open ‘Town Halls,’ a forum allowing students to raise concerns and ask direct questions of the administration in a safe and open setting. The first of these town halls was held in late 2016, as a forum in which to address student concerns about current events. Typically student-initiated, they have since evolved into a more regular and structured means of exchange between students and the administration. The Dean held 14 town hall meetings in 2020, many of which were focused on smaller groups of students. In the spring and then again in the summer of 2020, the Dean held individual sessions with the MArch I classes of ‘21, ‘22, ‘23, as well as MArch II students, MED, and PhD students to discuss the school’s preparations amid Covid-19.

Student Groups are both a vehicle for student leadership and a source of feedback on the school’s culture and leadership-related efforts. Representatives from most student groups meet with the Dean at least once every semester. Associate Dean Sunil Bald also meets regularly with NOMAS and Equality in Design to discuss the school’s inclusivity initiatives. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

Organizations external to YSoA provide valuable feedback on the school’s culture of leadership and collaboration and often serve as models for our own initiatives. The community-based organizations involved in Core 3 studio (which have included [list 3 from last 3 years]) are examples. Faculty work closely with these organizations in developing the studio brief and organization leaders not only provide feedback on student work but also on group dynamics and studio culture.

The Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning promotes equitable and engaged teaching throughout the University, meeting with YSoA administrators to evaluate policy, with individual faculty to provide feedback on course syllabi, teaching techniques, and remote teaching platforms and skills. In advance of the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, the Poorvu Center offered a “Guided Support” program for course instructors. Poorvu staff members offered workshops and consultations to help instructors design classes for predominantly online delivery.

Changes Since last Accreditation

Based on these assessment mechanisms, changes initiated to the administration, curriculum, and culture of the School since the last accreditation include a major restructuring of the curriculum to incorporate more external organizations and stakeholders, and a number of individual initiatives and programs designed to facilitate the cultivation of leadership and collaboration among students. These include Design Brigade, the Regenerative Building Lab, the Ecological Living Module, and others described above.
PC.7 Learning and Teaching Culture

How the program fosters and ensures a positive and respectful environment that encourages optimism, respect, sharing, engagement, and innovation among its faculty, students, administration, and staff.

In Spring 2021, the Yale School of Architecture issued a new Learning and Teaching Policy intended to codify and strengthen the School’s culture, and to ensure that students, faculty, and staff are able to fulfill the School’s primary mission: to educate architects, scholars, teachers, and leaders who will shape the future through design.

The policy was collectively outlined, written, and edited by a committee of 2 students and 3 faculty members, including Associate Dean Sunil Bald. The process began with a meeting with Yale’s Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, whose staff made recommendations on how to create, assess, and maintain the policy, and who collected precedent policies from YSoA’s peer institutions. The committee also referred to the school’s Strategic Plan, the AIAS’s Model Learning and Teaching Policy, and the Code of Conduct and Social Rules developed by the student group, Equality in Design. The policy is intended to be a collaborative and active document, annually reviewed and updated by members of the student body, faculty, staff and administration.

The policy highlights values critical to the culture of the school and shared by students, faculty and staff:

Yale School of Architecture is committed to excellence in architectural design and the education of architects, scholars, and leaders prepared to positively impact the future of the built environment. In pursuit of these goals, the school supports a series of initiatives that expand learning, research, and engagement beyond the walls of YSoA to the University, the community, and the profession.

Yale School of Architecture aspires to sustain a school culture that is rooted in inclusivity and collaboration. YSoA welcomes many perspectives and backgrounds.

The responsibility of sustaining a positive, respectful learning environment is shared by the entire YSoA community, including the administration, faculty, staff and students. While Yale School of Architecture acknowledges the intensity of studio-based architecture education, the school community values a healthy work-life balance as much as it values intellectual pursuits. Time management and well-being are encouraged by YSoA’s faculty and administration and valued within YSoA’s school culture. The policy articulates expectations for faculty, students, and guests in the studio and the role of formats such as desk crits, pin-ups and studio reviews.

YSoA’s school culture creates a safe environment for free expression, values intellectual curiosity, and encourages a spirit of inquiry. All YSoA members are subject to the rules of academic integrity, and are responsible for holding each other accountable.

Architecture education is rooted in collaboration and the exchange of diverse perspectives both in and out of the school environment. All members of YSoA are encouraged to actively engage with the world beyond the academy to create ethical, relevant architecture and critical, open discussion that supports a sustainable, resilient planet.

At YSoA, the administration, faculty, staff and students have a collaborative relationship and share the same goals. The school encourages open communication between members of the community and active engagement in all academic and school activities. Members of YSoA work together to shape the future of the school through honest feedback and open discussions enabled by mechanisms such as semesterly evaluations, joint faculty and student committees, annual environmental surveys and regular town halls.
PC.7 Learning and Teaching Culture

The size and character of the student body are critical to the long-term maintenance of this culture. Enrollment of around 180 students in the three-year MArch program (60 per class) means that the student body is small enough for the whole faculty to know students individually and for students to know each other. It is large enough to allow for a breadth of ideas, perspectives and pedagogies. This is also fostered by the Admission Committee’s active interest in attracting and admitting a diverse student body with a vast range of backgrounds, interests and experiences.

The School also fosters a collaborative learning environment of healthy competition among students. Students all work in Rudolph Hall, taking advantage not only of the physical and digital resources provided by the School, but the intellectual exchange and engagement provided by working in a common studio space. In addition, group work forms a critical part of the curriculum. Outside the classroom, the School encourages dialogue between its faculty and students through the many events held at the School throughout the year, including public lectures, symposia, exhibitions, and other special events. Widely-attended post-lecture receptions occur weekly, providing an informal environment for lively discussion and debate.

The full Yale School of Architecture Learning and Teaching Policy can be found here.

Planning

The School of Architecture’s Strategic Plan, developed in 2017, identifies a number of goals and objectives concerning the culture of teaching and learning we aim to foster and nurture. Among these are:

· Offer an integrated curriculum and programming that respond to the needs and conditions of building in the 21st century.

· Attract and support a diverse community of creative intellectuals who will be prepared to lead and influence the future of the discipline.

· Attract, support, and develop a diverse body of leading architectural educators.

· Engage fully with communities and issues beyond the school, in the field, the University, and the wider world.

· Model a culture that sets the standard for contemporary architectural education, practice, and research.

Resources and Additional Policies

Teaching and learning at the Yale School of Architecture are supported at the university level by the Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, founded in 2014 to promote equitable and engaged teaching throughout the University, and to support students across the curriculum as they take ownership of their learning. As part of a world-class research institution, The Poorvu Center provides training, consultations, and resources designed to make teaching and learning more public and collaborative, so that every Yale instructor experiences the satisfaction that results from teaching well, and every student develops the critical reflection that marks deep and independent learning.

The School of Architecture remains committed to the principle of academic freedom, as laid out in 1975 by the Committee on Freedom of Expression at Yale, chaired by Professor C. Vann Woodward:

The primary function of a university is to discover and disseminate knowledge by means of research and teaching. To fulfill this function a free interchange of ideas is necessary not only within its walls but with the world beyond as well. It follows that a university must do everything possible to ensure within it the fullest degree of intellectual freedom. The history of intellectual growth and discovery clearly demonstrates the need for unfettered freedom, the right to think the unthinkable, discuss the unmentionable, and challenge the unchallengeable. To curtail free expression strikes twice at intellectual freedom, for whoever deprives another of the right to state unpopular views necessarily also deprives others of the right to listen to those views. (Yale Faculty Handbook, p. 5)
PC.7 Learning and Teaching Culture

Yale School of Architecture, like Yale University, is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and affirmatively seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons of diverse backgrounds.

In accordance with this policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual’s sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a special disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era or other covered veteran, or national or ethnic origin; nor does Yale discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The University policy is committed to affirmative action under law in employment of women, minority group members, individuals with disabilities, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, and other covered veterans. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance.

Self-Assessment

The School’s Learning and Teaching Policy, developed in Spring 2021 as described above, sets expectations for YSoA’s school culture, academic culture, and in particular, studio culture. The policy articulates expectations for both instructors and guest critics at reviews and desk crits, and for students. Moving forward, these expectations will serve as specific criteria for the assessment and evaluation of School culture.

Dean Berke’s regular ‘Town Hall’ meetings with students -- of which there were 14 in 2020 alone -- provide an important forum for the presentation and discussion of student concerns, and the solicitation of student feedback on various School initiatives. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.

Changes Since last Accreditation

Changes initiated to the learning and teaching culture at the Yale School of Architecture are highlighted above, and described in greater detail in the School’s recently developed Learning and Teaching Policy.
**PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion**

How the program furthers and deepens students’ understanding of diverse cultural and social contexts and helps them translate that understanding into built environments that equitably support and include people of different backgrounds, resources, and abilities.

As noted in Berke’s letter on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at YSoA in July, 2020, the School has made specific commitments intended to combat racism and serve the cause of racial justice. This work was coordinated by Associate Dean Sunil Bald, working closely with faculty curricular teams and students from the Yale chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) and Equality in Design (EID), who have energetically coordinated town halls to collect student input and ideas.

Broadly speaking, in terms of the curriculum and faculty, we will:

- expand the number of courses that explore inequalities of the built environment
- commit to diversity in lecturers, jurors, visiting faculty
- ensure that our academic environment aligns with our values
- expand and strengthen our efforts to hire, promote, and retain a diverse faculty
- continue to hire and support faculty with expertise in urban inequality, environmental injustice, accessibility, non-western and non-colonial architectural history and theory, and community engagement

For our students, we will:

- continue to increase the funds available for financial aid
- continue and expand our efforts to diversify the student body
- actively recruit students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and public universities with diverse student bodies
- grow funding for student groups including NOMAS and EID and increase targeted recruitment efforts by creating a new annual fund donation option dedicated to Diversity | Equity | Inclusion
- do more to foster a more equitable, supportive, and inclusive learning environment with classes and discourse with relevance to people of all backgrounds

For our educational environment, we will:

- recognize the narrow focus of the models, drawings and artifacts in our building and expand and diversify it
- diversify our exhibitions
- address the non-neutral nature of iconography specific to the representation of architecture and architectural education
- This list, which is not at all finite, makes it clear that there is much to be done. We will push forward on this effort; it is an enduring and meaningful commitment we must make.

At the beginning of Dean Berke’s tenure, the School of Architecture developed its Strategic Plan which commits to a “culture of collaboration and inclusion that welcomes many perspectives and backgrounds and integrates architecture with other disciplines”. Broader discussion of these principles can be found in 2.3 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Specific manifestations of this commitment can be found throughout the curriculum, and in numerous programs and initiatives at YSoA and Yale University, including the following examples.
PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion

Curricular Activities

Design Studio plays a central role in defining the design curriculum’s broader relationship to issues of equity, inclusion, and social justice, facilitating student engagement with a wide array of social and cultural contexts and real-world, community-based clients.

ARCH 1021a
Core 3: Design Studio

Since 2018, the third Core Studio has focused on the design of a medium-scale public building through the lens of community-based, social-justice-oriented programs, developed in collaboration with a number of on-the-ground “clients,” working in cities across Connecticut and the greater New York area. Each fall, students in the MArch class work on one of three different sites, with three different clients, who are identified in collaboration with Impact Justice, a national innovation and research center advancing new ideas and solutions for justice reform. Working in this way allows the class to build a collective body of research on a host of different social-justice issues and, in the process, to form relationships and partnerships with a wide variety of local community groups.

ARCH 1022b
Core 4: Design Studio

The fourth studio in the Core sequence addresses urbanism and assumes that meaningful participation in our cities involves not only designing buildings, but understanding and envisioning the communities in which these buildings reside. Each year, the studio is focused on a different neighborhood and the most pressing economic, social, cultural, and political issues in that neighborhood. In Spring 2021, the studio addressed one of New York City’s most socio-economically and racial segregated public school districts and asked students to envision projects that address those inequities in myriad ways.

ARCH 2016b
Building Project

A crucial aspect of the Building Project is its New Haven context. For the past few years, YSoA has collaborated with New Haven’s Columbus House, a non-profit housing services organization serving the local homeless and housing-insecure population. Students participate in community workshops and meetings to establish the local culture and requirements. They interview specific community representatives to help form an appropriate design.

Advanced Studios

A number of Advanced Studios also address issues related to social equity and inclusion and the built environment, whether in terms of political and socio-economic marginalization, gender relations and indigeneity in the contemporary city, or broad ecological and environmental concerns. MArch I students take two advanced studios during their third year.

ARCH 1113a (Fall 2019)
Advanced Design Studio: Women’s Museum for the 21st Century
Cazú Zegers and Kyle Dugdale

This studio confronted the challenge of a new paradigm emerging with the rise of what some herald as new culture: one that re-emphasizes an intimate, even sacred, relationship to land, and territory, in the Americas. This change of paradigm is necessarily accompanied by rebalancing the role and influence of feminine and indigenous communities in the cultural process.
PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion

ARCH 1102a (Fall 2019)
Advanced Design Studio: Cross-Border Commons — Tijuana, Mexico
Phillip Bernstein and Luis C.deBaca

This studio intervened at the site of the US-Mexico border, recognizing that the environmental ravages of border wall securitization are not only problems of Mexico, but problems shared by the US as well. It sought to ask how, in our present geopolitical moment, the two border cities of San Diego and Tijuana might tackle this condition collaboratively, in order to protect their shared water and environmental resources.

ARCH IIIII (Spring 2020)
Advanced Design Studio: Urban Eco-Communities — Auroville, India
Anupama Kundoo and Sarosh Anklesaria

This studio investigated the problem of co-housing prototypes in high-density urban contexts, with a focus on redefining the character of private and shared spaces in community living situations. The context of Auroville — a South Indian model “city-in-the-making” founded in 1968 — is radical in its consideration of land as a non-ownable resource belonging, instead, to the “commons.”

Spatial, Architectural, and Urban Intervention Courses

A variety of elective courses explore the potential of spatial, architectural, and urban interventions to affect a landscape of inclusivity and equity — in the face of historically and politically (and architecturally) determined patterns of marginalization, exclusion, and expulsion:

ARCH 2242a - LAW 20483
Fighting Slavery in the Built Environment”
Phillip Bernstein and Luis C.deBaca
YSoA/YLS Seminar

This seminar operationalizes recent statutory and regulatory changes in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia that extend enforcement of laws against forced and child labor into company’s supply chains, and examines legacies of U.S. chattel slavery in the built environment, including in prisons. Drawing on law, design, construction, and sustainability practices, it seeks to incorporate an anti-slavery ethos into the architectural design process.

ARCH 3272b (Spring 2020)
Exhibitionism: Body Politics, Technology, and Design
Joel Sanders

This class treats the art museum as a Case Study building type through which to consider how institutions like art museums can enlist digital technologies and sustainable building practices to transform public buildings into immersive multisensory environments that meet the needs of “non-compliant bodies,” people of different ages, genders, races, religions and abilities.

ARCH 4219a
Urban Research and Representation
Elihu Rubin

The seminar sets out to strengthen the designer’s tool kit of social and historical methods. In bringing storytelling to the problem of site research, student projects engaged with under-researched aspects of the surrounding city and members of the local community, making legible — and therefore visible — otherwise unregistered histories and cultural narratives.

ARCH 3232a
Politics of Space: Cities, Institutions, Events
Mary McCleod

This seminar explores the relation between space, power, and politics in the urban environment from the Enlightenment period to the present. In contrast to some Marxist approaches that see architecture primarily as an ideological reflection of dominant economic forces, this seminar investigates how power is actually produced and embodied in the physical environment.

Non-Curricular Activities

Student Groups

The school supports a number of student-led initiatives and groups, including the following. More information and a complete list of student groups at YSoA can be found in Condition 5.3.

The Visibility Project

The Visibility Project is an initiative led by a group of concerned students and recent alumni, whose goal is to analyze and illuminate the range of structural biases and prejudices endemic to schools of architecture and other related institutions, beginning with our own.

NOMAS

The Yale chapter of the Yale National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (Yale NOMAS) strives to foster greater inclusion, unity and representation of a plurality of voices at the YSoA.

Equality in Design (EiD)

Equality in Design is a coalition of committed students from the Yale School of Architecture seeking equity within the architectural profession and the built environment.

YSoA East

YSoA East is a student group at the Yale School of Architecture dedicated to fostering critical discourse and knowledge of Eastern architecture. The aim of the group is to consolidate and drive interest for eastern architectural and urbanist trends.
PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion

YSoA Christian Fellowship

The Christian Fellowship is a community and discussion group of Yale architecture students that meets weekly to explore the overlap of ideas relating to the Christian tradition, our work, and architecture.

OutLines

OutLines is a social and advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied students in Rudolph Hall.

The Architecture Lobby

The Architecture Lobby is an organization of architectural workers advocating for the value of architecture in the general public and for architectural work within the discipline.

School Resources

Assistant Dean Tanial Lowe is YSoA’s Harassment Resource Coordinator. Designees have been identified by Yale College and the Dean of each school as community members with the responsibility to receive student concerns and offer advice and guidance related to diversity and inclusion, discrimination and harassment, and equal opportunity. Deans’ Designees may also help facilitate informal resolution.

The Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), Bimal Mendis, coordinates and leads efforts within the School of Architecture to shape a more diverse, equitable and inclusive culture, environment and pedagogy. This new position was created in Spring 2021, in acknowledgement of our need to consider issues related to DEI both creatively and proactively, and to position the School as a leading advocate for change. By defining priorities, directing initiatives, fostering dialogue, implementing policies and advocating for students and faculty alike, the position will create a holistic framework for action.

Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Eeva-Liisa Pelkonin coordinates academic advising at all levels (peer to peer, faculty-student); evaluates and processes various course-related requests (e.g. adding and dropping classes, independent study proposals); coordinates design reviews with particular attention to diversity of the invitees; advises students on how to meet their individual academic goals on an individual basis; and attends to students’ overall wellbeing on both individual and collective levels.

University Wide Resources

Belonging at Yale

Belonging at Yale supports our community’s ongoing and long-term efforts to increase diversity, ensure equity, and enhance a sense of inclusion and belonging for everyone. As it looks to the future, Belonging at Yale draws on the work of generations of students, faculty, alumni, and staff who have driven and sacrificed to dismantle systemic deficiencies and let in greater light and truth.

Office of Institutional Equity and Access

The Office of Institutional Equity and Access oversees the University’s affirmative action programs and monitors compliance with policies and laws which ensure equal opportunity for students, employees and applicants for employment or admission. Any student, employee, or applicant for programs or employment at Yale who is concerned about affirmative action, equal opportunity, sexual harassment, racial harassment, or fairness in admissions or employment at Yale, either in a general sense or with respect to his or her own situation, is encouraged to contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Access. All inquiries are treated in a confidential manner.

Office of Diversity & Inclusion

The Yale Office of Diversity & Inclusion (ODI) collaborates with departments and individuals across the Yale campus to promote a respectful, accessible and inclusive community for all Yale employees. The core goals of the ODI include the transformation of University systems:

- Strengthen diversity recruitment efforts
- Development of internal talent
- Creation and enhancement of mentoring programs
- Cultivation of Yale Affinity Groups
- Offer diversity education opportunities
- Develop a system of metrics to track and assess diversity progress
- Develop strategies to communicate and publicize Yale’s diversity milestones
PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion

The ODI provides a range of information, consultation and educational support to the Yale community on issues related to workforce diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect. The office works closely and collaboratively with a number of Campus Diversity Partners, including the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the University’s various professional schools and programs, and a host of Cultural Centers across the Yale campus. These cultural centers foster a sense of cultural identity and educate people in the larger community. They also act as optional social centers and community bases for students of a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Yale is home to:

- The Afro-American Cultural Center
- The Asian-American Cultural Center
- La Casa Cultural: Latino Cultural Center
- The Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life
- The Native American Cultural Center

Yale University maintains an Equal Opportunity Statement that is found in all University Bulletins and online at (http://www.yale.edu/equalopportunity/policies/). Furthermore, the Office for Equal Opportunity Programs updates the University Affirmative Action Plan annually in the fall and is available for review in the Office for Equal Opportunity Programs. Affirmative Action Deputies are appointed in each of the professional schools to assist faculty search committees in their school with the recruitment of women and members of minority groups. The School of Architecture’s Affirmative Action Deputy is Assistant Dean Tanial Lowe.

Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning provides all members of the University community with extensive guidance on best practices for establishing and maintaining inclusive environments in the classroom. These include recommendations for modeling inclusive language in class discussions, strategies for establishing personal connections between faculty and students, and methods for encouraging in-class collaboration, as well as guidance on promoting awareness of socioeconomic diversity and implicit biases and strategies for developing diversity statements and inclusive teaching strategies. The faculty and administration of the Yale School of Architecture work closely with the Poorvu Center to ensure that the School remains a respectful and inclusive environment, in which all students feel supported intellectually and academically, and are extended a sense of belonging in the classroom regardless of identity, learning preferences, or education.

Office of LGBTQ Resources

The Office of LGBTQ Resources works to create a visible LGBTQ community that includes staff, faculty and students from all of Yale’s schools and from a wide variety of life experiences. The office actively networks with other entities at the University to advocate in support of tolerance and diversity.

Yale Women’s Center

The Yale Women’s Center, while open to all genders, is primarily a space for the women of Yale. Its mission is to improve the lives of all women, especially at Yale and in New Haven. The center hosts small events, such as feminist discussion groups and seminar-style “Femininiteas”; as well as larger, annual events: the Amy Rossborough Memorial Lecture and Take Back The Night.

Minority Student Coordinators

Each academic year, Minority Student Coordinators are appointed in the Graduate School and in each professional school, including the School of Architecture, to focus on minority student education and recruitment.

Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity

The Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity (OGSDD) is committed to building a supportive community in which graduate students from underrepresented backgrounds are empowered in their intellectual pursuits and professional goals. This office provides both thematic programming and individual advising for students across disciplines.
PC.8 Social Equity and Inclusion

Student Accessibility Services

The primary mission of Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is to facilitate individual accommodations for all students with disabilities throughout the entire University, and by so doing, work to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community.

Office for International Students and Scholars

International students at YSoA are part of a community of over 6,000 international students and scholars working across the University. This community is supported by the Yale Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS). OISS provides resources and programming for the international students, scholars, and family members of the Yale community.

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

The mission of the student senate is to foster interaction among students through community service and engagement, social gatherings, and academic and professional events, as well as to support official and unofficial student groups.

Chaplain's Office

The Yale Chaplain's office strives to create an environment that feels welcoming to all people, whether you are part of a particular religious/spiritual community or not.

The Good Life Center

Born out of a growing awareness and enthusiasm for wellness on campus, the Good Life Center is a cultivated space to inspire, teach, and practice living the good life. All Yale students are extended a warm welcome to explore the spaces and attend events.

A complete list of Yale University Resources can be found here.

Changes Since last Accreditation

Based on these assessment mechanisms, changes related to issues of social equity and inclusion, and initiated since the last accreditation, are described above, particularly in the excerpts from the Dean’s July 2020 letter.

Self-Assessment:

Direct Assessment

Student understanding of issues related to inclusion and accessibility in the built environment is assessed primarily by individual instructors and guest consultants in the context of regular discussions and reviews, but also in the context of the Design Committee’s annual review of student portfolios. In evaluating every student in terms of design and technical competence, the committee is able to consider whether proposed changes to the curriculum have been successfully implemented, and how these changes might be reflected in student work.

Indirect Assessment

The School continually assesses its efforts to create an inclusive, welcoming environment for all community members, and evaluates its methods for teaching content and skills related to making the built environment more universally accessible. The 2020 Climate and Culture survey has bolstered YSoA’s increased focus on the foundational experiences underlying community members’ engagement in architectural education at Yale. Key topics addressed in the survey included community and belonging, diversity, equity and inclusion, and well-being at the School.

While the results suggest that many YSoA community members feel well-supported and included—with 87% agreeing their interactions with colleagues and peers at YSoA are positive, and over 75% of participants feel YSoA is working towards fairness, justice, and equity in architecture education, representation, instances of microaggressions, and the issue of class were raised in relationship to DEI considerations. The school is in the midst of working through the results with the faculty and administrative staff, and will be reporting over the summer and into the fall about concrete steps that will come from the survey. There will be continued progress on DEI efforts in curriculum, faculty hiring, and admissions next year, much of which has already been put into place. Ultimately, the aim is to create an equitable and diverse community where all members feel welcome.

In addition to broad assessments like the culture survey, Dean Berke has created many forums and exchanges for students to express concerns and contribute ideas to the school. Regular Town halls are described elsewhere in this report. One additional example is the open zoom sessions made available to any first year student at the end of the fall 2020 term and into early January. These sessions did not have set agendas and provided an opportunity for small groups of students to interact with the dean in a safe and casual setting. Associate Dean Bald also meets regularly with student groups, including NOMAS and Equality in Design, to discuss the School’s ongoing inclusivity efforts. More information on the range of formal and informal channels used to collect feedback can be found in 5.2.4.
3.2 Student Criteria

SC.1 Health, Safety, and Welfare in the Built Environment

How the program ensures that students understand the impact of the built environment on human health, safety, and welfare at multiple scales, from buildings to cities.

The Master of Architecture Professional Degree Program curriculum at YSoA is coordinated such that required courses across the first two years of the program are highly complementary, in terms of both content and sequence. Issues related to health, safety, and welfare are addressed at a range of scales, and in a number of registers, in design studios, technology courses, even history and theory surveys.

Health, safety and welfare are initially introduced in depth during the Building Project (2016b) in which students explore the problem of dwelling and materiality in the context of construction technology and real-world building practices. 2016b runs parallel to second-semester Core 2: Design Studio (1012b) in which similar questions are framed relative to abstract and/or existential questions pertaining to privacy and publicity, light and air, domesticity and space. Work in the field is supported by coursework on the analysis and design of building structural systems in Structures I and II (2011a and 2012b) and through lectures on professionalism and Health, Safety, and Welfare in Professional Practice (2031).

Similarly, the third-semester Core 3: Design Studio (1021a), which involves the design of a medium-sized public building, is taken concurrently with Environmental Design (2021a), thus laying the groundwork Systems Integration (2022b) in semester four.

Introduction to Urban Design (4011a), likewise taken in the third semester, surveys the history, analysis, and design of the built environment, exploring issues related to sustainability and urban ecology, which are then addressed in the Core 4: Design Studio (1022b) the following term.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:

- 1012b, Core 2: Design Studio
- 2011a, Structures I
- 2012b, Structures II
- 2016b, Building Project
- 1021a, Core 3: Design Studio
- 2021a, Environmental Design
- 4011a, Introduction to Urban Design
- 1022b, Core 4: Design Studio

Self-Assessment

**Direct Assessment**

The school evaluates the teaching of Health, Safety and Welfare at several levels. First, individual instructors evaluate each student’s work to ensure understanding and competency, particularly in the courses mentioned above. Written evaluations are provided to each student during the Core studio sequence and warning letters written to students falling behind. Evaluations and warning letters are copied to the registrar’s office so that the administration can ensure that additional instruction and aid can be provided and can track student performance broadly.

Second, the Design Committee reviews a comprehensive portfolio from every student moving into their final year of the program. This portfolio includes all of the work the student completed over their first 2 years of the curriculum, allowing the committee to annually evaluate whether the curriculum is successfully implementing these skills and whether the students collectively are learning them.

Third, the curriculum committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, regularly assesses the success of the curricular structure and content in conveying these competencies. In 2017, the Associate Dean and curriculum committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum. More on this process can be found in S.3.

**Indirect Assessment**

Outside organizations, client groups, and other consultants involved with specific courses provide a real-world check on strategies for innovation developed in an academic setting, while introducing a range of innovative practices and techniques developed outside the School. These include local clients for the Building Project, community organizations involved in Core 3, and consultant teams engaged with students for Systems Integration, among others.

**Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include the following:**

The Building Project (2016b), which had previously been taught as part of the Core 2: Design Studio (1012b), was made its own course and moved from the Design and Visualization study area to Technology and Practice, in part to more thoroughly emphasize the development of building systems related to health, safety, and wellness.

The overall course load in the core curriculum was reduced in order to give students more opportunities to engage with problems related to building technology, and its impact on human health and wellness, in their elective coursework.

The scale of projects given in the Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) were reduced, in order to allow greater focus on egress, lighting, and other issues pertaining to health, safety, and wellness.

In the spring of 2020, in response to the global Covid-19 pandemic, YSoA moved all of its courses, including design studios, online, shifting to a fully remote model of education. The Building Project (2016b) schedule had to be adjusted, construction of the Building Project house postponed, and a new course, (2239a) Building Project III, on technological building systems integration, based in case study analysis, was added. In 2021, the Building Project house was again constructed by students working on an adapted schedule that was shifted from early to late summer.
SC.2 Professional Practice

How the program ensures that students understand professional ethics, the regulatory requirements, the fundamental business processes relevant to architecture practice in the United States, and the forces influencing change in these subjects.

The Master of Architecture Professional Degree program at YSoA fosters an understanding among students of the regulatory, professional, and ethical frameworks underpinning architectural practice, first by modeling multiple modes of practice in Core Studios and then building knowledge around that framework through additional required courses, including Systems Integration in the second year and Architectural Practice and Management in the third. Students design and test solutions to real-world problems during the Building Project (2016b), and the Core 3 and Core 4 Design Studios (1021a and 1022b).

Each of these courses addresses a problem based on the needs of local communities and requires active engagement on the part of students with a variety of local clients, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders. Representatives from these groups often come to YSoA to present their work, are involved in formulating and planning studio project briefs, and play the role of client throughout the development of student designs.

In some cases, regulatory agencies may even be engaged as clients, as in the recent Core 3: Design Studio (ARCH 1021a) project for an immigration center.

The role of consultants and other design professionals in the design development process is emphasized throughout the MArch curriculum, and is a primary focus of both Systems Integration (2022b) and Environmental Design (2021a). In the Core 2: Design Studio (1012b), students are introduced to the regulatory framework of building codes and zoning ordinances governing the design and construction of residential architecture. In the Core 4: Design Studio (1022b), students often work with consultants on problems related to water management and other infrastructural issues, while Architectural Practice and Management (2031a) addresses the construction of project teams, the roles and responsibilities of consultants vis-à-vis various project delivery models, and the nature of contractual relationships between consultants and architects. The important role played by structural engineering consultants, in particular, and the division of labor among members of consultant teams on architectural projects more broadly, are explored in Structures I and II (2011a and 2012b).

In Architectural Practice and Management (2031a), students explore the evolution of professionalism in architecture, the idea of architectural ethics, and how the statutory and ethical frameworks giving shape to the profession are described and enforced. The course examines a variety of business processes and project delivery models, presenting students with a broad overview of approaches to worker compensation, contract negotiation, contracts, schedules, and risk management.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:

- 2031a, Architectural Practice and Management
- 1012b, Core 2: Design Studio
- 1021a, Core 3: Design Studio
- 1022b, Core 4: Design Studio
- 2016b, Building Project
- 2021a, Environmental Design
- 2022b, Systems Integration
- 2011a, Structures I
- 2012b, Structures II

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment

As is the case with other core competencies, the school evaluates the teaching of Professional Practice at several levels. First, individual instructors evaluate each student’s work and provide written evaluations during the Core studio sequence, as well as warning letters written to students falling behind. Evaluations and warning letters are copied to the registrar’s office so that the administration can ensure that additional instruction and aid can be provided and can track student performance broadly.

Second, the Design Committee reviews a comprehensive portfolio from every student moving into their final year of the program. This portfolio includes all of the work the student completed over their first 2 years of the curriculum, allowing the committee to annually evaluate whether the curriculum is successfully implementing these skills, and whether the students collectively are learning them.

Third, the curriculum committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, regularly assesses the success of the curricular structure and content in conveying these competencies. In 2017, the Associate Dean and curriculum committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum. More on this process can be found in 5.3.

Indirect Assessment

Many of the faculty practice architecture (81% of design faculty are licensed) and the faculty and administration maintain many relationships with practitioners who provide valuable feedback on the professional preparedness of students and graduates. At the annual career fair hosted by the School of Architecture’s Career Services program, representatives from a host of professional offices visit the School, meet with students, and interview qualified candidates for employment after graduation. This gives graduating students intensive exposure to the interview and hiring process, but also allows faculty to solicit constructive feedback from outside practitioners about the state of the curriculum, the relative preparedness of our students for professional practice, and the state of the program, more generally.

Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include the following:

The Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) curriculum was revised to emphasize smaller-scale, “real-world” projects, set in nearby communities with identifiable — and actively engaged — stakeholders.

The scope of Architectural Practice and Management (2031a) was expanded to include a sharper, more broadly defined critique of the profession, whereby students engage in a dialectical exploration of architecture’s fundamental premises, from the origins of architecture’s identity as an area of professional expertise, to the vicissitudes of contracts and compensation models.
SC.3 Regulatory Context

How the program ensures that students understand the fundamental principles of life safety, land use, and current laws and regulations that apply to buildings and sites in the United States, and the evaluative process architects use to comply with those laws and regulations as part of a project.

The regulatory context of architectural practice, including laws and regulations governing land use and life safety, is explored throughout the core curriculum, beginning in the first-year Building Project (2016b), where students learn the process of applying for variances in residential construction, create drawing sets for approval by municipal permitting authorities, and learn to evaluate their work relative to building codes and local zoning ordinances. Courses in Structures (2011a and 2012b) provide general knowledge of structural system design and analysis, which is then deployed in the detailing and construction of a multi-family house during the summer following the first year.

Drawing on their experience in Introduction to Urban Design (4011a), students in the Core 4: Design Studio (ARCH 1022b) develop a general knowledge of urban planning codes and ordinances by way of projects requiring the exploration and articulation of floor area ratios, setbacks and building envelopes, and water/runoff management.

Architectural Practice and Management (2031a) includes a sequence on regulation in the built environment from the perspective of licensure, interrogating the origins and fundamental premises of building codes, how these have evolved, and why regulators impose constraints on the building process.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:

2016b, Building Project
2011a, Structures I
2012b, Structures II
4011a, Introduction to Urban Design
1021b, Core 4: Design Studio
2031a, Architectural Practice and Management

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
The school evaluates the teaching of architecture’s regulatory context at several levels. First, individual instructors evaluate each student’s work and provide written evaluations during the Core studio sequence and warning letters written to students falling behind. Evaluations and warning letters are copied to the registrar’s office so that the administration can ensure that additional instruction and aid can be provided and can track student performance broadly.

Second, the Design Committee reviews a comprehensive portfolio from every student moving into their final year of the program. This portfolio includes all of the work the student completed over their first 2 years of the curriculum allowing the committee to annually evaluate whether the curriculum is successfully implementing these skills and whether the students collectively are learning them.

Third, the curriculum committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, regularly assesses the success of the curricular structure and content in conveying these competencies. In 2017, the Associate Dean and curriculum committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum. More on this process can be found in 5.3.

Indirect Assessment
Individuals and organizations external to YSoA provide valuable feedback on the school’s teaching of core competencies. These include city agencies involved in Core 3 studio and multiple municipal and regional entities involved in Core 4. Faculty work closely with these organizations in developing the studio brief, and organization leaders provide informal feedback on course structure and student work.

Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include the following:

- The Building Project (2016b), whose split from the Core 2: Design Studio (1012b) has been described above, was reformed to provide students more time to develop and produce a permitting drawing set.
- By shifting focus away from abstract typology and emphasizing work with real-world client groups on community-based projects, students in the Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) have been brought into closer, more direct contact with local regulators and government officials engaged in the development and construction of architectural projects.
SC.4 Technical Knowledge

How the program ensures that students understand the established and emerging systems, technologies, and assemblies of building construction, and the methods and criteria architects use to assess those technologies against the design, economics, and performance objectives of projects.

The development of technical knowledge related to building systems and construction technology is a primary focus of the MArch program at YSoA, beginning in Structures I (2011a) and continuing through Structures II (2012b) and the first-year Building Project (2016b) which, since 2019, has been re-conceived as a design practicum, as opposed to a specific project in the context of a standalone design studio. This allows students in the course to focus more intently on a variety of innovative building practices and technologies, which vary from year to year depending on the specificities and challenges of a given year’s house.

Recent projects have included experiments in mass-timber construction and off-site prefabrication, as well as a more thoroughly integrative approach to project design and management facilitated by a move to Revit, a BIM-based platform. Indeed, training and instruction in BIM is now a major component of both Visualization and Computation (1019c), offered in parallel to the summer Building Project II (2017c), and Systems Integration (2022b).

Environmental Design (2021a) explores the fundamental scientific principles underpinning the environmental performance of buildings, as well as the various applied technologies most frequently employed to affect and control such performance. For advanced students, Advanced Building Envelopes (2018a), required for anyone who places out of Environmental Design, provides students with an overview of emerging technologies and theories in the areas of environmental and energy systems.

Finally, Modern Architecture and Society (3011a), charts the historical evolution of building tectonics and their relationship to advances in building technology throughout the modern era.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:

- 2011a, Structures I
- 2012b, Structures II
- 2016a, Building Project
- 2017b, Building Project II
- 019c, Visualization and Computation
- 2021a, Environmental Design
- 2018a, Advanced Building Envelopes
- 2022b, Systems Integration
- 3011a, Modern Architecture and Society

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment

As is the case with other core competencies, the school evaluates the teaching of Technical Knowledge at several levels. First, individual instructors evaluate each student’s work and provide written evaluations during the Core studio sequence, as well as warning letters written to students falling behind. Evaluations and warning letters are copied to the registrar’s office so that the administration can ensure that additional instruction and aid can be provided and can track student performance broadly.

Second, the Design Committee reviews a comprehensive portfolio from every student moving into their final year of the program. This portfolio includes all of the work the student completed over their first 2 years of the curriculum allowing the committee to annually evaluate whether the curriculum is successfully implementing these skills and whether the students collectively are learning them.

Third, the curriculum committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, regularly assesses the success of the curricular structure and content in conveying these competencies. In 2017, the Associate Dean and curriculum committee initiated a broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum. More on this process can be found in 5.3

Indirect Assessment

As noted with other Student Criteria, the faculty rely on their research and their roles as practitioners to frame their evaluation of student work and keep up to date on innovations in technical practice. External consultants, designers, regulators and organizations all provide feedback on the School’s curriculum related to core competencies.

Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include:

- The Environmental Design (2021a) curriculum has undergone a major overhaul since being taken over by Professor Anna Dyson in 2018, and has been supplemented with a course on Advanced Building Envelopes (2018a), now required of all students who, based on undergraduate experience, waive out of 2021a.

- A new summer course in computation was recently added to the curriculum, which now includes a robust and fully integrated sequence of classes exploring the application of BIM within the design and construction processes: Building Project (2016b), Visualization and Computation (1019c), Building Project II (2017c), Systems Integration (2022b)

- General technology and software-related instruction is available to students by way of a growing library of online videos and tutorials.

- In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, students, faculty, and School administrators relied heavily on a variety of tech-intensive platforms to facilitate this unprecedented shift to remote learning, and to accommodate students residing all over the globe. These lessons are being brought to bear on the School’s reopening plans for Fall 2021, and have already begun to impact the way the YSoA community approaches collaboration and communication throughout the curriculum.
SC.5 Design Synthesis

How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.

Throughout the studio curriculum at YSoA, students engage in the assessment, analysis, and development of architectural programs and projects, learning to evaluate client requirements relative to site conditions, local building regulations, and community values. As part of the second-year, integrative studio sequence, students in the Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) and Systems Integration (2022b) explore the design and articulation of a programmatically and technologically complex public building, emphasizing the socio-cultural and environmental contexts (and impacts) of their work in collaboration with local social-service organizations. In this way, program, site, client, and community are shown to find synthesis in the architectural project. The focus of these two courses is the exploration of methods used to incorporate and coordinate the contextual relationships and technological systems that ultimately transform design ideas into built form. Specific, community-oriented programs are inflected for each individual project, as student work is informed by specific research on users, service providers, and site context. Projects are tailored to community needs, and evolve relative to existing community resources.

In 2018, the Core 3 studio developed “Community Justice Centers” designed to accommodate the processes of Restorative Justice in three Connecticut towns neighboring Yale and New Haven. Restorative Justice brings together those who have harmed, their victims, and affected community members into voluntary processes that repair harms. The program was formed in collaboration with Connecticut based nonprofit Impact Justice.

In Fall 2019, the studio program involved the design of a new Center for Immigrant Services for three Connecticut cities, emphasizing a variety of needs and program resources specific to recent immigrant communities: legal clinics and counseling; language and literacy classes; vocational instruction and job placement assistance; citizenship courses; and economic advising. Students worked with the Yale Law School Immigrant Rights Clinic New Haven Legal Assistance; Building One Community (https://building1community.org/StamfordCT); Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (https://cirict.org/Hartford); and Junta for Progressive Action (https://www.juntainc.org/en/New Haven).

In Fall 2020, Core 3 studio focused on the design of a facility for an educational, mentor-based, diversionary art program for New Haven youth. It looked at New Haven’s NXTHVN, “a new national arts model that empowers emerging artists and curators of color through education and access,” (www.nxthvn.com) as architectural precedent and model. Over the course of the semester, students heard from and collaborated with NXTHVN, as well as with artists and diversionary practitioners.

The Core 3 program requires a high degree of sensitivity to the simultaneous public-ness of community service organizations, and the concomitant need for privacy on the part of those seeking such services. In this light, the development of a highly articulate approach to site, sequence, views, and social context is critical to course methodology.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:

1021a, Core 3: Design Studio
SC.5 Design Synthesis

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
The school evaluates the teaching of Design Synthesis at several levels. As with every Core studio, the Core 3 coordinator and critics collectively review the presented work of every student, after both midterm and final reviews. With the close involvement of the Dean, the coordinator and critics evaluate the success of that year’s brief, program, and stakeholder involvement against previous studios and the goals of the studio. This assessment directly informs the next year’s brief which deals with new topics and engages different organizations and stakeholders.

Work from Core 3 studio plays an important role in the Design Committee’s evaluation of student portfolios, receiving particularly close attention and evaluation as the principle example of design synthesis. This allows the committee to assess how successfully Core 3 is performing as the first part of the integrative studio sequence.

Finally, the curriculum committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, regularly assesses the success of the curricular structure and content in conveying these competencies. More on the recent curriculum re-assessment process can be found in PC.5.

Indirect Assessment
The studio coordinator and instructors, in direct consultation with the Dean, collaborate with multiple organizations and agencies (see above) to develop the studio brief. Leaders and representatives of these organizations then provide valuable feedback on the theme and structure of the studio.

Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include the following:

• Students in the Core 3: Design Studio (1021a) now collaborate with a rotating group of local organizations engaged in community-based, social-justice work in New Haven and other Connecticut cities. Working together with these stakeholders promotes an understanding among students of the architectural project’s synthetic relationship to site, context, and community. More information on the multi-year programming of Core 3 can be found in PC.8.
SC.6 Building Integration

How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems, and the measurable outcomes of building performance.

The integration of building systems and assemblies within architectural projects is addressed throughout the Core curriculum, but is of primary concern in Systems Integration (2022b), taken in the fourth semester. Groups of students work closely with “teams” of consultants, comprising a diverse group of design faculty and outside professionals. Working on the articulation of designs developed over the course of the previous semester’s Core 3: Design Studio (1021a), students are encouraged to think and work collaboratively, to embrace the inherent complexity of project development and delivery, in terms of both building systems integration and design team composition.

In doing so, students develop ways of working which mirror the processes of project development and management in professional practice. Students learn to identify and integrate technologies appropriate to the implementation of a given architectural scheme. They propose and develop, as fully as possible, building systems related to structure, envelope, climate, and environment, the integration of mechanical, environmental and life-safety system design with that of the structural system and building envelope being fundamental to the premise of the course. The investigation and development of these systems is based on their respective technological roles in the building, considered synthetically, and on their suitability relative to broader issues related to architectural and designerly intent. The development of structural form and detail, the articulation of construction and construction methods, the compliance with life safety measures and the control of sound, light, and air are all approached systematically and technically, as intrinsic components of the design process.

Student teams are matched with teams of consultants, composed of an architect, a structural engineer, and a mechanical engineer. Students meet with this assigned team on a weekly basis to review progress and to plot the course of group work. These critics give assignments intended to provide a structure within which to pace the development of each project. Each team begins with a climatological analysis of their respective projects and their proposed sites, calculating probable heating and cooling loads, before proposing and eventually designing a set of appropriate building systems. Active and passive solar control devices, specialty glass products, and various integrated technologies are explored as means of developing an energy efficient envelope.

Architects rely heavily on the expertise of those trained in such fields as structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering to propose plausible systems of structure, climate, and infrastructure. But ultimately it is the architect who must coordinate, adjust, modify, advance or abandon propositions in the interest of resolving the architectural problem into an efficient, well performing, and intelligible whole. Students in Systems Integration (2022b) learn to communicate this synthesis in the form of documents that represent a thorough and comprehensive understanding of every surface, system, and their interrelatedness.

Courses and Materials in Evidence:
2022b, Systems Integration

Self-Assessment

Direct Assessment
The school evaluates the teaching of building integration at several levels. The lead course instructor, together with their co-instructors and consultants review the presented work of every student, after the final review. In particular, the wide array of consultants involved in teaching the course provide a broad survey of student knowledge and competency. This allows the instructor, together with the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions, to evaluate the success of the structure and content of the course and also the preparation provided by earlier courses. For instance, training in BIM was introduced earlier in the curricular sequence based on an assessment of Systems Integration as described below.

Work from Systems Integration is reviewed during the Design Committee’s evaluation of student portfolios, and building integration is part of the curriculum committee’s regular assessment of the success of the curricular structure and content. More on the recent curriculum re-assessment process can be found in 5.3.

Indirect Assessment
The studio coordinator and consultant-instructors, as part of the direct evaluation of student work, also evaluate the theme and structure of the course. At a more distant level, through informal interaction and formal platforms such as the 2021 alumni survey and career services programs, the faculty and administration collect feedback from practitioners about the relative preparedness of our students and the state of the curriculum, more generally.

Modifications to the curriculum since the last review include the following:
• Where training in BIM had previously been part of the Systems Integration (2022b) curriculum, instruction in Revit was shifted to the previous summer’s Visualization and Computation (1019c), allowing students to develop these skills earlier in the Core sequence of courses and, therefore, to concentrate more closely on course content in ARCH 2022b.
• In light of changes and advancements in environmental systems technology, and the growing body of knowledge regarding architecture’s relationship to — and mitigation of — trends in climate change and global warming, course faculty for Systems Integration (2022b) have shifted focus to emphasize the design of building envelopes. Student projects have likewise been able to develop more fully, since BIM/Revit has been addressed earlier in the studio sequence. This has opened up space in the course for a renewed focus on aspects of building systems integration not previously emphasized, including a new unit on Electrical Lighting.
Condition 4:

Curricular Framework

4.1 Institutional Accreditation

4.2 Professional Degrees and Curriculum
   - Professional Studies
   - General Studies
   - Optional Studies

4.3 Evaluation of Preparatory Education
   - Prior Academic Coursework and Admissions Process
   - Course Waivers, Transfer Credits, Time-to-Degree
4.1 Institutional Accreditation

Every 10 years Yale University undertakes a comprehensive and wide-ranging self-study to inform its re-accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, or NECHE (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC). The most recent self-study cycle culminated in an evaluation by a visiting team of faculty and administrators from peer institutions who came to campus in November 2019. Related information, including a copy of the self-study, a statement from Yale University President, Peter Salovey, and rosters of the accreditation team and all related university committees, can be found on the 2019 Yale NECHE Reaccreditation site:

https://accreditation.yale.edu/2019-reaccreditation

March 26, 2020

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Dear President Salovey:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on March 6, 2020, the New England Commission of Higher Education took the following action with respect to Yale University:

that Yale University be continued in accreditation;
that the University submit an interim (fifth-year) report for consideration in Fall 2024;
that, in addition to the information included in all interim reports, the University give emphasis to its success in:

1) updating and evaluating the effectiveness of its Capital Planning Framework;
2) evaluating the effectiveness of the reorganization of the decanal structure of its Faculty of Arts and Sciences;
3) assessing student learning outcomes and using the results to make improvements with emphasis on assuring that expected learning outcomes are consistent with Yale’s aspiration to be the research university “most committed to teaching;”
4) achieving its goals for faculty diversity;

that the next comprehensive evaluation be scheduled for Fall 2029.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.
4.2 Professional Degree and Curriculum

The Master of Architecture Professional Degree Program curriculum provides a disciplined approach to the fundamentals of architecture in a setting that ensures the flexibility and latitude necessary for students to develop their individual talents and skills. This program, leading to a degree in the Master of Architecture Professional Degree Program (MArch), is for students holding undergraduate liberal arts degrees, such as a BA or BS, who seek their first professional architectural degree. It typically requires three years of full-time residency to complete the degree requirements.

Entering students, with a sound liberal arts background assumed, are required to follow a curriculum in which their creative powers are stimulated through a sequence of problem-solving exercises involving basic and architectural design, building technology, drawing, and an introduction to design methodology, as well as courses in architectural theory and the planning, design, and development of the urban landscape. Architectural design problems in the first year start in the fall term at limited scale and by the spring term progress to an investigation of dwelling. During the spring term of first year and until mid-June, a community building project is undertaken, which provides an opportunity for the design of an affordable house, as well as the experience of carrying that design through the construction process.

During the second year, the fall term is dedicated to the design of a public building, and the articulation of a public-interest program; while the spring term is devoted to urbanism. During the fall and spring terms of third year, students, through a lottery system, are at liberty to choose from a variety of advanced design studios, many of which are led by the profession’s leading practitioners and theoreticians. A number of courses in Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, Urban Studies, and visual studies are also required over the three-year curriculum.
# 4.2 Professional Degree and Curriculum

## Curricular Framework and Required Credits

**MArch I total requirements: 114 credits**

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  - 1022b, Architectural Design 9
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*This course is required for those students so designated by the Admissions Committee. Typically, this course will be required for students who do not have significant pre-architectural training. This five-week course ordinarily begins in mid-July and concludes in mid-August. In 2020–2021, this course is being taught during the fall term and replaces the required visualization elective. The first-term visualization elective is required for those not enrolled in 1221a/1000c.

**This course concludes in late June.**

***One elective must be a qualified Visualization elective (in addition to the required Visualization elective taken during the first year of study); two electives must be in History and Theory and must require a written paper of at least fifteen pages in length; and one elective must be in Urbanism and Landscape. These required electives may be taken in any term(s). Courses taken outside of the School may fulfill these requirements provided they are listed in the appropriate study areas or they have been approved by the area coordinators. Students not on academic warning or probation may substitute independent elective course work. (See the School’s Academic Rules and Regulations for procedures and restrictions.)
4.2.1 Professional Studies

Professional Studies at the Yale School of Architecture are divided into four broad categories of inquiry: Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, and Urbanism and Landscape.

Design and Visualization
Brennan Buck and Mark Foster Gage, Study Area Coordinators

This study area encompasses required studios, elective advanced studios, and courses that concentrate on design logic and skills and that support design thinking and representation. For the M.Arch. I program, required courses in this study area include a core sequence of four design studios, two advanced studios, and two visualization elective courses; one of these visualization electives must be completed in the fall term of the first year. The Core studio sequence progresses from spatially abstract exercises to more complex programs that require integrative thinking at various scales and situated on sites of increased complexity, while integrating ecological, landscape, and tectonic demands. The first course (1000c) is a summer course required for entering students who have not had significant prior architectural training. A further visualization course (1019c)—in the early summer of the first year—is required of all M.Arch. I students.

**Required Design and Visualization courses:**

1021a, Architectural Design: Third MArch I Core Studio
(Required of second-year MArch I students.)

1022b, Architectural Design: Fourth MArch I Core Studio
(Required of second-year MArch I students.)

Advanced Design Studio
Advanced Design Studio

Technology and Practice
Anna Dyson and Kyoung Sun Moon, Study Area Coordinators

This study area explores fundamental theories and methods of building technologies and the relationships among these technologies, architectural design, and the larger natural environment. Courses examine materials, construction, structural systems, and the environmental technologies that provide healthy, productive, sustainable, and comfortable environments. This area also covers professional practice and examines the relationship between methods of construction, procurement, and management. Advanced courses investigate specific technical systems in greater detail, survey emerging methods and technologies, and explore the relationship between building technologies and architectural design in current practice and writings. For the M.Arch. I program, requirements in this study area include six courses that survey common technical systems used in buildings and integrate the consideration of these technical systems into architectural design through a series of projects of increasing complexity. In addition, there is a required course on architectural practice.

**Required Technology and Practice courses:**

2011a, Structures I
2012b, Structures II
2016b, Building Project
2017c, Building Project II
2021a, Environmental Project
2022b, Systems Integration and Development in Design
2031a, Architectural Practice and Management

Architectural Design I: Image-Object
Student: Audrey Hughes
Faculty: Nicholas McDermott
2019

Drawing and Architectural Form
Student: Zack Lenza
Faculty: Victor Agran
2019
4.2.1 Professional Studies

History and Theory
Keller Easterling and Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, Study Area Coordinators

This study area explores the relationship between design, history, and theory through a broad range of courses in which the analysis of buildings, cities, landscapes, and texts supports the articulation and criticism of fundamental concepts, methods, and issues. Historical and contemporary projects and writings are studied in context and as part of the theoretical discourse of architecture. For entering MArch I students who have not had significant prior architectural training, the pre-first-year visualization course (1000c) includes a broad survey of Western architectural history to the nineteenth century. For all MArch I students, there is a first year required survey course of nineteenth- and twentieth-century architectural history (3011a) followed in the second term by a required course on architectural theory (3012b). In addition, MArch I students must satisfactorily complete two elective courses from this study area that require at least a fifteen-page research paper.

Required History and Theory courses:

3011a, Modern Architecture
3012a, Architectural Theory
History and Theory Electives 1 and 2 (See 4.2.3: Optional Studies)

Urbanism and Landscape
Alan J. Plattus and Elihu Rubin, Study Area Coordinators

In this study area, a broad range of courses explore the aesthetic, economic, social, and political influences on the spatial form of urban places and the urban, suburban, and rural landscapes that form our design ecology. For the MArch I program, required courses in this study area include an introduction to urban design (4011a) and the satisfactory completion of one of the elective seminar courses from this study area. Courses offered outside the School may fulfill this elective requirement provided permission from the study area coordinators has been granted.

Required Urbanism and Landscape Courses:

4011a, Introduction to Urban Design
Urbanism and Landscape Elective 1 (See 4.2.3: Optional Studies)
The School believes that the educational experience of its program is enriched by students who have diverse educational backgrounds and, therefore, embraces students who in their undergraduate education have majored in a wide spectrum of disciplines, from architecture to any of the arts, sciences, or humanities. Applicants to the MArch I program must hold a bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited college or university, and thus have prior academic experience relative to this requirement. The following college-level courses are required as prerequisites to this program, all to be completed by June 1 of the year matriculating:

1. A studio course such as freehand drawing, sketching, painting, sculpture, or basic architectural design. (Ceramics, photography, graphics, or film will not satisfy this requirement.)

2. Two courses in the history of art and/or architecture. It is recommended that one course be a survey, the other a course in modern architecture.

Also recommended, but not required, is a course in classical physics. Advanced standing is rarely granted to incoming students. Course waivers may be granted to students whose undergraduate coursework in these areas is confirmed to have been especially rigorous. (See also 4.3.3)

Summer Preparation Courses for Incoming MArch I Students

In the six weeks before the beginning of the fall term, the School offers four summer preparation courses that are required for incoming MArch I students.

1. **Architectural Foundations (1000c)**

This five-week course is offered at no charge for those newly admitted students who do not have significant pre-architectural training. This course is required only for those students who have been informed in their acceptance letter that they must take this course. Students required to take the summer session must satisfactorily pass this course before being admitted to the School's first-year MArch I program in the fall. Classes are held each day, Monday through Friday. The average day is broken into morning and afternoon sessions. Students are expected to complete assignments outside of class.

2. **Summer Shops Techniques Course.**

This one-week course introduces incoming students to the School's fabrication equipment and shops. The course stresses good and safe shop techniques. Students are not allowed to use the School's shops unless they have satisfactorily completed this course.

3. **Summer Digital Media Orientation Course.**

This two-part course, which occurs during the same week as the Summer Shops Techniques Course, covers accessing the School's servers, the use of the School's equipment, and the School's digital media policies and procedures. This course is required only for those MArch I students who did not take Architectural Foundations (1000c); see paragraph 1 above.

4. **Arts Library Research Methods Session.**

This ninety-minute session covers various strategies to answer research questions pertaining to course curricula and topics by using tools such as the Yale University online catalog, architecture databases, image resources, print resources, and archival resources.
4.2.3 Optional Studies

Within the limits of certain required credit distributions, students are encouraged to explore elective course options. Courses—falling into the broad categories of Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, and Urbanism and Landscape — support and augment the pivotal studio offerings. Courses offered by other schools and departments within the University may be taken for credit. Emphasis throughout the program is on architectural design and decision-making. Students enrolled in the MArch I program take at least eight elective courses, including two electives in the area of Design and Visualization, two in the area of History and Theory, and one in the area of Urbanism and Landscape. The School offers a wide variety of elective courses in each of its major study areas, but students are welcome to take electives in any department or school at Yale University.

Electives in Design and Visualization:

- 1219a: Designing Social Equality: The Politics of Matter
- 1223a: Formal Analysis I
- 1233a: Composition
- 1289a: Space-Time-Form
- 1225b: Design and Visualization
- 1225b: Formal Analysis II
- 1227b: Drawing Projects
- 1228b: Ruins and Ruination
- 1243b: Graphic Inquiry
- 1245b: Color in Architecture
- 1246b: AI Aesthetics
- 1299a or b, Independent Coursework

Electives in Technology and Practice:

- 2018a Advanced Building Envelopes
- 2021a Environmental Design Anna Dyson
- 221a Technology and Design of Tall Buildings
- 222a The Mechanical Eye
- 2242a Fighting Slavery in the Building Supply Chain
- 2207b Architectural Writing and Journalism
- 2209b Skin Deep: Envelope as Potential Energy
- 2226b Design Computation
- 2229b Regenerative Building: Horse Island
- 2230b Exploring New Value in Design Practice
- 2238b The Mechanical Artifact: Ultra Space
- 2241b Building Disasters
- 2299a or b, Independent Coursework

Electives in History and Theory:

- 0551 Fall 2020 Approaches to Contemporary Architectural Theory
- 3100a The Plan
- 3101a Textile Architectures
- 3102a Topics in the History of Architecture after 1945
- 3240a Spatial Concepts of Japan: Their Origins and Development in Architecture and Urbanism
- 3267a Semiotics
- 3280a Medium Design
- 3290a Body Politics: Designing Equitable Public Space
- 3103b Introduction to Islamic Architecture
- 3256b Renaissance and Modern II
- 3272b Exhibitionism: Politics of Display
- 3283b After the Modern Movement: An Atlas of Postmodernism
- 3297b From Shigeru Ban to IKEA: Designing Refugee Camps
- 3298b Topics in the History of Architecture Education
- 3301b New York as Incubator of Twentieth-Century Urbanism: Four Urban Thinkers and the City They Envisioned
- 3312b Textile Architectures: A Transhistorical and Global Perspective into Architectural Historiography
- 3313b A Critical History of Domestication: The House
- 3314b Lightness and Modernity: Architecture, Design, Energy

Electives in Urbanism and Landscape:

- 3222a History of Landscape Architecture: Antiquity to 1700 in Western Europe
- 3223b History of Urbanism and Landscape — support and
- 3234b Urbanism and Landscape: The City Before and After the Tubewell
- 3249b Urban Landscape and Geographies of Justice
- 3250b A Critical History of Domestication: Environments of Subsistence
- 4299a or b, Independent Course Work

Electives in the University:

Yale University is home to over 100 departments and programs, in a wide range of disciplines. Students at YSoA are free to take elective courses in any of these, and the structure of the University makes it very easy for students to move between schools and departments. In the 2020-2021 academic year, YSoA students enrolled in 137 different courses outside the School of Architecture across 31 departments. These included everything from basic language courses to advanced research seminars. Among the most popular were:

- ANTH 415, Culture, History, Power
- ART 264, Typography!
- ART 575, Going Outside
- CPSC 100, Intro Computing & Programming
- 244, Motion Graphics & Film Production
- ENV 573, Urban Ecology for Local and Regional Decision-Making
- ENV 756, Modeling Geographic Objects
- ENV 755, Modeling Geographic Space
- HSAR 455, Conceptualization of Space
- MGT 502, Foundations of Accounting & Valuation
- URBN 417, Fugitive Practice
- WGSS 712, Readings in the History of Sexuality
Dual Degree Programs:

The School of Architecture maintains close ties with the School of Management and the School of the Environment through its dual degree programs, numerous cross-listed courses and joint faculty appointments.

School of Architecture/School of Management
Phillip Bernstein, Coordinator

The Yale School of Architecture and the Yale School of Management offer a dual-degree program in Architecture and Management. This program is especially oriented to individuals who wish to integrate the design, urban development, and management professions in pursuing careers in government or the private sector.

Dual-degree students in the three-year first professional MArch program must complete all requirements for the degree, including six terms of design studio, with the first four terms taken consecutively. This is an accredited, professional degree and specific requirements may not be bypassed, except when waivers are granted for course work previously completed at other institutions. Students in this program will have their overall number of course credits required for the MArch degree reduced from the normal 114 credits to 96 credits. This means they will take 18 fewer elective credits (six elective courses) and may be waived from the History and Theory and/or Urbanism and Landscape elective requirements. Normally this adjustment will allow the student to divide the final (fourth) year schedule between the two required advanced studios at the School of Architecture and courses at the School of Management.

At the conclusion of the required studies, the dual-degree program awards both a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Master of Architecture Professional Degree Program (MArch). Withdrawal or dismissal from the School of Management will automatically obligate a student to complete all normal requirements for the MArch degree (114 credits for first professional degree; 72 credits for post-professional degree option). The MArch degree will not be awarded to dual-degree candidates until they have completed all requirements for both degrees.

Admissions are determined independently by the two schools. Students may apply to both schools at the same time and, if accepted, will begin their studies at the School of Architecture, since admission to the School cannot be deferred; or they may apply to the School of Management prior to their final year at the School of Architecture. Students enrolled at the School of Management may apply to the School of Architecture during their first year. Those who apply simultaneously should so indicate on both applications. Applications to the School of Architecture must be approved by the Committee of the dual-degree program.
4.2.3 Optional Studies

School of Architecture / School of the Environment
Elisa Iturbe, Coordinator

The Yale School of Architecture and the Yale School of the Environment offer a dual-degree program in Architecture and Environmental Management. This program is directed to individuals who wish to become leaders in sustainable architecture and ecological design, with a focus on the integration of ecological science, energy systems, and global urbanization patterns with architecture and urbanism. Capitalizing on the breadth and depth of expertise at the School of the Environment in ecosystem ecology, land change science, environmental economics, industrial ecology, and ecological anthropology, this program fosters students who can innovatively merge ecological science with architecture at the site, city, and regional scales. The dual-degree program offers a focused and restricted curriculum that enables a student to obtain both a Master of Architecture (MArch) degree and a Master of Environmental Management (MEM) degree one year earlier than would be required if each degree were pursued independently; that is, in four years if admitted to the first professional Master of Architecture (MArch I) program.

Individuals seeking admission to this dual-degree program must apply and be admitted to one of the two School of Architecture Master of Architecture programs (MArch I or MArch II) and also apply and be admitted separately to the School of the Environment and Master of Environmental Management program. Consequently, applicants must submit all required admissions materials and prerequisites for application to each of these programs, indicating their desire to be, in addition, considered for the joint program.

Yale Center for Collaborative Arts and Media

The Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM) is Yale’s media laboratory for everyone. At CCAM students and faculty investigate intersections of art, science, and technology through research, programs, and exhibitions.

Yale Center for Engineering Innovation and Design

The Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID) is a hub for collaborative and interdisciplinary design activity at Yale University. The 8,700 square foot design lab combines an open studio, lecture hall, wet lab, and meeting rooms.
4.3 Evaluation of Preparatory Education

4.3.1 Prior Academic Coursework and the Admissions Process

Admissions

Applications are rigorously reviewed by a committee of 10 faculty and six students. The committee takes an open and holistic approach, reviewing transcripts, portfolio, essays, and recommendations in the context of each applicant’s background. The committee also participates in workshops that encourage an unbiased review and a consequently diverse student body.

Application to the School is an online process. While completing the online application form, students will be asked to supply information regarding themselves, their education, their test scores, and their references; upload their transcripts, personal essay, and curriculum vitae (résumé); and pay an application fee. In addition, applicants for the MArch programs will be required to upload a portfolio. See below for more detailed information on each required component of the application process. YSoA’s admissions policies and requirements can be found on the school’s website: https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/requirements.

The online application can be accessed at https://apply.architecture.yale.edu/apply when it is available. Applications for programs beginning in the 2020–2021 academic year must be submitted no later than January 2, 2020.

Transcripts

A transcript or academic record indicating degree earned or anticipated is required from each college or university attended and listed in the Academic Record section of the online application. Applicants upload a scanned copy of the applicant’s official transcript or academic record to the application.

Applicants who have attended international institutions must submit transcripts or certified attestations of study. If such documents are not written in English, certified English translations are required. Once translated, the original transcript as well as the certified translation should be uploaded to the online application.

Applicants who are offered admission and who accept that offer will be required to have their respective institutions directly submit final, hard-copy official transcripts to the School.

Standardized examinations

All applicants, including international students, are typically required to take the General Test (verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) administered by the Educational Testing Service. Although the test may be taken at any time, it should be taken no later than December preceding the application due date. This requirement was suspended for applicants applying in 2021.

The Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT) is required of all applicants whose native language is not English. The requirement for the TOEFL iBT may be waived only for applicants who have studied in residence for at least three (3) years at a university or college where English is the primary language of instruction and who will have received a baccalaureate degree, or its foreign equivalent, from that institution prior to matriculation at Yale. Final candidates are interviewed by members of the committee to assess language abilities.

Applicants are required to record their examination scores in the online application for each test date taken.

Personal essay

Applicants respond to two questions recently rewritten to garner responses more specific to each applicant and why they are interested in YSoA: Question 1. Please describe a significant experience, idea, passion, or pursuit that has led you to apply to the Yale School of Architecture. Question 2. What excites you about the future of architecture and what would you like your role to be in that future? The School of Architecture seeks to draw students from all racial and ethnic groups in society. Applicants who wish to identify themselves as a member of a minority group may do so in this essay.

Curriculum vitae

A curriculum vitae (résumé of academic and employment experience) is required and must be uploaded to the online application.

Letters of recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required and must be uploaded by each recommender no later than the application deadline. Letters of recommendation should be from individuals with direct knowledge of the applicant’s professional potential and/or academic ability.

Portfolio

A digital portfolio (a single pdf document optimized not to exceed 2GB) must be uploaded to the online application. The portfolio should be a well-edited representation of the applicant’s creative work. Anything submitted that is not entirely the applicant’s own work must be clearly identified as such.

For the MArch I program, the portfolio should demonstrate the applicant’s creative and spatial sensibilities. Work represented may be wide-ranging in nature, including drawings, paintings, sculpture, sketches, furniture and architectural designs, or other materials.
4.3.2 & 4.3.3 Course Waivers, Transfer Credits, Time-to-Degree

Advanced Standing:

Advanced standing is rarely granted at YSoA, and is only considered for students who have completed at least one year of M Arch education at a peer institution.

Course Waivers:

If an entering student can demonstrate competence and passing grades from an accredited school in the material covered in any of the program’s required support courses (except for 2031a), that student may request a waiver of those courses. A waiver of any required course, however, does not reduce the number of course credits required to fulfill the program’s degree requirements. Time to degree, even for those students who waive out of certain required support courses, remains 3 years.

Such waivers are granted by way of a rigorous, three-stage review process. Requests for a waiver must be submitted to one of the course’s study area coordinators within one week of the start of the first term of the student’s enrollment. A transcript, course syllabus, and a notebook or examples of work accomplished must be presented to relevant course faculty and study area coordinators for review. Course waivers are then reviewed and, if appropriate, approved by the Curriculum Committee. The Rules Committee will then review the student’s transcript and degree checklist and make the final determination as to whether a waiver will be granted.

Waivers are rarely granted for either the required History and Theory surveys, or for the required course in Environmental Design. Any students granted a waiver from Environmental Design are required to take ARCH 2018a: Building Envelopes. Faculty in these areas bring unique and powerful perspectives to bear on the material, which the School considers fundamental to a professional education in architecture.
Condition 5:

Structure and Governance
Planning and Assessment
Curricular Development
Human Resources and Human Resource Development
Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
Physical Resources
Financial Resources
Information Resources
5.1 Structure and Governance

The program must describe the administrative and governance processes that provide for organizational continuity, clarity, and fairness and allow for improvement and change.

5.1.1 Administrative Structure: Describe the administrative structure and identify key personnel in the program and school, college, and institution.

5.1.2 Governance: Describe the role of faculty, staff, and students in both program and institutional governance structures and how these structures relate to the governance structures of the academic unit and the institution.

5.1.1 Administrative Structure

The Yale Corporation & the University President:

The Yale Corporation, or board of trustees, is the University’s principal governing body.

The Yale Corporation is the governing board and policy-making body for Yale University. Yale’s charter of 1701 was amended by the Connecticut Legislature in 1792 to provide that the President and Fellows of Yale College would be known as “The Corporation” and “shall have the government, care and management of the college.” Compared to the governing boards of other educational institutions, the Yale Corporation is small and plays an unusually active role in University governance.

As fiduciaries, the trustees ensure that Yale’s academic and administrative leadership are guided by sound policies and practices, and equipped with adequate resources, to further Yale’s mission. In this work, they balance the needs of today’s faculty, students, alumni, and staff with those of future generations.

The Corporation is comprised of the president and sixteen trustees: ten appointed successor trustees, each limited to two six-year terms; and six elected alumni fellows, chosen by alumni for staggered six-year terms. Successor trustees and alumni fellows carry the same responsibilities and duties. In addition, the governor and lieutenant governor of Connecticut are board members ex officio. The Corporation has thirteen standing committees with responsibilities outlined in the by-laws.

The Corporation convenes in person several times a year to review and discuss issues with Yale’s academic and administrative leaders, and to vote on matters such as faculty and senior leadership appointments, the conferral of degrees, major building projects, and operating and capital budgets. During and between meetings, trustees consider issues of strategic importance, offer guidance, and gather information that supports the stewardship of the University.

While on campus, the trustees meet with members of the Yale community, including faculty, staff, and students. Some meet formally, in regular meetings with student government and faculty; and others informally, at lunches, university teas, and campus events. Off campus, trustees represent the University at events and engage on issues of importance to Yale and higher education in general.

In addition to the Yale Corporation, the University has several advisory boards whose members are alumni and friends of Yale. These boards provide advice and counsel to the President on a number of topics. Some of the boards have a specific focus, such as the President’s Council on International Activities, which advises the President on Yale’s international initiatives, or advises a Dean about the work of a School. Others have a broad mandate, such as the University Council, which studies and makes recommendations to the President on a range of topics concerning University life.
5.1.1 Administrative Structure

Office of the President:

The President, Peter Salovey, is the chief executive officer of the University and as such is responsible for the general direction of all its affairs. The President is ex officio a member of every faculty and governing board, and of every committee of the faculty, administration, and Corporation, except Audit, Compensation, and Trusteeship. The President will make himself available to these committees and may attend at the invitation of the respective Chair. The President may discharge the duties and exercise the powers of any officer of the teaching or administrative staff who may be absent or unable to act, or appoint temporary officials to discharge such duties and exercise such powers. The President shall present to the Corporation recommendations from the faculties and other units of the University which require the approval of the Corporation. The President shall prepare and submit for approval to the Corporation at or before its final meeting of the fiscal year a proposed operating budget and a proposed capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The final budgets shall be adopted by the Corporation prior to June 30. The President shall appoint a Chief Investment Officer, who shall be responsible for recommending and carrying out investments of University assets in accordance with the policies of the Investments Committee. At the request of the President, and upon nomination by him, the Corporation may elect such Vice Presidents (one or more of which may be Senior Vice Presidents) as the President deems appropriate to carry out responsibilities for areas of institutional activity as may be assigned, including but not limited to finance, business operations, campus development, government affairs, human resources, communications, development and alumni affairs, student affairs, international affairs, and strategic affairs. The responsibilities and authority of each such Vice President, including, if applicable, designation as an officer of the University, may be set forth in these By-Laws or a resolution of the Corporation.

Office of the Provost:

Provost Scott A. Strobel is Yale’s chief educational and budget officer after President Peter Salovey. The Office of the Provost oversees academic policies and activities university-wide. The provost is an ex-officio member of every faculty and governing board and of all committees concerned with educational policy or faculty appointments. He has direct oversight of all academic support units and holds institutional responsibility for the allocation of resources. In collaboration with the vice president for finance, the provost presents the University’s annual operating and capital budgets to the president and to the Yale Corporation. The vice, associate, and assistant provosts, together with the provost’s administrative and operations staff, support the provost in carrying out these responsibilities.

Yale School of Architecture: Administrative Structure and Key Personnel:

The School of Architecture is one of thirteen graduate and professional Schools of Yale University. The Executive Officer of the School is the Dean, appointed by the Yale Corporation upon the recommendation of the Provost. The Dean reports directly to the Provost and the President.

The School has two Associate Deans, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Provost’s Office, that report directly to the Dean. One Associate Dean is responsible for academic affairs of the School and the other is responsible for the administration and finance of the School. The school has Assistant Deans for Student Affairs; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Academic Affairs. The School also has a Director of Undergraduate Studies for both of the undergraduate majors, responsible for coordinating the undergraduate program and acting as liaison between the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Study Area Coordinators are responsible for overseeing a particular study area. All Directors and Coordinators are appointed by the Dean.
5.1.2 Governance

University Governance:

The students, faculty, and administrators at the Yale School of Architecture contribute to the governance of the University by serving on a variety of institutional committees as well as by taking a participatory role in campus planning for Yale University. In addition, students, faculty, and administrators contribute to the intellectual and social life of the institution through a variety of activities and initiatives.

Numerous faculty and staff from the School of Architecture serve on university-wide committees or otherwise participate in formal initiatives of the American academic community. These include Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Tanial Lowe, who serves as the School’s Affirmative Action Deputy and Title IX coordinator; Associate Dean Phil Bernstein, who serves as ACSA councilor; serves as ACSA councilor; Associate Dean Sunil Bald who serves on the University Academic Affairs Committee; faculty members Alan Plattus and John Jacobson, who sit on Yale’s University Tribunal; and Keller Easterling who serves on the tenure review committee.

Faculty and Staff at the Yale School of Architecture contribute greatly to both the Yale and New Haven communities, which they do as members of Local 34, the University’s clerical and technical workers’ union; by participating in the Yale-United Way campaign, which aims to improve education, financial stability, and health for local New Haven residents; and by taking part in Yale’s annual Day of Service every spring.

School of Architecture Governance:

All faculty, staff, and students play a role in the structure and governance of the School. Through self-assessment procedures and a series of committees, all members of the Yale School of Architecture community are able to assess the School’s progress and growth and voice their opinions. One of Yale’s strengths is the administrative autonomy of the School and its strong coordinated relationship with the University. This allows decisions and actions on architectural education, pedagogy and accreditation to be made in an considered and responsive manner.

Faculty:

The faculty of the School is composed of scholars and professional practitioners. With the exception of scholarships and fellowships, teaching and grading of graduate students’ course work for credit in the School is the exclusive responsibility of the faculty. In addition, the faculty is responsible for the curriculum, the awarding of degrees, and establishing the rules and procedures of the School as allowed by the university.

The Dean’s Office schedules regular faculty meetings, chaired by the Dean. Any member of the student/faculty body may submit items to be included in the agenda of these meetings to the Dean’s Office no later than one week prior to the scheduled faculty meeting. The Dean’s Office distributes minutes of each meeting to the faculty. Quorum is established by the presence of one-third of the members of the faculty with multi-year and tenure appointments, but all members of the faculty may vote. Voting is decided by simple majority of those faculty members in attendance at the time of the vote.

5.1.2 Governance

Standing Committee Structure:

Various standing committees, composed of faculty members appointed by the Dean and in some cases elected student representatives, assist the Dean in the formulation and implementation of policies governing activities of the School. The Dean appoints the chairperson of each committee and also appoints faculty members in consultation with the respective chairperson. Each committee’s chairperson is responsible for the committee’s organization, activities and reports. For student committees, with the exception of the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Student Grievances and the Admissions Committee, the student body shall elect the designated student committee members.

In the standing committees, except the Executive and Design Committees, quorum is established by the presence of one-half of the appointed and elected committee members. For the Executive Committee, quorum is established by the presence of one-half of the committee members not on leave. For the Design Committee, quorum is established by the presence of one-half of the faculty members hired on a one year or longer contract and who teach in the design studio. For all standing committees, except the Executive Committee, voting is decided by simple majority of the committee members in attendance at the time of the vote. For the Executive Committee, voting is decided by simple majority of the committee members in attendance at the time of the vote that are qualified to vote on the particular issue.

Academic Leadership:

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Deborah Berke, Dean

Sunil Bald, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions

Phil Bernstein, Associate Dean for Administration

Tania Lowe, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Bimal Mendis, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs

Elilu Rubin, Director of Undergraduate Studies (Urban Studies)

Surry Schlabs, Director of Undergraduate Studies (Architecture)
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Executive Officers:

Deborah Berke, BFA, BArch, MUP, HDFA., Dean
Sunil Bald, BA, MArch, Associate Dean
Phillip G. Bernstein, BA, MArch, Associate Dean
Tania Low, M.Counseling, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
Bimal Mendis, BA, MArch, Assistant Dean
Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, MArch, MED, PhD, Assistant Dean

Committee Structure:

The following committees, composed of faculty members appointed by the Dean and elected student representatives, assist the Dean in the formulation and implementation of policies governing activities of the School:

1. Executive Committee (permanent and other faculty members). Participates in policy making, operational decisions, and faculty appointments.

2. Rules Committee (four faculty members, three students). Reviews, interprets, and implements the Academic Rules and Regulations of the School; recommends policy and procedural changes to the Academic Rules and Regulations of the School; and oversees the Disciplinary Procedures of Unacceptable Conduct. Student representatives are not privy to, nor may they vote on, issues regarding individual student cases.

3. Admissions Committee (ten faculty members, six students). Reviews and makes recommendations on admission policies; reviews all applications for admission and makes admission recommendations to the Dean.

4. Curriculum Committee (Dean, assistant Dean responsible for curricular affairs, and study area coordinators). Reviews and recommends curriculum changes; is responsible for the development of detailed curriculum for each term.

5. Design Committee (design faculty). Discusses and reviews issues that involve the teaching of design; evaluates student design performance.

6. MED Program Committee (faculty members, two students). Acts as directive body for the MED program and recommends curriculum changes.

7. Undergraduate Planning Committee (faculty members). Plans and reviews courses in architecture offered to Yale College undergraduate students; oversees Yale College Architecture major.

8. Arts Library Liaison Committee (four faculty members, one student). Advises the Arts Library on acquisition and maintenance issues.

9. Dual-Degree Committee (four faculty members). Recommends to the Rules Committee student course of study proposals for the dual degrees with other professional schools of the University.

10. Curriculum Advisory Committee (three faculty members, four students). Makes curriculum recommendations to the Dean.

11. Dean’s Advisory Committee on Student Grievances (two faculty members; two members who may be faculty, administrators, or other individuals employed by the University; one student). Implements General Student Grievance Procedures of the University.

12. Awards and Prizes Committee (seven faculty members). Makes award and prize recommendations to the faculty.

Administrative Offices:

The Registrar’s and Admissions Office handles all matters relating to student admissions and records.

The Financial Aid Office handles all student financial aid matters.

The Business Office is responsible for dealing with administration and finances of the School.

The Digital Media Office is responsible for maintaining the School’s academic digital equipment.
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Administrative Staff:

Al Artemel, Director of Communications.
Regina Bejnerowicz, Lead Administrator.
Andrew Benner, Director of Exhibitions.
Terence Brown, Senior Administrative Assistant, Academic Support.
Zelma Brunson, Operations Manager.
Nathan Burnell, Assistant Shop Manager.
Richard DeFlumeri, Senior Administrative Assistant—Lectures, Exhibitions, Special Events.
Vincent Guerrero, Director of Advanced Technology.
Robert Liston, Senior Systems Administrator.
Tanial Lowe, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Title IX Coordinator, and Admissions Administrator.
Andre Massiah, Financial Aid Administrator.
Tim Newton, Director of Fabrication.
Adelia Palmieri, Senior Administrative Assistant to Registrar/Admissions and Financial Aid Offices.
Kate Rozen, Executive Assistant to the Dean.
Alison Walsh, Exhibitions Administrator.
Rona Walstra, Senior Administrative Assistant, Undergraduate Studies and Career Services and Receptionist.
Rosemary Watts, Senior Administrative Assistant to Financial Administrator.
Jill Westgard, Senior Director of Development.
Donna Wetmore, Assistant Registrar and Assistant Admissions Administrator.
Trevor Williams, IT Support Technician.

Yale Urban Design Workshop:

Marta Caldeira, Director of Research
Alan Plattus, Founding Director
Andrei Harwell, Director, Design and Administration

Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library:

Heather Gendron, Director of Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library
Jennifer Aloi, Senior Administrative Assistant
Dana Eckstein Berkowitz, Library Services Assistant
Frank Boateng, Team Leader, Evening/Weekend
Roselyn Cruz, Library Services Assistant
Molly Dotson, Assistant Director for Special Collections
Lindsay King, Assistant Director for Access and Research Services
Teresa Mensz, Library Services Assistant
William Richo, Library Services Assistant
Shawana Snell, Team Leader, Daytime
Maria Zapata, Library Services Assistant

Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA):

Anna Dyson, Director of the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture at Yale.
Hind Wildman, Director of Communications and Research Development.
Nick Novelli, Director of Research Engineering
5.2 Planning and Assessment

The program must demonstrate that it has a planning process for continuous improvement that identifies:

5.2.1 The program’s multiyear strategic objectives, including the requirement to meet the NAAB Conditions, as part of the larger institutional strategic planning and assessment efforts.

5.2.2 Key performance indicators used by the unit and the institution.

5.2.3 How well the program is progressing toward its mission and stated multiyear objectives.

5.2.4 Strengths, challenges, and opportunities faced by the program as it strives to continuously improve learning outcomes and opportunities.

5.2.5 Ongoing outside input from others, including practitioners.

The program must also demonstrate that it regularly uses the results of self-assessments to advise and encourage changes and adjustments that promote student and faculty success.

5.2.1 Strategic Objectives

Strategic Plan

The central tool in YSoA’s planning and assessment process is the School’s Strategic Plan, the result of a year-long planning process initiated by Deborah Berke upon becoming Dean in 2017. It is considered to be a living document and is continually updated, most recently during the spring ’21 semester in order to better reflect the ongoing growth and evolution of the YSoA community. In March 2021, a core group of 19 YSoA staff, faculty, and administrators met to outline updates to the strategic plan. In preparation for this session, the participants reviewed three documents as the basis for discussion: the all-school climate and culture survey, a survey of all faculty and staff with feedback on seven specific areas of the strategic plan, and a more in-depth survey of the session participants themselves. The session was both an opportunity to assess the school’s performance over the previous 3 years based on the goals and strategies laid out in the original strategic plan and to revise those goals and strategies for the future. While small revisions were made to the school’s values and guiding principles, three new major goals were articulated:

- Address issues of social justice and climate change in the built environment
- Secure funding for all to graduate without tuition debt
- Continue building a culture of belonging

Based on the committee’s input, the revised 2021 Yale School of Architecture strategic plan was completed and released in June 2021. The original 2018 Strategic Plan and the updated 2021 Strategic Plan are both included in the appendix to this report.

Curriculum Review

A general review of the School of Architecture’s curriculum was initiated the same year, under the guidance of Associate Dean Sunil Bald, and in collaboration with an eight-member board of School faculty. This process set out to identify areas of friction and redundancy in the existing School curriculum; to update and articulate curricular objectives in line with evolving accreditation requirements from NAAB; and to develop a road map for curricular reform consistent with the School of Architecture’s comprehensive Strategic Plan.

In the short-term, School performance relative to mid-range curricular reform goals and long-range strategic planning is assessed by way of biannual student evaluations of courses, and through regular consultation with faculty — both formally, in their capacity as members of School committees, and more casually, at monthly faculty meetings convened by the Dean. (See also: Condition 5.3)

5.2.2 Key Performance Indicators

While the administration gathers feedback from students, faculty and staff through a range of formal and informal channels as described in Section 5.2.4 below, key ongoing performance indicators include the following:

Course Evaluations

At the end of every semester, students are asked to submit detailed evaluations of all courses in which they were enrolled, along with feedback on the teaching work of associated faculty. These evaluations are coordinated via a centralized, online system, and include both numerical rankings and written responses to specific questions. The Dean and associate Dean read these evaluations closely, and while participation by students is not mandatory, it is typically robust. These evaluations ensure that the administration remains sensitive to student expectations and concerns, even those that don’t rise to the level of formal complaints. They inform decisions about hiring and promotion, the renewal of short-term contracts, and the identification of faculty considered for longer-term appointments.

Annual Design Committee Reviews

The Design Committee conducts portfolio reviews of the MArch I and MArch II students preceding promotion into final year(s) of the program and preceding graduation. By evaluating student design and technical competence of every student, the committee annually evaluates multiple school functions including the curriculum, admissions, and how the school provides additional help to students not meeting expectations. The design committee also plays an important role in curriculum evaluation and planning. See 5.3.2.

Culture Survey

In the fall of 2020, YSoA relaunched its first Climate and Culture Survey of the entire community of students, staff, and faculty. Originally launched in February 2020, collection was paused during the pandemic and resumed in October. The survey was developed with help from the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, which distributed and analyzed the results. 165 community members responded to the survey, including 116 students, 23 staff, and 29 faculty. The data collected bolsters YSoA’s increased focus on understanding the foundational experiences that underlie community members’ engagement in architectural education.
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at Yale. Topics include community & belonging; diversity, equity, & inclusion; and well-being at the School. The school’s objectives are to gather confidential input from across the YSoA community and to take an evidence-based approach to strengthen successes and work towards resolving challenges. Results of the survey include the following:

• Many YSoA community members feel well-supported and included, with 87% agreeing their interactions with colleagues and peers at YSoA are positive.

• Over 75% of participants feel YSoA is working towards fairness, justice, and equity in architecture education, although the community was split on whether opportunities are equal for all members.

• Representation, instances of microaggressions, and the issue of class were raised in relationship to DEI considerations.

• Participants are split regarding the promotion of well-being at YSoA: ~50% feel well-being is mostly/completely emphasized, ~20% say not at all/a little, and the remaining ~30% are neutral.

Participants desired more transparency on YSoA policies and procedures, particularly in relation to budget, evaluation metrics (e.g., promotions and advancement), and student teaching opportunities. Streamlined communication, particularly during remote education, was also a large theme.

• Better accommodation for disabilities was requested. Half of the population felt negative or neutral towards this aspect.

The school is in the midst of working through the results with the faculty and administrative staff, and will be reporting over the summer and into the fall about concrete steps that will come from the survey. One project that has already begun immediately is an examination of the TF/ITF/TA selection process. In addition, there will be continued progress on DEI efforts in curriculum, faculty hiring, and admissions next year, much of which has already been put into place. Ultimately, the aim is to create an equitable and diverse community where all members feel welcome.

Alumni Survey

In Spring 2021, YSoA conducted a survey of alumni from 1954 through the present. The school received 1033 responses from approximately 2900, a 36% response rate. At least one person from 66 of the last 67 graduating classes responded. The survey included questions on graduates’ careers and licensure status as well as their thoughts in retrospect on their education at YSoA. The findings include:

• 72% of alumni have practiced architecture during their careers
• 59% are licensed; 66% excluding the classes of 2017-2020 who are working through AXP
• 42% are in leadership positions (15% are sole proprietors, 27% are principals or partners of their firms)

In addition to these initial findings, the survey gives the school extensive data and a set of narrative responses from alumni for reference during future consideration of issues from career services and teaching professional practice to the school’s mission and culture.

Assessing Progress

The Administration and the University

Prior to the start of fall semester, the Dean of the School of Architecture meets with the president and provost of the University to discuss the previous academic year and to present goals and initiatives for the coming year. Data on fundraising, faculty hiring, and curricular changes and improvements are weighed against previously identified goals and expectations. Topics discussed include fund-raising, faculty hiring, curricular improvements and development, and yield.

The Dean then meets every 4-6 weeks with the president to discuss the School of Architecture’s mission and its ongoing institutional development, and monthly with the provost on issues related to hiring, promotions, budget, and any other areas of concern requiring immediate input or action from the University. The Dean also participates in a weekly working session with the provost and all of the University’s other fourteen Deans. The Yale Cabinet—a group including all fifteen Deans: the president, provost, university secretary, and senior vice-presidents; and the Yale general counsel and chief communications officer—also meets monthly to discuss how operations, budget, and finance-based initiatives serve to support the educational mission of the University’s academic departments and professional programs.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan lays out goals, objectives, and strategies in six key areas: Pedagogy and Program, Students, Faculty, External Engagement, Institutional Resources, and Culture. The original 2018 plan articulated strategies for each area in both the near term and three to five years out. The revised 2021 plan is even more specific, defining a baseline and goals for year 1 and year 3 for each strategy. The 35 strategies in the original plan provided a precise gauge of the school’s progress during the recent plan update for all faculty and staff to assess via a survey and for the core group of YSoA staff, faculty, and administrators to consider during the planning session in March. The updated plan articulates a revised set of objectives that will be specifically reassessed in 2022 and 2024. The original 2018 Strategic Plan and the updated 2021 Strategic Plan are both included in the appendix to this report.

Assessing Strengths, Challenges and Opportunities

Students, Faculty, and Staff provide the School with feedback and advice through a range of formal and informal channels. Informally, the Dean and other members of the YSoA administration maintain an open-door policy at the School of Architecture, where the Dean’s office literally has no door. Staff, faculty, and students provide input that shapes the School’s long-range planning goals, and often meet individually with the Dean and Associate Dean to raise concerns and discuss issues of more immediate urgency. In addition, all three groups provide feedback on the School’s strengths and challenges through
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a number of more structured forums and events including the following:

Faculty Input

Committees

Faculty are appointed by the Dean to sit on a number of specific committees, where they often serve alongside elected student representatives. These committees meet regularly to review, revise, and refine the School curriculum, and to help develop School policy. Among those playing the strongest advisory role vis-à-vis the School’s performance relative to established goals and objectives are:

The Executive Committee is the governing board of the School of Architecture and consists of all members of the faculty with tenure, as well as others appointed by the Dean. This committee participates in the formulation of educational and administrative policy, and reviews all multi-year faculty appointments and promotions.

The Design Committee consists of all of the faculty teaching in the design studios, discusses and reviews issues that involve the teaching of design and evaluates student design performance, through portfolio reviews of the MArch I and MArch II students preceding promotion into final year(s) of the program and preceding graduation. See 5.3.2.

Faculty Meetings

Faculty meetings at the School of Architecture provide a collective forum where faculty discuss issues of special concern to the School, vote on faculty initiatives, and present questions to the Dean. These meetings are held once each month during the academic year, are attended by 50-60 members of the faculty — of every rank, from lecturer to full professor — and are considered to be active work sessions. The Strategic Plan and general review and reform of the School curriculum were developed along similar lines, demanding a high level of faculty engagement.

Student Input

Town-hall meetings

A culture of common purpose and mutual respect is supported by a series of semi-regular, informal town-hall meetings. These are student-led affairs, with chairs and participants arranged in a circle. While faculty and administrators are not always invited to attend, both the Dean and Associate Deans make themselves available to field questions from students, and to address student concerns in a spirit of community and candor. These sessions have grown into a more regular and structured exchange between students and the administration. The Dean held 14 town hall meetings in 2020, many of which were focused on smaller groups of students. In the spring and then again in the summer of 2020, the Dean held individual sessions with the MArch I classes of ’21, ’22, ’23, as well as MArch II students, MED, and PhD students to discuss the school’s preparations amid Covid-19. Dean Berke also held open Zoom sessions available to any first year student at the end of the fall 2020 term and into early January providing an opportunity for small group interaction with the Dean.

The Visibility Project

The Visibility Project is an initiative by concerned students and alumni of the Yale School of Architecture to analyze the deeply entrenched prejudices and biases that exist within architectural institutions, beginning with our own. By highlighting inequities in our learning environment, the Visibility Project helps promote introspection, create actionable goals, and facilitate the continuing dialogue between the administration and the students.

Student Curriculum Committee

The Student Curriculum Committee meets monthly with the associate Dean to provide input on how subjects are being taught, and what students feel can be done to improve or broaden the curriculum. Members of this committee are selected each year by way of a student-run election.

Course Evaluations

Student course evaluations (described in more detail in 5.2.2 above) ensure that the administration remains sensitive to student expectations and concerns and inform decisions about hiring and promotion, the renewal of short-term contracts, and the identification of faculty considered for longer-term appointments.

Input on Visiting Faculty & Speakers

Each year, students are invited to submit lists of architects, teachers, thinkers, and other practitioners whom they would like to see invited to YSoA, either as participants in the School lecture series, speakers at School-sponsored conferences and symposia, or as faculty in studios and other classes. These lists are reviewed by the Dean and other members of the administration, and efforts to accommodate student wishes are considered in the context of concrete curricular and scheduling demands.

Student Groups

A vital culture of student initiative and engagement is encouraged by an array of student groups that maintain a high level of autonomy and agency, in keeping with the School’s commitment to academic freedom and dedication to the principles of democracy and student empowerment. Representatives from most student groups meet with the Dean at least once every semester. Associate Dean Sunil Bald also meets regularly with NOMAS and Equality in Design to discuss the school’s inclusivity efforts. The following students groups are currently active at YSoA:

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NOMAS - The mission of the Yale National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (Yale NOMAS) is to champion diversity within the design profession by promoting the academic excellence, community engagement and professional development of its student members. Our chapter strives to foster greater inclusion, unity and representation of a plurality of voices at the YSoA by creating spaces and opportunities for peer-to-peer and alumni mentorship, increased cultural exposure to and engagement with a more variegated architectural discourse and meaningful partnerships with the New Haven community.

Equality in design (EiD) - Equality in Design is a student-led organization that seeks to promote diverse voices in the design community. EID’s role strives to look beyond YSoA, to ensure openness and a will to seek multiple perspectives in design. We seek to provide a platform that values the plurality of ideas and conversations through events, partnerships, talks etc associated or indirectly related to design.

Equality in Design is a coalition of committed students from the Yale School of Architecture seeking equity within the architectural profession and the built environment.

YSoA East - YSoA East is a student group at the Yale School of Architecture dedicated to fostering critical discourse and knowledge of Eastern architecture. The aim of the group is to consolidate and drive interest for eastern architectural and urbanist trends. (https://www.instagram.com/ysoaeast/)

YSoA Christian Fellowship - The Christian Fellowship is a community and discussion group of Yale architecture students that meets weekly to explore the overlap of ideas relating to the Christian tradition, our work, and architecture.

OutLines - OutLines is a social and advocacy group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied students in Rudolph Hall. OutLines functions as a discussion group, support system and social network focusing on the exploration of LGBTQ issues within the YSoA, Yale University at large, and future professional settings. (https://lgbtq.yale.edu/resources/outlines-school-architecture)

The Architecture Lobby is an organization of architectural workers advocating for the value of architecture in the general public and for architectural work within the discipline.

Green Action in Architecture is a student group devoted to addressing sustainability and environmental health and wellbeing issues within the school, as well as promoting broader discussion of environmental considerations as they pertain to architecture generally.

The Yale Architecture Forum serves as a place for discussion between Ph.D students from both the School of Architecture and from the History of Art Department who share an interest in architectural history and theory.

Paprika! is a student-edited broadsheet newspaper, published weekly on issues of concern to the student body, and serves as a window into emerging discourse from Yale School of Architecture and Yale School of Art. Every issue is student-curated and aims to broadcast diverse voices in the fields of art, architecture and design. Founded in 2014, Paprika! is named after the vibrant orange carpet in Rudolph Hall. Every issue of Paprika! is designed by a different student from Yale’s Graphic Design program. No two issues are alike.
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Ongoing Outside Input

Faculty and students at the Yale School of Architecture engage with, and solicit feedback from, a variety of sources, both within and outside the School community.

Informal Feedback

Formal reviews of work done in the studios at the Yale School of Architecture are held twice each semester, and provide an opportunity for faculty and students alike to engage and converse with active practitioners in the field, scholars and consultants working in other disciplines, and peers from other institutions. Outside jurors and critics thus play a valuable, if informal, role in the ongoing review of Yale’s curriculum, student work, and the general efficacy of School policies relative to those of other programs. Yale faculty are likewise regularly invited to participate in midterm and final reviews at other schools throughout the region, and across the country, allowing our faculty to be part of the national conversations about design pedagogy.

Individual faculty and the school as a whole gathers feedback from an array of other organizations and individuals through specific courses and programs. These include the clients for Building Project, community-based organizations involved in Core 3, and consultants that team with students during Systems Integration.

At the annual career fair hosted by the School of Architecture’s Career Services program, representatives from a host of professional offices visit the School, meet with students, and interview qualified candidates for employment after graduation. This gives graduating students intensive exposure to the interview and hiring process, but also allows faculty to solicit constructive feedback from outside practitioners about the state of the curriculum, the relative preparedness of our students for professional practice, and the state of the program, more generally.

Peer Review

Faculty at the School of Architecture are actively engaged in a variety of scholarly research projects, and publish their work widely in a host of peer-reviewed journals. The process of peer review, by which scholarly work is reviewed and evaluated by other members of the discipline for quality, originality, and contributions to the field, thus plays an important role in verifying and validating the work done by our faculty. Recently published, peer-reviewed projects include:

“Interactive Visualization for Interdisciplinary Research” - by Naomi Keena, Mohamed Aly Etmana, Josh Draper, Paulo Pinheiro and Anna Dyson by the Society for Imaging Science and Technology, 2016.


5.3 Curricular Development

The program must demonstrate a well-reasoned process for assessing its curriculum and making adjustments based on the outcome of the assessment.

Programs must also identify the frequency for assessing all or part of its curriculum.

A broad-based assessment and revision of the YSoA curriculum was initiated by Associate Dean Sunil Bald in Fall 2017. This project ran parallel to the development of the School’s new Strategic Plan, initiated in the same year. From the beginning, this process was understood to be both reflexive and iterative. That is to say, the School curriculum is considered to be a living document -- growing, evolving, and renewing itself through an ongoing process of collective analysis, critique, and revision. This broad-based process of reassessment and revision is described below.

Program Assessment and Curriculum Development

As a matter of self-assessment, the School’s evaluation of the curriculum began with a comprehensive review by members of the curriculum committee, along with other key faculty members, of all course syllabi in each of the School’s major study areas — Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, and Urbanism and Landscape. Each review group met independently to discuss overlaps and redundancies in existing course offerings; to explore opportunities for greater curricular efficiency; to identify “holes” in the existing curriculum; and to evaluate the general structure and sequence of required coursework.

Study groups then convened to present their findings, which were considered relative to both NAAB’s Conditions for Accreditation and the curricula of a number of Yale’s peer institutions. These findings were then presented to the broader faculty and YSoA executive committee, who proposed the following changes:

- Limit the number of courses delivered in traditional lecture format, in favor of more seminar and discussion-based learning.

- Reduce overall course-load by one in each of the first four semesters to align more closely with those of Yale’s peer institutions.

- Encourage curricular diversity by increasing the number of elective courses available to students by 33%

- Increase the number and overall presence/prominence of courses in the area of Technology and Practice by treating Building Project as a Design Practicum.

- Reconceive the sequence of Core studios to reflect a shift away from typologically-based projects — wherein students explore the design of buildings at a range of scales, from the individual dwelling unit to the urban district — to those based in the exploration of conceptually- and methodologically-oriented issues — from representation, to material, to context, to systems.

As of the 2019-2020 academic year, these recommended changes have been fully implemented.

Ongoing Curriculum Evaluation and Development

Curriculum review is an ongoing and continuous process, overseen by an eight-member committee of senior faculty from across the school’s four study areas — Design and Visualization, Technology and Practice, History and Theory, Urbanism and Landscape — who are charged with reviewing syllabi for all required and elective courses offered at YSoA. See the Committee and Faculty Assignment List.

Each year, the Dean’s office issues an open call for proposed courses to all YSoA faculty. The associate Dean then meets with the rest of the Curriculum Committee to consider whether or not there exists a need for such courses, and to determine if these are sufficiently developed to be offered.

The Dean and associate Dean also meet regularly to review Core studio programs/options, in order to guarantee these meet both in-house curricular goals and NAAB accreditation requirements. To this end, the associate Dean works directly with Core studio coordinators and members of the Curriculum Committee to ensure continuity of study and NAAB compliance across this four-semester sequence. Additionally, students in the Master of Architecture Professional Degree Program submit to an annual portfolio review, coordinated by the Design Committee. The primary intention of this review is to ensure that every student in the program is developing core competencies in line with institutional standards. Secondly, it provides design faculty the opportunity to evaluate the curriculum as a synthetic whole, and to consider the relative efficacy of individual courses to impart specific skills and knowledge.

Finally, visiting jurors play an informal, but important, role in the ongoing process of curriculum review at YSoA. While internal faculty or in-house jurors tend to predominate at many other schools, Yale’s midterm and final reviews are characterized, in part, by the wide range of academics, practitioners, and other stakeholders from outside the school invited to take part. These visitors provide important feedback and input to studio faculty and administrators alike.
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Student Involvement:

Students participate both directly and indirectly in the curriculum review and planning process. The Student Curriculum Committee is made up of four students — one each from years 1-3 in the MArch I program, plus one from the post-professional program — and meets monthly with the Associate Dean to provide input on how subjects are being taught, and what students feel can be done to improve or broaden the curriculum. Members of this committee are selected each year by way of a student-run election.

At the end of every semester, students are asked to submit detailed evaluations of all courses in which they were enrolled, along with feedback on the teaching work of associated faculty. These evaluations are coordinated via a centralized, online system, and include both numerical rankings and written responses to specific questions. The Dean and Associate Dean read these evaluations closely, and while participation by students is not mandatory, it is generally quite robust.

This process has prompted a number of significant changes and improvements to the YSoA curriculum. These include the reduction of required credits in the first four semesters and expansion of elective options mentioned previously and a recent shift in focus in the Core 3 studio from traditional architectural typology to more socially-oriented, community-based projects, as well as the aforementioned increase in elective coursework and general reduction in the number of classes required to graduate. Recent projects in the third semester have included an Immigration Center and a Center for Restorative Justice — programs that have challenged students to reconsider the role of the architect vis-à-vis the community, and to nourish an understanding of architectural practice as relevant to problems and issues pertaining to policy, planning, and social-scientific research.
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5.4.1 Faculty Achievement

The Yale School of Architecture holds firmly to the principle that graduate architectural education is greatly enriched by the diversity of its faculty members. Accomplished architects, engineers, historians, theoreticians, planners, developers and visual artists actively shape the life of the School, providing students an education in architectural design conceived as a comprehensively creative process.

Composition and Structure of the Faculty

The School maintains and develops its mix of resident and visiting, tenured and adjunct appointments to ensure that its faculty comprises those beginning their academic and professional careers as well as those with greater experience. All of the faculty—permanent, yearly and visiting, regardless of rank—are active participants in the life and administration of the School. For example, the governance of the School, as represented by the composition of appointed assistant Deans, academic directors, study area coordinators, and committee members, is equally represented by all types of faculty. The overall goal has been to build a faculty balanced between faculty who are committed to the School on an 80% to 100% basis, and faculty who participate as part-time or visiting faculty practitioners and scholars. A full teaching load for a regular faculty member in architectural design consists of a studio and a seminar or lecture course each semester. All regular faculty participate on the committees of the School, as do many part-time faculty. The Dean is responsible for all short-term faculty appointments (one year or less). Dean Berke recently created the positions of “senior lecturer” and “senior critic” to provide three-year appointments to lecturers and critics who have made significant contributions to the school through successive one year appointments. Multi-year appointments are proposed by the Dean or found through a search, approved by the School’s Executive Committee, and reviewed and then approved by the Provost’s Office.

Recruitment & Approval Process for Faculty Appointments at Yale University

(The following is taken from the 2020 Yale University Faculty Handbook, Section III. Faculty Ranks, Appointments, and Policies: University-Wide pg 9

Recruitment and Approval Process for Faculty Appointments Faculty positions are announced, and nominations for them solicited, in ways that will ensure appointments of the highest possible quality, and an appointments process that is consistent with the University’s goals of open access and affirmative action. Usually recruitment for initial appointments will include advertisements, such as announcements in professional journals and newsletters and at professional meetings, as well as contact with representatives of relevant departments and schools by letter, e-mail, or telephone. When general announcements are unlikely to be successful, departments and schools are expected to undertake recruiting efforts that reflect the special characteristics of the position and relevant pool of candidates. In general, new appointments to the ranks of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor, including adjunct ranks, require written documentation of the entire search process. This documentation is reviewed by the Office for Equal Opportunity Programs and must be approved by the Provost’s authorized representative before an appointment is offered. Affirmative Action Deputies are appointed in each of the professional schools, and individuals are asked to serve on search committees in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, to assist search committees in their schools and departments with the recruitment of women and members of minority groups. More detailed information about appointments procedures can be found in memoranda prepared and distributed by the Provost and Deans of the FAS and the professional schools.

Equal Opportunity

All official Bulletins of Yale University, including that of the School of Architecture, include the following statement:

The University is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and affirmatively seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons of diverse backgrounds. In accordance with this policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual’s sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a protected veteran, or national or ethnic origin; nor does Yale discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. University policy is committed to affirmative action under law in employment of women, minority group members, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans. Inquiries concerning these policies may be referred to Valarie Stanley, Director of the Office for Equal Opportunity Programs, 221 Whitney Avenue, 4th Floor, 203.432.0849. For additional information, see.
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Faculty at the Yale School of Architecture

(The following is taken from the Yale University Faculty Handbook, Section V “School of Architecture” pg 58-63 updated August 22, 2019:

The School of Architecture offers graduate and post-professional education in the fields of architecture and environmental design. It also offers a program that leads to a PhD. and programs of study to Yale College students that may lead to an undergraduate major in architecture. For the School of Architecture, policies and practices specified in this section take precedence over conflicting policies and practices designated in other sections of the Handbook.

Governance: The Executive Committee is the governing board of the School and consists of all tenured faculty members holding appointments in the School and others appointed by the Dean from the ranks of associate professor on term, associate professor adjunct, professor adjunct, and professor in the practice. The Dean may invite non-voting members from other ranks at the School to meet with the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity. The Executive Committee participates in the formulation of educational and administrative policies and reviews proposed faculty appointments and promotions.

Composition and Ranks of Faculty: The faculty in the School of Architecture is composed of scholars and professional practitioners. Faculty members are expected to devote a portion of their time to research or practice in their areas of professional interest and expertise. The faculty is composed as follows:

Ladder Faculty:
The ladder faculty comprises the ranks of assistant professor, associate professor on term, associate professor with tenure, and professor. With modifications as appropriate for faculty holding appointments in the School of Architecture or as modified in this section, ladder faculty appointments in the School of Architecture follow the definitions, policies, and procedures for appointment and reappointment of these ranks as established for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences under FASTAP 2007 protocol (see Section IV.H.1). Appointees within this category are considered members of the regular faculty; are considered full-time faculty members; and are responsible for teaching and other duties, such as participation in faculty meetings, juries, School committees, student advising, and other forms of School and University service.

Term Appointments: Assistant professor and associate professor on term are non-tenure appointments made for a stated number of years. Initial appointments of assistant professors are normally for four years. No one may serve in the rank of assistant professor for more than seven years plus any extensions as described in Section III.F. The cumulative time on term appointments in the ranks of assistant professor and associate professor on term may not exceed nine years plus any extensions as described in Section III.F

Tenure Appointments: Associate professor with tenure and professor are tenure appointments and are made without term.

Non-Ladder Faculty:
The Adjunct Faculty comprises the ranks of assistant professor adjunct, associate professor adjunct, and professor adjunct. Appointees within these ranks are considered members of the regular faculty. Appointments in these ranks are given to those who are active as practitioners in their professional field, and are defined as requiring less than full-time participation in teaching and other activities expected of faculty holding full-time appointments in the School. Adjunct faculty will not be appointed to less than half of full-time employment. Appointments to these ranks are normally for a term of one to five years and may be renewed one or more times without either the expectation or the promise of tenure. Adjunct faculty members are responsible for teaching and other duties, such as participation in faculty meetings, juries, School committees, and student advising.
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Appointments as Instructor, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Critic, and Senior Critic may be offered to outstanding scholars and distinguished professionals who may or may not hold a rank from another academic institution. Such appointments may be full- or part-time. Faculty members appointed within these ranks are responsible for teaching and may be responsible for other duties, such as participation in faculty meetings, juries, School committees, and student advising. The ranks of instructor, lecturer, or senior lecturer are normally given to those who are involved in the teaching of non-design studio courses, such as lecture or seminar courses. The ranks of critic and senior critic are normally given to those who are involved in the teaching of design studio courses or who are involved in the teaching of both design studio and non-design studio courses. Faculty appointed as senior lecturers or senior critics are expected to hold advanced standing in their fields and have four or more years of teaching experience or its equivalent. Appointments to the ranks of instructor, lecturer, or critic, may be for a term of one year or less. Appointments and reappointments at the rank of senior lecturer or senior critic may be for a term of up to three years.

Appointments as Endowed Visiting Professor, Endowed Professor in Practice, and Endowed Visiting Fellow may be offered to distinguished professionals who may or may not hold an academic rank from another academic institution. Faculty members appointed within these ranks are responsible for teaching. Although endowed visiting professors, endowed professors in practice, endowed visiting fellows normally are not required to participate in administrative responsibilities within the School, those appointed to these ranks may be required to participate in faculty meetings, juries, School committees, and student advising. Appointments at the ranks of endowed visiting professor and endowed visiting fellow are normally for a term of one year or less. Appointments at the rank of endowed professor in practice are normally for a term of up to five years and may be renewed one or more times without either the expectation or the promise of tenure.

Professors in the Practice will be distinguished practitioners who demonstrate eminence in the field, sustained accomplishment, and sustained activity in their area of practice. They will hold national or international reputations for their innovative and transformational contributions to their practice, through creative work, professional leadership, practice-centered publications, or other demonstrations of significant accomplishment. Exceptional contributions as a practitioner are the basis of evaluation. This appointment is not intended for those whose field of practice is primarily that of teaching or pedagogy. Appointments in this rank are for terms of up to five years, with the possibility of reappointment in accordance with applicable policies and procedures. Initial appointment or promotion to this rank will require review by the appropriate Standing Advisory and Appointments Committee (SAAC), approval of the Provost, and approval of the Corporation.

Visiting Appointments may be given to distinguished scholar-professionals who hold an academic rank from another academic institution. Their visiting Yale appointment will carry the same rank as they hold at the other institution. These appointments normally carry only teaching responsibilities and are made in lengths of time varying from one week to nine months. These appointments are made in accordance with Section XVI and are subject to benefit limitations as described in Section XVIII.D.2.
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Appointment, Reappointment, and Promotion Policy and Procedures:

Open searches are required to fill initial appointments within the ranks of ladder and adjunct faculty. Searches are not required for appointments to any other ranks or for reappointments or promotions within the ranks of ladder and adjunct faculty. Ladder positions are normally open only to persons who hold the Ph.D. degree, its equivalent, or an appropriate terminal professional degree. Rules governing ladder appointments and promotions are consistent with PAF policies as described in Section IV under the protocol for FASTAP 2007. Qualifications for an initial appointment as assistant professor include promotion of success as a teacher and achievement as a scholar or professional. Reappointment as assistant professor requires evidence of success as a teacher and achievement as a scholar or professional. To be considered for appointment or promotion as associate professor on term, candidates must present original significant creative and professional accomplishments or published research and scholarship representing early demonstrations of disciplinary or interdisciplinary leadership, excellent teaching and mentoring of students, and engaged university citizenship. For candidates being considered for promotion to associate professor on term, review criteria shall include, if appropriate, a statement of professional practice together with documentation of built or design work.

Term Appointments, Reappointments, and Promotions:

Proposed term appointments, reappointments, and promotions to the ranks of Non-Tenured Ladder, Adjunct Faculty, and Professors in the Practice are presented by the Dean to the Executive Committee for review and recommendation. Voting is limited to members of the Executive Committee at the rank under consideration or higher without distinction between ladder and non-ladder status, e.g., all professor, professor adjunct, professor in the practice, associate professor on term, and associate professor adjunct members of the Executive Committee may vote on appointment or reappointment for an associate professor on term. The Dean forwards appointments, reappointments, and promotions recommended by the Executive Committee to the Provost. If the Provost approves an appointment, reappointment, or promotion, in consultation with the Provost’s Standing Advisory and Appointments Committee (SAAC) when appropriate, the recommendation is forwarded to the Corporation for final approval. Proposed term appointments and reappointments of one year or less to Other Term Faculty are made by the Dean and forwarded to the Provost for approval. Those appointments longer than one year are proposed by the Dean for approval by the Executive Committee, with voting as described in the above section, and then forwarded to the Provost for approval.

Tenure Appointments and Promotions:

A candidate for appointment or promotion to a tenure position, whether at the rank of professor or associate professor, must have attained distinction of a high quality in scholarly, creative, or professional accomplishment as demonstrated by both (i) written or professional work and (ii) teaching. Candidates for the rank of associate professor with tenure will be expected to have produced a substantial body of significant professional work or have published or have accepted for publication a substantial work or body of scholarship. Criteria for promotion shall include, if appropriate, documentation of built or design work. Proposed appointments to tenure as well as proposed promotions from associate professor with tenure to professor are presented by the Dean to the Executive Committee for review and recommendation. Only tenured members of the Executive Committee at the rank under consideration or higher may vote. The Dean forwards appointments and promotions recommended by the Executive Committee to the Provost. If the Provost approves an appointment or promotion, with the advice of the Provost’s Standing Advisory and Appointments Committee (SAAC), the recommendation is forwarded to the Corporation for final approval. Associate professors with tenure are expected to be reviewed for promotion to professor within five year of hire or promotion to that rank. At any time after seven years have passed from the date of appointment or promotion to associate professor with tenure, the Provost, in consultation with the Dean, may recommend that individual directly to the Corporation for promotion to professor.

Non-reappointment Notification Policy for Term Appointments:

Faculty members in the Ladder, Adjunct, and Professor in the Practice ranks holding appointments of three or more years shall receive written notice of non-reappointment at least one year before the terminal date of the appointment. Appointments for terms of fewer than three academic years shall receive notice of non-reappointment at least six months before the expiration of the appointment. Failure to provide such notice does not create any right to extension or reappointment.

For Other Full-Time Faculty in the fifth or any subsequent year of successive years of appointment in the non-ladder and non-adjunct ranks, notice of non-reappointment normally will be given by December 31 of the final year of appointment. There is no requirement of notification of non-reappointment for any ranks not mentioned above.
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Leave Policy and Procedures:

Leave policies for the School of Architecture conform in general to those set forth in Section XVII and Section III.I. Tenured faculty are eligible for Triennial Leaves of Absence, Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, and Senior Faculty Fellowships. Adjunct faculty and professors in the practice are eligible for Sabbatical Leaves of Absence after having taught in those ranks at Yale for twelve semesters without a paid leave.

Assistant Professors are eligible for a one-year leave at full pay in the second, third, or fourth year of teaching at that rank at Yale, provided they return to Yale for a full year of teaching. Such leaves are awarded to assistant professors who present, in the fall of the previous academic year, a leave proposal that is evaluated by a subcommittee of the Executive Committee and then approved by the Dean and the Office of the Provost. The leave proposal shall consist of a five-page single-spaced explanation of the scope and significance of the proposed research or professional practice and the opportunities for publication and realization. It shall include a detailed plan to achieve the stated intention regarding research, publication, or professional practice.

Assistant Professors who are appointed or promoted to the rank of associate professor on term are eligible for a one-year leave at full pay provided that at least two semesters of full-time teaching in residence have elapsed since their last leave and that they return to Yale after the leave for a full year of teaching. Such leaves follow the same application process and criteria as leaves afforded assistant professors.

Research/Travel Funds:

Faculty members may apply to the Dean for research or travel funds. Over the past 4 years, these funds have supported faculty projects at the 2017 and 2020 Venice Biennale and the 2019 Seoul Biennale, as well as faculty work on the Dreamer Institute in Afghanistan, Stalled!, and MIXMuseum, a partnership with museums in the US, UK and Europe to meet the needs of ‘non-compliant bodies’ organized by Professor Joel Sanders.

5.4.2 Architect Licensing Advisor

The School of Architecture's Architect Licensing Advisor is Phil Bernstein (FAIA), Associate Dean and Professor, Adjunct. Professor Bernstein also advises the Career Services Program, teaches both required and elective courses in Architectural Practice, and interacts directly with all students in the MArch program in their third year. He is knowledgeable and trained in all issues pertaining to AXP requirements, NCARB and licensure. He is a regular attendant at the biannual NCARB Licensing Advisor Summit, and organizes numerous AXP information sessions each year, as part of both his required course on Architectural Practice and the School of Architecture Career Services Program.

5.4.3 Professional Development on the Faculty

The School of Architecture proudly sustains this dynamic learning environment by maintaining an accomplished faculty body experienced in both academic and professional practice. This faculty composition reflects the School’s view that architecture is an intellectual discipline, both an art and a profession. In addition to teaching, research and scholarship, many of the regular faculty maintain independent practices in various fields, including architecture and urban planning. The Yale School of Architecture studio tradition is strengthened by this roster of regular faculty who are active practitioners in the field of architecture, equally committed to teaching and practice. In addition, many of the School’s practicing faculty are also principals of their own practices, highly invested in the School, and strengthening the quality of the School's education through their experiences.

The School offers several resources supporting professional development and continuing education for faculty. As part of their continuing education, faculty members are encouraged to attend architecture and symposia held at the School. The School is a registered provider with the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Systems and credit earned by attending any of the School’s symposia can be reported to CED Records for AIA members. Certificates of Completion for non-AIA members are also available upon request.

The School’s public lecture series also provides the opportunity for the regular faculty to share their work with an expanded audience outside the School. Videos of these well-attended events are also streamed or available online, expanding the outreach of faculty work. A number of Faculty including Anna Dyson, Kyle Dugdale, Robot A.M. Stern, Stella Betts, and Justin Garrett Moore have lectured in recent years. The School’s symposia are also organized by the faculty and students, and support participation of Yale students and faculty through travel awards. The School’s faculty to hear and discuss ideas with the entire architecture community outside the School. In addition, many self-initiated and School-supported opportunities abound. Recent faculty-Initiated symposia include My Bauhaus: Transmedial Encounters, Natures of Ornament, and Clouds, Bubbles and Waves.

Faculty of the School are encouraged and partially supported to participate in scholarly and professional conferences, such as the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting and national and regional ACSA meetings. For eligible ladder faculty, the Provost’s Office will provide funds for travel to professional meetings where the individual is reading a paper or chairing a session. For tenured faculty, the maximum amount of reimbursement is $600 per academic year; for non-tenured faculty, the maximum is $1,200 each academic year. For non-ladder faculty, travel and participation is also available and supported at the discretion of the Dean, see above.

Yale School of Architecture periodical publications such as Constructs and Perspecta offer faculty members opportunities to publish scholarly articles, exhibition reviews, and academic research. In addition, each year the Yale School of Architecture publishes several books authored or edited by faculty members.

The School of Architecture’s Exhibitions program provides the faculty opportunities to curate shows and/or display. These exhibitions enable the School and the faculty to not only create new knowledge, but also disseminate it to other schools and institutions.
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Many of the School’s design faculty maintain significant professional practices locally, in Boston, and in New York City. Appointments and class schedules are structured to ensure both quality teaching and encourage independent practice and research. The long list of awards won by the collective faculty testifies to the level of aspiration expected of the design faculty and communicated to the students. Sabbatical and leave policies permit faculty to take time for professional development, academic development, or public service. The resumes of the faculty show the range of their individual achievements in practice, research and scholarship, critical and theoretical publications, community and professional service and academic and professional recognition and awards. In addition, the faculty is supported by a strong administrative staff.

The Dean provides funding to faculty for research and travel. Over the past 4 years, these funds have supported faculty projects at the 2017 and 2020 Venice Biennale and the 2019 Soul Biennale, as well as faculty work on the Dreamer Institute in Afghanistan, Stalled!, and MIXMuseum projects. The University also provides faculty with opportunities for funding through such organizations as the Whitney Humanities Center, which awards the A. Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Fund and the Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund.

The School also awards the Professor King-lui Wu Teaching Award each year to a faculty member who combines architectural practice with outstanding teaching. Recipients are selected by the vote of graduating students.

The School’s fabrication facilities, digital resources, and presentation equipment are unparalleled and provide some of the most advanced technologies available. These resources are primarily designated for the School’s academic programs. Faculty may, however, use these facilities and equipment for purposes beyond the scope of course activities upon prior approval of the Dean. Proposals are evaluated for the projects’ relevance to the activities of the School, as well as resource availability and management.

5.4.4 Student Advising and Support

Student Advising and Support are led by the school’s three Assistant Deans. Assistant Dean Tanial Lowe is responsible for offering advice and guidance related to diversity and inclusion, discrimination and harassment, and equal opportunity as YSoA’s Dean’s Designee. Bimal Mendis, coordinates and leads efforts within the School of Architecture to shape a more diverse, equitable and inclusive culture, environment and pedagogy as Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Eeva-Lisa Pelkonin coordinates academic advising (both peer to peer, and faculty-student) as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs. She advises students on how to meet their individual academic goals on an individual basis and attends to students’ overall wellbeing on both individual and collective level.

The three-year MArch degree curriculum is specifically structured to provide students coming from a variety of backgrounds with thorough and rigorous preparation for careers as architects. Goals concerning intellectual and personal growth are integral to this process. The School emphasizes the importance of being educated by leading practitioners who maintain active practices and the School maintains a constant debate and dialogue on the state of architectural practice from the studio critiques to the lecture series.

It is the stated goal of most entering students at the School of Architecture to become independent practitioners, and a high percentage of the School’s graduates have achieved that goal via professional education and registration. According to the 2021 Alumni survey, 72% of alumni have practiced in the field of Architecture. The structure of organizations that control licensure, including NCARB and AXP, and the legal and ethical issues concerning the profession, are covered in the required course Architectural Practice and Management (2031a).

The Yale School of Architecture is a tight-knit community, and the School strives to maintain a close relationship between faculty and students. Nothing is more critical to fostering this environment, an important benchmark of the School’s approach to architectural education, than the size of the School and its classes. In each design studio, regardless of level, the average faculty to student ratio is 1:10. Seminars are capped at 12 students to ensure that discussion and participation is fruitful and stimulating.

All faculty are required to maintain office hours, attend faculty meetings and other events as specified in their appointment letters. Faculty at every level are likewise expected to advise students, in addition to their other responsibilities.

Teaching assistantships and fellowships allow faculty and students to interact in other ways. Students gain important teaching experience and/or more advanced knowledge, under the guidance of faculty. The one-on-one working relationships fostered by these collaborations are mutually beneficial for both students and faculty members. In addition to the teaching assistantships for graduate courses in the School of Architecture, Yale has the distinct benefit of supporting a liberal arts undergraduate major. Undergraduate architecture courses are taught by the same faculty as the graduate school, and offer highly competitive teaching fellowships. Student Teaching Fellows have the opportunity to work with faculty to lead sections and workshops, give presentations, provide design instruction, and discuss curriculum. YSoA typically lists approximately 80 TA and TF positions each semester.
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Mental Health:

In the Spring 2021 semester, Krista Dobson was hired as a full-time non-clinical counselor for the Schools of Art, Architecture, and Drama. This new position supports students with short term mental health and wellness needs including, but not limited to, development of strategies related to time and stress management, conflict resolution, social and cultural belonging, and self-care. As a non-clinical counselor, she partners both with Yale Mental Health to refer students with immediate and long-term clinical needs, as well as each School's Title IX Coordinator to refer students to the appropriate Yale resources for these concerns.

Yale Health provides all students enrolled at least half time in a degree program with counseling and other mental health-related services completely free of charge, regardless of whether they have waived Yale Health coverage. The Yale Health website states:

“Yale Health Mental Health & Counseling provides free, confidential mental health treatment to members of the Yale student community. We offer a wide range of services including individual therapy, group therapy, and medication consultations and management. We have a long history of providing quality treatment to Yale students and understand the challenges facing students today. We partner with you to understand the issues you are facing and to develop a plan for treatment that will help you gain the insight and skills to thrive at Yale.”

Career Services:

The career services program organizes a series of workshops, panels, lectures, recruiting events and online resources to help prepare students for career opportunities after Yale. The schedule is reviewed and tailored each year, responding to student needs and general market conditions. Due to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19, the 2020-2021 calendar was adjusted to be done remotely. Additional programming was added to respond to the abrupt changes students were facing including the development of an Alumni/Student mentorship program. Events and workshop for the 2020-2021 academic year included:

**Fall 2020**

**Documentation Workshop with Luke Bulman**
Presentation which outlines tools and tactics for documenting work effectively and prepping it for portfolio use

**Formatting Materials with Luke Bulman**
Presentation which outlines book formatting, page layout techniques and typography for student portfolios

**Changes in Office Functionality & Work Culture Panel**
Discussion with alumni about work culture during the pandemic and forecasting a post-covid workplace

**Yale Women in Architecture Panel Discussion**
Part of a larger series, this panel explored alternative Careers to Architecture in the Visual Arts

**Spring 2021**

**Resume and Cover Letter Presentation with Luke Bulman**
Presentation and discussion on resume, work sample and cover letter layout and content

**Employment Strategy and Opportunities in Today’s Market with Phil Bernstein**

**Zoom Interview & Networking Etiquette**
Panel with alumni in different office settings/current students about how to present work digitally and what has worked best for them

**Salary Negotiation Presentation with Nancy Alexander**
Presentation on contract negotiation, ins and outs of contracts for different roles / internships

Virtual Career Fair

Historically a 1.5 day event held at the school in New Haven, this year’s Career Fair was held virtually with 49 participating architecture firms. Firms were asked to give brief presentations allowing students to ask questions and “meet” them informally. Students then submitted resumes and work samples to the YSoA career services team which compiled and sent them to the 49 participating firms. Interview dates and format were determined by firms. The fair was open to last year’s graduating class since they missed out on the Career Fair in Spring 2020.
5.5 Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

In July 2020, Dean Deborah Berke described the Yale School of Architecture’s commitment to social equity, diversity, and inclusion in a letter addressed to the entire School community, and published on the School website. Penned in the context of widespread nationwide protests against police brutality stemming from the murder of George Floyd by officers of the Minneapolis police department, and in response to demands on the part of students and alumni that the School of Architecture address its ongoing complicity in the perpetuation of structural racism in the American university -- and in the field of Architecture, specifically -- Dean Berke’s letter lays out a pointed strategy for addressing the inequities still endemic to the architecture profession and architectural education, addressing the need for clear-eyed analysis, critique, and reform of the School’s approach to faculty hiring, curriculum development, and student support. The following is excerpted and adapted, in part, from this document.

5.5.1 Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The complicity of the built environment in reinforcing the racial injustices in our culture requires structural change. We must challenge and dismantle racism through action.

Consequently, the school administration is working together with faculty to develop more inclusive teaching methods, more expansive topics, and more diverse sources to draw from in scholarship and design. We are working in partnership with students to move forward with curricular change, as well as increasing our support for their organizations. We have been listening to alumni and learning from their experiences while at the school and in the profession since graduating. And we will be asking the University Administration to increase the financial support they provide for the urgent work we need to do, including the re-opening of our faculty searches and the hiring of an Equity and Diversity Officer. We have engaged Michelle Wonsley-Ford of the Center for Racial Justice in Education as an advisor.

This work is ongoing, but begins with a commitment to dismantling inequities in the school’s culture and curriculum, and to increasing access for BIPOC students. It continues by expanding our collective engagement on issues of race and inequity in the areas of architectural education and professional practice, thereby contributing to the construction of a more equitable, inclusive, and fundamentally just built environment.

This work was coordinated by Associate Dean Sunil Bald, working closely with faculty curricular teams and students from the Yale chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) and Equality in Design (EID) who have energetically coordinated town halls to collect student input and ideas.

5.5.2 Faculty and Curriculum

Broadly speaking, in terms of the curriculum and faculty, we will:

- expand the number of courses that explore inequalities of the built environment
- commit to diversity in lecturers, jurors, visiting faculty
- ensure that our academic environment aligns with our values
- expand and strengthen our efforts to hire, promote, and retain a diverse faculty
- continue to hire and support faculty with expertise in urban inequality, environmental injustice, accessibility, non-western and non-colonial architectural history and theory, and community engagement

School of Architecture Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan lays out a number of goals and actions prioritizing the construction and maintenance of a diverse and equitable culture at the School of Architecture. These include:

- Address issues of social justice and climate change in the built environment
- Secure funding for all to graduate without tuition debt
- Continue building a culture of belonging
- Attract, support, and develop a diverse body of leading architectural educators. To this end, appoint more junior faculty, diversify high-visibility senior appointments, and work to improve retention among faculty of color.
- Model a culture that sets the standard for contemporary architectural education, practice, and research.
- Model a culture characterized by diversity, engagement, and supportive climate, setting the standard for contemporary architectural education and practice.

For our educational environment, we will:

- recognize the narrow focus of the models, drawings and artifacts in our building and expand and diversify it
- diversify our exhibitions
- address the non-neutral nature of iconography specific to the representation of architecture and architectural education

5.5.3 Student Support

For our students, we will:

- continue to increase the funds available for financial aid
- continue and expand our efforts to diversify the student body
- actively recruit students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and public universities with diverse student bodies
- grow funding for student groups including NOMAS and EID and increase targeted recruitment efforts by creating a new annual fund donation option dedicated to Diversity | Equity | Inclusion
- do more to foster a more equitable, supportive, and inclusive learning environment with classes and discourse with relevance to people of all backgrounds

For our educational environment, we will:

- actively recruit students from Historically
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Student and Faculty Demographic Change

YSoA is striving to improve the representation in its student ranks. Between the 2015-2016 and 2020-2021 school years, the share of international students has increased from 28% to 53%. Last year, international students hailed from 27 different countries and joined a community of over 6,000 international students and scholars working across the University. Among YSoA students who are US Citizens, 6% identified as Black or African American last year (up from 1% in 2015-2016), 7% as Hispanic (11%), 17% as Asian (11%), and 6% as multi-racial (4%). Detailed statistics on student enrollment by race/ethnicity, gender, and nationality from 2014-2021 can be found here. While complete statistics for the 2021-2022 school year are not yet available, the 2021-2022 incoming MArch I class of 76 students is 62% International and 38% are US Citizens. Among these two groups combined, 9% identify as Black, 8% as Hispanic, 46% as Asian, and 31% as White.

Given the presence of tenured professorships, turnover on the faculty is a slower process, however the percentage of women has increased from 29% to 40% since 2016. In 2020-2021, Visiting Professors were nearly evenly split with 13 men and 12 women joining the school with short-term appointments. In 2016, the faculty was 89% White, 9% Asian, 1% Black or African American, and 1% Hispanic/Latinx. This past year, the faculty was 78% White, 11% Asian, 4% Black or African American, and 7% Hispanic/Latinx. The school has made significant strides in several areas over the last two years, including hiring five Black faculty and initiating new collaboratively taught shared seminars - with Morgan State University each fall, taught by Justin G Moore, and with Howard University each spring taught by Jerome Haferd and Curry Hackett.

Yale University Faculty Excellence and Diversity Initiative (FEDI)

In November 2015, President Peter Salovey and then Provost Ben Polak announced that Yale would contribute more than $50 million in resources to build on the excellence and diversity of our faculty, university-wide. In December 2019, President Salovey announced that he and the Provost are extending this initiative for another five years. In the Office of the Provost, the Faculty Development and Diversity team is responsible for implementing this initiative, which includes the following components:

Recruiting exceptional faculty to Yale:

As the cornerstone of this initiative, the Provost’s Faculty Development Fund will provide support for select ladder faculty and presidential visiting fellows who would enrich diversity or contribute on another dimension of strategic importance to the University.

Faculty Development Guidelines:

To support best practices in faculty searches, tenure and promotion processes, and to cultivate faculty leadership, the Faculty Development and Diversity team continues to expand resources and programmatic offerings, including:

- Workshops for faculty search committees on best practices for faculty searches
- Guidelines for generating diverse and inclusive candidate pools
- Workshops for tenure and appointments committees on inclusion and implicit bias
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- Resources on implicit bias
- Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Diversity and Education Series
- Workshops on negotiation skills for women academics and work-life balance

Support the pipeline to faculty excellence and diversity through new and enhanced programs for PhD students:

We are committed to expanding and developing the pool of young scholars who will contribute to the excellence and diversity of future generations of faculty. Yale sponsors a number of “pipeline programs” that help our students and alumni transition into graduate programs and into the academy, including the Edward A. Bouchet Fellowship, the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, the James and Mary Pinchot Fellowship at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, and the Diversity Fellows program in the Graduate School’s Office for Graduate Student Development & Diversity.

Still Facing Infinity: The Tectonic Sculptures of Erwin Hauer
Exhibition
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To expand on these efforts, the Faculty Development and Diversity team has partnered with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to create the Emerging Scholars Initiative supporting recruitment and retention of outstanding graduate students who demonstrate outstanding academic promise and achievement and whose backgrounds and/or research interests contribute to this pipeline:

- 15 Dean’s Emerging Scholars Fellowships, providing renewable supplemental funding to incoming PhD students
- 10 competitive Dean’s Emerging Scholars Research Awards, providing one-time awards to support conference and/or field work expenses for current PhD students
- 6 Dean’s Emerging Scholars post-baccalaureate pre-PhD fellows who pursue a one-year research education program

University-wide Participation:

Diversity and inclusion are shared responsibilities, and this initiative builds on many effective programs already under way in schools and departments across the University.

For information on the demographics of Yale faculty, see here.

Yale University Equal Opportunity Statement

The University is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and affirmatively seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons of diverse backgrounds. In accordance with this policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual’s sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a special disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era or other covered veteran, or national or ethnic origin; nor does Yale discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

University policy is committed to affirmative action under law in employment of women, minority group members, individuals with disabilities, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, and other covered veterans.

Inquiries concerning these policies may be referred to Valarie Stanley, Director of the Office of Institutional Equity and Access, 221 Whitney Avenue; 3rd Floor, 203-432-0849.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance. Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, Stephanie Spangler, at 203.432.4446 or at titleix@yale.edu, or to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 8th Floor, 5 Post Office Square, Boston MA 02109-3921; tel. 617.289.0111, fax 617.289.0150, TDD 800.877.8339, or ocr.boston@ed.gov.

5.5.5 Adaptic Environments and Different Abilities

Student Accessibility Services (SAS, formerly the Resource Office on Disabilities) is a University-wide resource that facilitates individual accommodations for all students with disabilities throughout the entire University, and by so doing, works to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act guide much of our work.

In addition, the needs and rights of those with different physical and/or mental abilities is explored in the curriculum in courses including Body Politics: Designing Equitable Public Space (ARCH 3290a) and the symposium, Non-Compliant Bodies: Social Equity and Public Space, which was convened by Joel Sanders and Susan Stryker, who assembled a cross-disciplinary group of designers and scholars to explore the relationship between architecture and the demands for social justice voiced by people who have been marginalized and oppressed on the basis of race, gender and disability.
5.6 Physical Resources

5.6.1 Rudolph Hall: Studios

The School’s activities are centered in its landmark building, Paul Rudolph Hall (formerly the Art & Architecture Building), designed between 1958 and 1963 by Paul Rudolph, who was then the chairman of the Department of Architecture. In 2007-2008, Paul Rudolph Hall underwent an extensive renovation overseen by Gwathmey Siegel and Associates Architects.

The design of this landmark building fosters the open and collaborative environment of discussion and discourse that is vital to the School’s learning culture. The design studios take advantage of light-filled, loft-like open floors. Students’ individual workstations surround common areas where group discussions and reviews take place. Studios are located on the top four floors (fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors). Graduate studios occupy all of these spaces, except for a portion of the seventh floor occupied by the Yale College undergraduate architecture majors. Each graduate student is provided with a workstation comprised of two worktables, a 3-drawer cabinet, a drawing drawer, a rolling desk chair, a computer, twin monitors, and desk lamps.

5.6.2 and 5.6.3 Rudolph Hall: Learning and Working Environments

Floors four and six each have a large jury review space in the center; the seventh floor has two jury review spaces. These review spaces are reserved for pin-ups, discussions, and juries, but are also used, formally and informally, almost continuously. These open review spaces, centered in the midst of open studio spaces, enable Yale’s pluralistic approach to the teaching of architecture to flourish and shine. The School’s objective of providing students the opportunities to become well acquainted with a wide range of contemporary design approaches is on daily display for all, faculty and students alike, to learn from. The School’s Gallery and Hastings Hall, support the School’s packed exhibitions, lectures, symposia and events calendar. In addition to the formal academic learning environment, accommodated for and encouraged by the building’s spaces, review “pits” are frequently appropriated by students and faculty alike for informal extracurricular activities, including panel discussions, screenings, informal exhibitions, and social interaction. These all contribute to the unique collegial environment at Yale School of Architecture.

The third floor consists of a conference room and administrative and faculty offices. There are additional faculty offices on the fifth, sixth, and seventh floors. The second floor includes our Exhibitions Gallery and Exhibitions Office. The School has two large classrooms, one on the second floor and one on the sixth floor; two seminar rooms, one on the second floor and one on the seventh floor; a drawing studio in the basement; two computer labs, one in the basement and one on the sixth floor; and the main lecture hall, Hastings Hall, located on both the basement and sub-basement floors. In addition, when needed, the School has access to the classrooms in the Loria Center next door, home to Yale’s History of Art department. The Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library is located on the basement and first floors of the complex, spanning both Rudolph Hall and Loria.

All of the School’s eight classrooms and labs are outfitted with a digital projector, motorized screen, a school workstation, a DVD player and a touch screen Creston control system. The classrooms also have the ability to allow a laptop to be connected to the projector. Most classrooms also have a document camera (digital version of an overhead projector) and video conferencing equipment. In addition, the School has nine 50” and 60” LCD presentation monitors located throughout the studio floors. These presentation screens are connected to a school workstation and are also equipped with various video conferencing technologies. They are available for student use 24-7. In 2020, the School also overhauled its audio and visual systems in Hastings Hall, the main lecture hall, including an enlarged projection system, two high definition video projectors, and a new microphone system.

The School’s Fabrication Labs and Imaging Lab are located in the sub-basement. In the last decade, a huge explosion of technologies in digital drawing and digital fabrication has revolutionized the way architecture schools and offices operate. The School has made it a priority to bring these new and exciting technologies into the School and to place them directly in the hands of the students. Under the leadership of Timothy Newton and Nathan Burnell, the Yale School of Architecture has become the standard by which many other schools of architecture evaluate their facilities. However, as technologies mature and become commonplace in architecture schools and architecture offices across the world, the School has shifted its emphasis from simply attaining new software and equipment to finding ways to better fold these technologies into the curriculum and culture. The School continues to invest heavily in digital media technology, but now with more focus on providing the right technology to meet the ever more specific demands placed on it by students and faculty.

As part of the budgeting process, the University requires the School to put aside money and, by extension, create an endowment for renovation and modifications that will inevitably be required. These funds guarantee that the building, as one of the school’s most crucial assets, will be maintained in excellent condition on a continuing basis. Recent projects paid for in this manor include maintenance to the roof, upgrading the dust collection system and re-carpeting the entire building.
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**Fabrication Labs:**

Graduate and undergraduate students use the School's fabrication shops in support of studio and course work assignments, as well as for independent projects. They include fully equipped facilities for building models, fabricating furniture, sculpting, and exploring building systems. Students work with a wide variety of materials, including wood and wood products, plastics, and ferrous and nonferrous metals. Beyond the normal fabricating equipment and tools usually found in wood and metal shops, the School's equipment includes laser cutters, a waterjet cutter, three-axis CNC mills, a five-axis robotic-arm CNC mill with a six-foot reach, a digitally controlled foam cutter, and plastic 3-D printers. Students with shop experience may apply to the fabrication shop's coordinator for positions as shop monitors.

In addition to these facilities in the School of Architecture, Yale has a machine shop in the Chemistry Lab that offers a course on machining. Gibbs Lab offers machining services to students at reasonable rates and sells a range of industrial materials. The New Haven area boasts a large number of suppliers of all types of materials.

All incoming students take the Summer Shops Techniques Course during the week before classes begin. This intensive course teaches students how to work safely in the shop while exposing them to a wide range of tools and procedures. During the year, staff is available to assist students with their projects. Individual instruction is always available from the staff and monitors. First-year MArch I students use the fabrication shops to fabricate elements for the Building Project.

**5.6.4.2 Fabrication Equipment:**

- Analog items:
  - Saw stop table saw
  - 16” joiner
  - 24” helical planer
  - 24” Thickness Sander
  - 4 – drill presses
  - 2 – chop saws
  - 5 - bench sanders
  - 1 spindle sander bench
  - 1 spindle sander
  - 1 vertical belt sander 1”
  - 1 horizontal belt sander 6”
  - 1 mortise
  - 2 scroll saw
  - 1 clamp rack (60 Bar Clamps various sizes)
  - 1 lamination vacuum bag
  - Hand tools (wide variety)
  - 1 wood lathe
  - 1 panel saw
  - 2 large SCMI band saws
  - Formech vacuum thermoformer
  - 1 TIG welder
  - 2 MIG welders
  - 1 arc welder
  - 2 oxy/acyetylene torches
  - TOS testing machine
  - 1 Clausing metal lathe
  - 1 Acer Bridgeport mill
  - 2 horizontal bandsaws
  - 1 Baliegh tube bender
  - 1 solid linear bender
  - 1 electromagnetic brake
  - 1 3in1 sheer/brake/metal sheet roller
  - 1 Scotchman ironworker 50 ton, 5 station brake/sheer/punch
  - 1 44” sandblasting cabinet
  - 1 Metal Ace English wheel
  - 1 metal bandsaw (upright)
  - 3 grinders bench
  - Multiple abrasive cut off wheels
  - 1 walk in spray booth
  - 1 hand plasma cutter
  - Acorn Table

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*Shop Orientation for Incoming Students
Fabrication Lab
Summer 2018*
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CNC driven:
- 2 Roland MDX 540 bed mills, 3 axis
- 2 Patriot 4’x 8’ x 10’ 3 axis bed mill
- 1 water jet cutter (20’x40’)
- 1 Kuka robot (6axis), 7th axis via turntable
- Kern Coherent laser cutter, 50”x52” bed, ¾” capacity cut
- Foam cutter 12’x10’x10’

Digital Media Facilities:

Digital media and integrated information systems are an integral part of the School’s curriculum. The School provides students with a high-quality and robust information infrastructure, including roaming server space. The School has its own proprietary digital media facilities that consist of a centralized server-pool for high-quality distributed information systems, two advanced computer labs, dedicated printing rooms and plotting clusters throughout the School, architectural software solutions, and integrated design tools. All students are provided with a high-end computer workstation, equipped with all of the school’s software, and dual LCD monitors. The School also provides facilities and resources for students’ design, research, computational, communication, and fabrication needs. In addition, wireless access points are located throughout the studios and classrooms to allow students, if they desire, to supplement their school-supplied computer with their own laptop. The School provides large mobile LCD screens with workstations, digital cameras, large-format plotters, 2-D and 3-D printers, and scanners for individual student use. These facilities are open to all students and faculty of the Yale School of Architecture.

The digital media department supports all aspects of the design and fabrication process to allow students to explore design in various phases and in different representational means. Personal interaction between students and faculty at the studio desk and in the lab encourages experimentation through all forms of study and representation through studio and all courses.

In addition to the individual student workstations, the School has a digital media lab located in the sub-basement. The lab is used for general software instruction. It is equipped with 35 workstations, each installed with all of the School’s software. In addition to bringing in new technologies, the school actively replaces and expands its existing digital media infrastructure on a constant basis to ensure that the School and the students are always on the leading edge of technology. The School has provided a computer at each student’s desk installed with all the School’s software.

Despite these significant resources, the School is constantly monitoring usage, particularly during peak demand periods before reviews. As a case in point, the School has recently replaced its older print tracking system with PaperCut. This system not only makes it easier for students to track their printing costs, it reports on the equivalent number of trees that have been used by a student’s printing activities, hopefully encouraging students to print only what they really need.
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5.6.4.4 Advanced Technology Equipment:

Workstations:
Students, studio, classrooms, labs, presentation (pits), equipment

- HP Z240 Workstation: Quantity 350
  - Processor: Intel Core i7 6700 @ 3.40Ghz
  - RAM: 32GB DDR4
  - Video Card: NVIDIA Quadro M2000
  - Hard Drive: ITB SSD

Faculty, staff, signage, equipment

- Intel NUC Workstation: Quantity 105
  - Processor: Intel Core i5 8259U @ 2.30GHz
  - RAM: 32GB DDR4
  - Video Card: Intel Iris Plus 655
  - Hard Drive: ITB SSD

Faculty, clusters, virtual workstations, equipment

- Dell T3600 Workstation: Quantity 65
  - Processor: Intel Xeon E5 1620 @ 3.60GHz
  - RAM: 16GB DDR3
  - Video Card: NVIDIA Quadro 2000
  - Hard Drive: 500GB SSD

Monitors:

- Students (studio graduate)
  - 2 x Dell 23" 1080P monitors

- Students (studio undergraduate)
  - 1 x Dell 20" 1080P monitor

Labs, equipment, faculty, staff, signage, clusters

- Various monitor types and sizes: 1080P, 4K

Printers and Plotters:

- 2 HP DesignJet Z6800 plotters with 60" wide roll capacity (bond)
- 4 HP DesignJet T7200 plotters with 42" wide roll capacity (bond)
- 4 HP DesignJet T7200 plotters with 24" wide roll capacity (Bristol)
- 4 HP DesignJet T1700 plotters with 44" wide roll capacity (manual feed)

Cameras: Checkout equipment for students

- 16 Nikon D5600 SLR cameras with 28-55mm lens and 55-200mm lens
- 4 Sony 4K Handycam camcorders
- 1 Panasonic Professional AVCHD camcorder
- 2 GoPro Fusion 5K
- 1 Osmo Pocket
- 1 Kodak PixPro SP 360 4K
- 4 Kodak PixPro SP 360
- 1 Ricoh Theta S
- 1 Ricoh Theta V
- 6 Microsoft Kinect cameras
- 1 Telephoto Zoom lens
- 1 Sigma lens
- 2 52mm wide angle lens
- 6 Logitech 1080P webcams
- 8 tripods
- 2 IKAN smartphone/GoPro gimbals

Other checkout equipment for students:

- 17 Microsoft Surface Pro tablets
- 1 mobile VR kit with Oculus setup and high powered laptop
- 3 mobile VR kit with HTC Vive Pro setup and high powered laptop
- 3 backlit drawing boards
- 1 Hisonic portable PA system
- 15 Wacom Bamboo drawing tablets
- 2 Wacom Cintiq 13HD tablets
- 3 DBPower T20 portable mini projectors
- 1 Optoma GT1080 projector
- 1 portable projector screen
- 7 voice recorders
- 6 portable DVD writers
- 2 portable BluRay writers
- 10 portable remote presenters
- 16 Sunnypeak VR headsets
- 6 portable adjustable stands
- 3 portable multifunction USB card readers
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Fabrication Equipment:
- 4 Universal PLS laser cutters with 4" lenses
- 4 Universal PLS laser cutters with 2" lenses and air assist
- 1 Kern Industrial Laser Cutter
- 2 Roland MDX 540 3-axis CNC Mills
- 2 Patriot freedom 4X8 3-Axis CNC Mills
- 1 Flow Bengal Waterjet
- 1 Croma foam cutter
- 1 Kuka 5-axis robot and turntable
- 1 Mimaki CF2 digital cutter

Mobile Presentation Screens:
- 12 85" 4K LCD monitors on adjustable mobile carts

Scanners:
- 2 Epson Expression 12000 XL 11X17 flatbed

Wide Format Scanners:
- 1 HP Designjet HD Pro 42"
- 1 Contex SD 3600 36"
- 1 HP Pagewide XL 5000 plotter (functions as a 36" scanner)

Software: (All software listed below is installed on every student-facing workstation):
- Operating System: Windows 10

2D software:
- Autodesk Autocad
- Autodesk Sketchbook
- Pepakura Designer

3D Modeling software:
- AutoCAD Map 3D
- Autodesk 3D Studio Max
- Autodesk Design Assistant
- Autodesk Maya
- Autodesk Motion Builder
- Autodesk Mudbox
- Autodesk Recap
- Autodesk Revit
- FreeCAD

Rhinoceros
- Sculptris
- Sketchup
- Z Brush

Business and Productivity software:
- Adobe Acrobat
- Adobe Bridge
- Adobe InCopy
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft OneNote
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Powerpoint
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Word
- Skype

Engineering and Sustainability software:
- SAP2000
- 3D Printing and Fabrication software:
  - Autodesk PowerMill
  - Codebreaker
  - Flow Cut and Flow Path
  - MadCAM for Rhinoceros
  - Slic3r

Graphics and Web Design Software:
- Adobe Animate
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Lightroom
- Adobe Photoshop
- Gimp
- Inkscape
- Scribus

Rendering and Video Software:
- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe Audition
- Adobe Media Encoder
- Adobe Prelude
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Brazil for Rhino

Camtasia Studio
- Enscape
- Keyshot
- Lumion
- Maxwell
- V-Ray for 3D Studio Max
- V-Ray for Rhino
- VLC

Utility Software:
- 7zip
- Arduino IDE
- Ghostscript
- Infrarecorder
- Papercut client
- Processing
- TreeSize

Web Browsers and FTP Software:
- Chrome
- Edge
- Firefox
- Internet Explorer
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The Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (Yale CEA) seeks to address the complexity of transitioning global construction patterns by uniting deep expertise of current practices with radically new socio-economic and technical approaches. YALE CEA is purposely putting the scientific inquiry of living ecosystems behaviors at the forefront of the research and development of transformative Built Environment Systems.

The Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW) is a community design center based at the Yale School of Architecture. Students and faculty from across Yale are encouraged to become involved with the YUDW during the summers. Recent projects include “Resilient Bridgeport,” a prospective study of coastal resilience strategies for Bridgeport, CT, developed in collaboration with Waggoner & Ball Architecture/Environment, of New Orleans, LA; a study of the area around Union Station in New Haven’s Hill neighborhood; and the “Thames River Heritage Park Plan” for the cities of Groton and New London.

University Resources and Facilities

Finally, students at the School also have access to a number of university facilities listed below.

The Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM) is a media laboratory, open to all members of the Yale community, exploring intersections of art, science, and technology through research, programs, and exhibitions. A unit of Yale College Arts, CCAM focuses on guiding students, faculty, and collaborators in expanding and exploring all manner of projects.

Located at 149 York Street in New Haven, just down the street from YSoA, the 5,000 square foot space boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including a motion capture studio, immersive media research, projection mapping system, creative suites, computerized audio and light systems, video studio, equipment lending library, wide-format printers, open workspace labs, and exhibition gallery.

CCAM creates opportunities and room to play with ideas. There is an open door policy: resources are available to all Yale students, faculty, and staff. The projects brought in can be in development or in progress, or completed and shared. Programming is free and open to the Yale community with select programs open to the public. Beyond the Yale campus, CCAM also holds special events and partner exhibitions nationally and abroad.

Dana Karwas, the director of CCAM, is trained as an architect, and teaches two courses in the School of Architecture:

- 2222a The Mechanical Eye
- 2238b The Mechanical Artifact

Yale Center for Engineering Innovation and Design

The Center for Engineering Innovation and Design (CEID) is a hub for collaborative and interdisciplinary design activity at Yale University. Since opening in 2012, its goal has been to enable the design, development, and actualization of ideas, from the whiteboard to the real world. Students, staff, and faculty from across Yale have access to CEID resources, participate in courses and events, and collaborate with CEID staff on a wide range of projects. The CEID acts as both an educational resource as well as a focal point for design and engineering at Yale. The 8,700 square foot design lab combines an open studio, lecture hall, wet lab, and meeting rooms. The studio is equipped with 3-D printers, sewing stations, hand-tools, electronics work stations, and a variety of materials for our members to use. Members have 24/7 access to the studio space, as well as to a state-of-the-art machine shop, wood + plastics shop, and wet lab while CEID staff are present.

Digital Humanities Lab

The Digital Humanities Laboratory (DHLab), a unit of Yale University Library, offers space, community, and resources for Yale scholars who are using computational methods to pursue research questions in the arts, humanities, and humanistic social sciences. Located inside Sterling Memorial Library, the Franke Family Digital Humanities Laboratory is a hub for consultations, training, and opportunities that support Yale students, faculty, and cultural heritage professionals in their engagement with digital tools and techniques.
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Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning was established at Yale in 2014 to support students and faculty across the campus. It supports effective course design and promotes evidence-based teaching methods for instructors from across the University, including faculty and teaching fellows at the Yale School of Architecture. As part of a world-class research institution, The Poorvu Center provides training, consultations, and resources designed to make teaching and learning more public and collaborative, so that every Yale instructor experiences the satisfaction that results from teaching well, and every student develops the critical reflection that marks deep and independent learning.

The Center provides resources including writing workshops and tutorials, as well as seminars and professional development sessions. Advanced teaching and course planning workshops are held throughout the year, and one-on-one consultations are likewise available to faculty seeking feedback on syllabi and overall course design. Associate Dean Phillip Bernstein sits on the advisory boards of both the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning and the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media.

Yale West Campus

In 2007 Yale purchased the 136-acre Bayer Pharmaceutical facility increasing its real estate by one third. Only a few miles from New Haven, the West Campus facility provides state-of-the-art research facilities and expansive indoor and outdoor working space and storage. The Building Project and Regenerative Building Lab are among the YSoA programs that have taken advantage of these facilities, building full scale mock-ups and prefabricating building components on West Campus.

TSAI Center

The Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale (Tsai CITY) has a mission to inspire students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines to seek innovative ways to solve real-world problems. Launched in 2017, Tsai CITY serves students from across Yale’s campus through programs, funding, and mentorship. We’re building a new kind of innovation center, one rooted in inclusivity: here, students from all backgrounds tackle issues like climate change and civic engagement, develop creative projects from documentary films to digital platforms, and launch high-growth ventures and movements.

Tsai CITY is a transformative addition to the Yale campus landscape, dedicated to advancing the University’s goal of creating an interdisciplinary learning environment that cultivates innovators, leaders, creators, and entrepreneurs in all fields and for all sectors of society. We aim to draw existing university resources into closer partnership with each other, to complement curricular programs, and to provide new and effective avenues for students to develop the skills crucial to an innovative mindset.
5.7 Financial Resources

The School of Architecture has continued to develop its financial resources since its last accreditation and is financially strong. Yale University is in the quiet phase of a comprehensive campaign. One of four top priorities for the campaign is building financial aid at the graduate and professional schools, including the School of Architecture. Since the arrival of Dean Berke, the School has raised $424 million in gifts and pledges, and the Yale Campaign began in July 2018, two years after her appointment; $34.2 million is counted toward the campaign goal, which Yale has yet to establish. The School of Architecture now has 151 individual endowments whose total value is $283 million. The fundraising priorities for the school are:

1) Financial Aid towards the goal of debt-free education: Toward this end, the school has increased its Annual financial Aid Budget from $3.6M in 2017 to $5.6M in response to focused outreach by Dean Berke. 18 new endowment funds have been created since July 2016 representing $34.2 million in endowments for financial aid. In 2019-2020, the School gave scholarship aid to 84% of its student body. Recent growth in financial aid has cut the average student’s tuition debt in half and enabled the school to increase enrollment by historically underrepresented groups.

2) Faculty Support towards the goal of recruiting and retaining the most talented and diverse teaching staff: Increased financial resources have allowed the school to create two new endowed faculty positions, one existing and one incremental, representing $9 million in endowment. In addition, the school has also formalized joint teaching relationships with the schools of Management, Environment, and Law. The school achieved gender parity among studio faculty and students.

3) Research and Technology towards the goal of expanding the body of knowledge and the school’s impact on the profession: The school has launched YSoA’s Center for Ecosystems in Architecture and Regenerative Building Lab for advanced design-build and sustainable materials research. In 2020, the school engaged students to work with local nonprofits on pro-bono design projects that address COVID-19 problems.

The School of Architecture Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is a yearly gift drive to seek support from all alumni of the School of Architecture in order to provide unrestricted current use dollars to be used at the discretion of the School. The Alumni Fund is co-chaired by Elisabeth Martin (MArch 1983) and Michael Duddy (MArch 1984), who leads a group of 31 volunteer class agents. Alumni are solicited by a combination of communications including an annual letter from Dean Berke, personal letters from class agents, a letter from co-chairs Elisabeth Martin and Michael Duddy, calls from students in the University’s Phone Program, and an email program to keep in touch with donors who give yearly. Top donors to the Alumni Fund are identified for individual strategies to maximize their annual gifts. In 2019-2020, the Annual Fund raised $364,254 with a participation rate of 16%.
5.8 Information Resources

The Yale University Library, as one of the world’s leading research libraries, collects, organizes, preserves, and provides access to and services for a rich and unique record of human thought and creativity. It fosters intellectual growth and supports the teaching and research missions of Yale University and scholarly communities worldwide.

Its collection of nearly 15 million print and electronic volumes is housed in 15 libraries, including Sterling Memorial, Beinecke, and Bass libraries, the Marx Science and Social Science Library, the Haas Family Arts Library, as well as many other school and departmental libraries. Yale’s collections range from ancient papyri and early printed books to digital collections and electronic databases; and they transcend a wide array of formats including text, photographs, video, audio, data, maps, and ephemera. The Yale Library employs a dynamic, diverse, and innovative staff of over 500 who have the opportunity to work with the highest caliber of faculty and students, participate on committees, and are involved in other areas of staff development.

Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library

The Haas Family Arts Library opened in 2008. Its origination was as the Arts Library in the 1860’s when the School of Fine Arts was established. Since the completion of the Art & Architecture building (now Paul Rudolph Hall) in 1963, the Arts & Architecture Library was housed in the same building as the School of Architecture. With the completion of the Paul Rudolph Hall and the Jeffrey Loria Center for the History of Art, the University opened the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, which bridges these two buildings.

The Arts Library serves the following Yale academic, museum, and professional programs: History of Art Department, the Yale University Art Gallery, and the Schools of Architecture, Art, and Drama. Its collections also act as a supplemental resource to the Yale Center for British Art research library. Onsite, the Haas Arts Library contains more than 120,000 volumes on architecture, the visual arts, and drama. This includes basic reference works, monographs, exhibition catalogues, and periodicals in both print and digital formats. Additional volumes in art and architecture fields may be found in related collections and in the Library Shelving Facility. The Yale University Library System contains a combined collection of over 450,000 volumes in architecture and the visual arts.

The Haas Arts Library also includes Arts Library Special Collections (ALSC) which features 18th- and 19th-century works on artists and architecture, a broad selection of fine press and artists’ books, rare research materials in support of these subject areas, and the Faber Birren Collection of Books on Color. In addition, ALSC has manuscript and archival holdings in book arts, art history, and drama. An important related collection is the Architectural Records Collection, which is managed by Yale’s Manuscripts and Archives Department, located at Sterling Memorial Library. An architectural records archivist oversees a collection featuring the papers of many prominent figures in the field. Among its holdings are the papers of Eero Saarinen, Pelli Clarke Pelli Associates, Robert A.M. Stern Architects, Vincent Scully, and Balmori Associates.

The Haas Arts Library is conveniently located in close proximity to the School’s studios, classrooms, and faculty offices within the same building. Haas Arts Library is staffed by five librarians and ten library staff charged with helping students and faculty navigate and access the university’s rich collection of library resources. Outreach, instructional, and exhibition programs created by library staff teach, inform, and inspire on topics related to architecture, the visual arts, and drama.
5.8 Information Resources

Arts Library Collections

Yale University Library’s written collection development policies and statements adhere closely to the research and teaching needs of the Yale community. The Haas Family Arts Library’s collection development policies and practices follow Yale’s long-standing approach of investing in historic collection strengths while advancing new collecting initiatives in response to the evolution of curricular and research programs, but also in response to unique collecting opportunities. “Request for purchase” forms are readily available electronically on the library’s webpage and nearly all recommended purchases are approved. Typically, the annual budget for Arts Library collections is over $800,000.

The collection is international in scope and grows at a rate of 5,000-6,000 volumes annually. Among the many available e-resources that include architecture content are the Avery Index, Art & Architecture Source, and Design and Applied Arts Index, Building Types Online, MADCAD, MaterialConneXion, and the Building Green Suite. Over ninety percent of the serials in the Association of Architecture School Librarians 2019 Core Fundamental list are currently being received, as well as the majority of its Recommended titles. The Arts Library’s digital image teaching collection is comprised of over 300,000 images accessible via IStOR Forum and supplemented by the ARTstor and Archivision image collections.

The Arts Library’s special collections are comprised of standard original editions of books on architectural history from antiquity to the present, the Birren Collection on color (which includes treatises on color theory and materials samples), as well as design archives (e.g., Paul Rand, Keneth D. Love).

Arts Library Services: Access, Reference, and Research Education

Yale University Library provides robust access services programs that conveniently connect students and faculty with collections across campus and beyond. Through Scan and Deliver and Interlibrary Loan services, scans are emailed and books delivered to locations across campus. Through Borrow Direct, patrons have access to the circulating collections of twelve other partner libraries (Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts, Princeton, Stanford, University of Chicago, and University of Pennsylvania). The Arts Library at Yale circulates its collection to these partner institutions in a reciprocal lending/borrowing arrangement.

Research education reaches Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library’s patrons in a variety of forms, namely: library Orientation, course-related Instruction, and workshops. Since 2002, the School of Architecture has mandated that library research-based orientation sessions be required for all incoming graduate students. In 2019, we reintroduced these sessions for incoming architecture undergraduate students. Faculty frequently request course-related sessions with a librarian to support research conducted in their classes. Our Arts Librarian for Research Services serves as the library liaison to the School of Architecture and conducts reference and research consults, and teaches research skills courses to students in the program. She often collaborates with the Architectural Records Archivist and the librarian for Environmental Sciences to support student learning and research. A GIS librarian and Statistical Support Services are also available through the Marx Science and Social Science Library. A regularly updated architecture research guide points researchers to these services and to our growing resources in architecture (https://guides.library.yale.edu/architecture).

In the 2018/19 school year, students in nearly 20 courses and orientation groups were taught architecture research skills at the library. A typical session includes tips on navigating the library’s vast print and digital collections while assessing and selecting resources appropriate to their particular research interests. Complementing these courses are online resource guides, which are posted to the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library and Yale University Library Subject Guides website.

Finally, a regular program of exhibits at the Arts Library draws upon special collections at Arts and other collections at Yale. Exhibits of artists’ books during 2018/19 featured themes on text and textile, numbers, and scientific topics. Recent exhibits have included a celebration of the Yale School of Art’s 100th year anniversary, Women in Theater at Yale (for Yale’s 50/150 celebration).
5.8 Information Resources

Other University Library Resources

Sterling Memorial Library:

Housing approximately 4 million volumes, Sterling Memorial Library is the largest library on the Yale campus and serves as the center of the library system. Designed by James Gamble Rogers, the library was built to house these volumes in a book stack tower, intended to be the dominating feature of the façade. Although technically seven stories high, the book tower and library actually contains sixteen levels of stacks and eight floors of reading rooms, offices, and work areas. The collections, devoted primarily to the humanities and social sciences, are housed mainly in the book stacks, which are open to those with a valid Yale picture identification card or a special visitor’s access pass. Sterling’s main public services and reading rooms are on the first and basement floors. Also on the basement level are a lounge and the entrance to the tunnel that connects Sterling to the Bass Library. A major renovation of the book stacks and several reading rooms was completed in 1998, as was the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library, whose entrance is on Sterling’s first floor.

Bass Library:

Connected to Sterling Memorial Library via an underground tunnel, Bass Library houses the intensive-use collection. It accommodates a 150,000-volume core collection and a variety of study areas in a two-story, 60,000-square-foot underground structure. The library underwent reconstruction in 2004, generously funded by Anne T. and Robert M. Bass ’71 and designed by former Dean of the School of Architecture, Tom Beeby, and was completed in fall of 2007. The new design included the introduction of an above-ground entrance and a naturally day-lit lounge near the entry, creating a focal point for both Bass and Sterling libraries and encouraging student movement between the two. The renovation dramatically improved available facilities, creating new classrooms and group study areas in the remodeled portion of Sterling. In addition to creating a handsome, light-filled environment, the Bass Library introduced a new concept of study space specifically designed for the types of learning and research activities typical of today’s students. The library features areas for independent study, group study, and interaction with librarians and faculty, as well as flexible gathering spaces where the most up-to-date technology is available for collaborative study. The renovation also added a new library Café, a collaboration between Yale Dining Services and the Yale Sustainable Food Project; and the ‘Collaborative Learning Center,’ a place where faculty and students are able to co-explore pedagogical techniques, instructional technologies, and library resources with librarians, curators, and other experts from around campus. (http://www.library.yale.edu/bass/)

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library:

The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library is Yale University’s principal repository for literary papers and for early manuscripts and rare books in the fields of literature, theology, history, and the natural sciences. In addition to its general collection of rare books and manuscripts, the library houses the papers of significant architects including Peter Eisenman and a growing collection of books, journals, and other items related to post-war modernism and aesthetic culture. The Beinecke collections afford opportunities for interdisciplinary research in such fields as medieval, Renaissance, and eighteenth-century studies, art history, photography, American studies, the history of printing, and modernism in art and literature. Books and manuscripts at Yale have been extensively described since 1926 in the “Yale University Library Gazette,” which is available in many libraries.

One of the largest buildings in the world devoted entirely to rare books and manuscripts, the library has room in the central tower for 180,000 volumes and in the underground book stacks for over 600,000 volumes; it now contains about 500,000 volumes and several million manuscripts. Temperature and humidity controls ensure that stored materials are protected for future generations.

The building, constructed of Vermont marble and granite, bronze and glass, was designed by Gordon Bunshaft, of the firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill and completed in 1963. The white, gray-veined marble panes of the exterior are one and one-quarter inches thick and are framed by shaped light gray Vermont Woodbury granite. These marble panels filter light so that rare materials can be displayed without damage. From the exterior, however, the building’s powerful stone geometry serves to dominate the space it occupies in Hewitt University Quadrange, amidst neo-Classical and neo-Gothic neighbors. Also visible across the plaza is Alexander Calder’s “Gallows and Lollipops”.

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Sterling Memorial Library
Yale University
Credit: Shah Alam
5.8 Information Resources

Manuscripts and Archives:

The resources held by Manuscripts and Archives include over 1700 collections of personal and family papers and organizational records that document a variety of areas, including the Yale University Archives. The department also holds and makes available a multitude of Yale publications and many microfilm collections.

Manuscripts and Archives collects broadly in the areas of public policy and administration; diplomacy and international affairs; political and social thought and commentary; science, medicine, and the environment; legal and judicial history; the visual and performing arts; urban planning and architecture; environmental policy and affairs; psychology and psychiatry; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender history and culture. In addition, the department has extensive holdings on New Haven, Connecticut, and New England history. The collections held by Manuscripts and Archives document a wide array of persons, institutions, and subject areas. Most of these areas have a strong link to Yale, either to the institution itself; to the faculty, students, alumni, and other members of the Yale community; or to areas in which Yale has had strong teaching and research interests.

In order to guarantee that future students and scholars have access to the rich publication tradition of the University and its history, the University archives acquires and preserves permanent record copies of Yale publications. As with current practices for other archival records, all publications are non-circulating and must be used during the normal reading room hours in Manuscripts and Archives. (http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/)

Visual Resource Collection:

The Visual Resources Collection (VRC) is charged with collection development for digital visual media in the fine arts and architecture and provides digital images in all areas of visual culture in the Arts and Humanities. Located in the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, the Visual Resources Collection offers a Digital Library of more than 250,000 images reflecting faculty teaching and research interests. The historic collections of 35mm slides, lantern slides, and study photographs are archived in the Library Shelving Facility. The staff is available to assist the Yale community with their image needs.

The Map Collection:

The Map Collection, a department of Sterling Memorial Library housed on the 7th floor of Sterling, has the largest collection of maps in Connecticut and one of the largest university collections in the United States. Its collections are geographically comprehensive and consist of over 200,000 map sheets, 3,000 atlases, and 900 reference books. The Collection receives maps and charts on deposit from the U.S. government agencies, and through gift and purchase. The Collection also houses approximately 15,000 rare (pre-1850) sheet maps. Though these cover many areas of the world, most pertain to North America, the United States, and New England. There is also a sizeable reference collection and a small, selective serials collection. The Map Collection has recently obtained geographical information system (GIS) software for general use. These packages include ArcView, Census CD, Maptitude, and StreetAtlas USA.
5.8 Information Resources

Art Galleries and Museums of Yale University

Yale’s museums and collections—the Yale University Art Gallery, the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA), the Peabody Museum of Natural History, the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments, and the special collections held in the University Library—are primary resources for teaching and research. The Art Gallery and YCBA are open to all without cost, and the Peabody Museum is free one afternoon a week, with reduced rates for the many groups of visitors.

Yale University Art Gallery:

The Yale University Art Gallery is the oldest college art museum in the United States, having been founded in 1832 when the patriot-artist John Trumbull gave more than one hundred of his paintings to Yale College. Since then its collections have grown to more than 200,000 objects ranging in date from ancient times to the present. In addition to its world-renowned collections of American paintings and decorative arts, the gallery is noted for outstanding collections of Greek and Roman art, including the artifacts excavated at the ancient Roman city of Dura-Europos; the Jarves, Griggs, and Rabinowitz collections of early Italian paintings; the Société Anonyme Collection of early-twentieth century European and American art; Impressionist, modern, and contemporary works; Asian art; African art; art of the ancient Americas; and Indo-Pacific art. Ten to twelve special exhibitions, organized by the gallery staff, Yale faculty and graduate students, and occasional guest curators, are on view each year, in addition to several small teaching exhibitions. While focusing on its role as a center for scholarly research in the history of art and museum training for graduate and undergraduate students at Yale, the gallery also maintains an active schedule of public education programming.

The museum occupies three adjacent structures. Completed in 1953, the main building is across York Street from the School of Architecture. It was designed by Louis I. Kahn while he was a member of the architecture faculty. His first important public commission, and the first of four art museums he would design, the building has been acclaimed for its significance to the history of contemporary American architecture. Although it was the first modern-style building on the Yale campus, the Louis Kahn building harmonizes with older structures, including Egerton Swartwout’s Italian gothic Old Yale Art Gallery of 1928, to which it is directly connected. The gallery recently completed the final phase of a comprehensive expansion project that began with the restoration and renovation of the Kahn building, completed in 2006, and continued with the restoration of the Swartwout building and Street Hall (1866). The latest phase of construction united all three buildings into a cohesive whole and opened in December 2012.

Yale Center for British Art:

The Yale Center for British Art, designed by architect Louis I. Kahn, and a gift of the late Paul Mellon ’29, houses the largest collection of British paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, and rare books outside the United Kingdom. The collection presents a survey of English art, life, and thought from the sixteenth century through the twentieth. The particular strength of this collection lies in the holdings from the period between the birth of Hogarth (1697) and the death of Turner (1851). In addition to the normal functions of a public art museum and rare book library, the center provides classrooms for teaching, a reference library for specialized research, a complete photographic archive of British art, offices for visiting fellows, and other research facilities. The building was completed, posthumously, by the architectural firm of Pellecchia and Meyers according to Kahn’s design. Marshall Meyers (MArch1957) was a student and then a collaborator of Mr. Kahn’s. The YCBA is Kahn’s final work and is located diagonally from the School of Architecture and across Chapel Street from Kahn’s first important building, the Yale University Art Gallery.
5.8 Information Resources

Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History:

The collections of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History comprise more than twelve million specimens and artifacts in thirteen curatorial divisions: anthropology, archives, botany, cryo facility, entomology, historical scientific instruments, invertebrate and vertebrate paleontology, meteorites and planetary science, mineralogy, paleobotany, and invertebrate and vertebrate zoology. The mission of the Peabody Museum is to serve Yale University by advancing understanding of earth's history through geological, biological, and anthropological research, and by communicating the results of this research to the widest possible audience through publication, exhibition, and educational programs. Fundamental to this mission is stewardship of the Museum's rich collections, which provide a remarkable record of the history of the earth, its life, and its cultures. Conservation, augmentation and use of these collections become increasingly urgent as modern threats to the diversity of life and culture continue to intensify.

Collection of Musical Instruments:

One of the foremost institutions of its kind, the Collection acquires, preserves, and exhibits musical instruments from antiquity to the present, featuring restored examples in demonstration and live performance. It provides access to and disseminates information about its holdings to Yale students, faculty, and staff; to scholars, musicians, and instrument makers; and to the broader public.

An important resource for the music curricula of the University, the Collection serves as a laboratory for courses in the history of musical instruments and as a supplemental archive for courses taught in the arts and sciences. The Collection maintains regular public visiting hours and presents an annual series of concerts as well as lectures, demonstrations, gallery talks, and other special events.

Wurtele Study Center:

Located in the Collection Studies Center at Yale West Campus, in West Haven, Connecticut, the Wurtele Study Center is designed to inspire and accommodate object-based teaching and learning. It features several classrooms and spaces with large seminar tables that allow for the close study of collection material. The Wurtele Study Center is optimally positioned to foster collaboration; the Collection Studies Center is also home to the Gallery’s conservation laboratory and the Leslie P. and George H. Hume American Furniture Study Center, as well as the Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage and storage facilities for the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments, and the Yale Center for British Art.
5.8 Information Resources

Lectures

Throughout the year, nationally and internationally known architects, architectural scholars, and artists are invited to participate in the School’s weekly lecture series, and to present their work as part of the School’s ongoing series of conferences and symposia. As a group, these speakers bring a wide range of perspectives to bear on the problems of architectural practice, embodying the myriad ways architectural thinking can be applied in the world at large. All lectures and symposia at YSoA are free and open to the public.

Lectures offered during the 2020-2021 academic year included:

- Thursday, August 27 - Dean Deborah Berke: Everyday 2020
- Thursday, September 10 - Mindy Thompson Fullilove: The Social and Ecological Aspects of the Psychology of Place
- Thursday, October 8 - Jennifer Newsom and Tom Carruthers
- Wednesday, October 28 - Christopher Flavelle: Climate Adaptation: America’s growing struggle to live with global warming
- Thursday, October 29 - Kate Wagner: Embracing the Discourse: New Horizons in Architectural Criticism
- Monday, November 2 - Tod Williams and Billie Tsien
- Thursday, November 5 - Abby Hamlin: Creative Collaboration—A Strategy For Impactful Change
- Monday, November 9 - Deborah Saunt
- Thursday, November 12 - Walter Hood: Recent Work
- Thursday, November 19 - Ronald Rael and Virginia San Fratello: Unbounded
- Monday, November 30 - Luis Callejas and Charlotte Hansson
- Monday, February 1 - Marlon Blackwell
- Thursday, February 11 - Jing Liu
- Thursday, February 18 - Chris T. Cornelius
- Thursday, February 25 - Alberto Veiga
- Thursday, March 25 - Fiona Raby
- Thursday, April 1 - Olalekan Jeyifous
- Thursday, April 22 - Sarah Lewis
- Tuesday, April 13 - Adrienne Brown
- Monday, April 12 - Justin Garrett Moore
- Thursday, April 8 - Kate Orff

The official YSoA lecture series is only one of multiple parallel lecture and event series at the school. Others include the Yale Architecture Forum organized by PhD students, the MED Working Group on Anit-Racism organized by Master of Environmental Design Students, talks organized by Equality in Design, a student group, panels organized by the Career services program, Gallery Talks related to shows in the YSoA gallery and Launches, events organized around the release of school-affiliated publications.
5.8 Information Resources

Symposia

“Natures of Ornament,” a one-day symposium on February 23, 2019, convened by Sunil Bald, examined the role of ornament in contemporary architecture discourse as well as the ornament theory and architectural work of Kent C. Bloomer, faculty member at Yale since 1966.

“Clouds, Bubbles, and Waves,” a three-day J. Irwin Miller symposium on April 4–6, 2019, convened by Sunil Bald, explored Japan’s spatial and aesthetic responses to natural disasters and other catastrophes.

“My Bauhaus: Transmedial Encounters,” convened in 2019 by Eeva-Lisa Pelkonen and Trattie Davies, which brought together historians, artists, architects, and educators from around the world for a two-day celebration of the Bauhaus’s recent centennial;

“Noncompliant Bodies: Social Equity and Public Space,” which explored the relationship between architecture and the demands for social justice voiced by people who have been marginalized and oppressed on the basis of race, gender and disability, and

Beyond the Visible: Space, Place and Power in Mental Health,” conceived and organized by YSoA students to make designers and architects aware of their capacity to improve access to and perceptions of mental health.

Retrofuturisms, conceived and organized by the MArch II ‘21 class as a means of exploring speculative design methodologies and alternative forms of engagement with architecture’s past and future.

Exhibitions

Since its founding in 1979, the Exhibitions program at YSoA has evolved into a critical space for the exploration of architectural ideas and discourse in New Haven and beyond. Today, the Yale Architecture Gallery — situated at the very heart of Rudolph Hall — hosts four exhibitions per year, including the annual year-end show of student work. Recent shows include:

“Models, Media, and Methods: Frei Otto’s Architectural Research,” an exhibition of experimental work by celebrated German architect, Frei Otto. (Spring 2020)

“Two Sides of the Border: Redefining the Region,” featuring the student work of thirteen studios from the U.S. and Mexico, examining regional issues across the two countries at a time when migration across the border is at the forefront of political discourse. (Spring 2018)

“Japan: Archipelago of the House,” featuring projects by fifty-eight architects, and re-contextualizing their work relative to modern Japan’s historical and cultural lineage. (Spring 2019)

Additionally, since 2019, the School’s “North Gallery” has hosted small exhibitions initiated, curated, and designed by students. Recent projects include:

“Making Space For Resistance: Past, Present and Future,” commemorating the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Alcatraz Island by Native American activists in 1969

“In Memoriam,” a collection of self-designed tombs for architects (Spring 2020)

“Stepwells of Ahmedabad,” a photo-documentary of Indian stepwells
5.8 Information Resources

Publications

In addition to Perspecta, a peer-reviewed academic journal published annually by the School of Architecture and distributed by MIT Press, YSoA is also home to Retrospecta, an annual journal of student work; Constructs, a bi-annual news magazine highlighting events and activities at the School of Architecture; and a number of books documenting the work of advanced studios. Recent additions to this series include The Diamonds of American Cities, an investigation of baseball parks and their urban ramifications, documenting the work of an advanced studio led by Janet Marie Smith, Alan Plattus, and Andrei Harwell; Mexican Social Housing: Promises Revisited, a compilation of projects developed in the advanced studio led by Tatiana Bilbao, in conjunction with INFONAVIT (the Mexican Institute of the National Fund for Worker’s Housing); and Harlem: Mart 125, documenting student proposals for a new residential and cultural center on Harlem’s 125th Street, developed as part of an advanced studio led by Everardo Jefferson, Sara Caples, and Jonathan Rose.
Condition 6:

Statement on NAAB-Accredited Degrees
Access to NAAB Conditions and Procedures
Access to Career Development Information
Public Access to Accreditation Reports and Related Documents
Admissions and Advising
Student Financial Information
6.1 Statement on NAAB-Accredited Degrees

All institutions offering a NAAB-accredited degree program or any candidacy program must include the exact language found in the NAAB Conditions for Accreditation, 2020 Edition, Appendix 2, in catalogs and promotional media, including the program’s website.

In the United States, most registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit professional degree programs in architecture offered by institutions with U.S. regional accreditation, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted an eight-year term, an eight-year term with conditions, or a two-year term of continuing accreditation, or a three-year term of initial accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established education standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

Yale University, School of Architecture offers the following NAAB-accredited degree programs:

- M.Arch. (pre-professional degree + 114 credits)
- M.Arch. (non-pre-professional degree + 114 credits)

Next accreditation visit: 2022

6.2 Access to NAAB Conditions & Procedures

The program must make the following documents available to all students, faculty, and the public, via the program’s website:

- https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

6.3 Access to Career Development Information

The program must demonstrate that students and graduates have access to career development and placement services that help them develop, evaluate, and implement career, education, and employment plans.

The career services program organizes a series of workshops, panels, lectures, recruiting events and online resources to help prepare students for career opportunities after Yale.

https://www.architecture.yale.edu/alumni/career-development
6.4 Public Access to Accreditation Reports and Related Documents

To promote transparency in the process of accreditation in architecture education, the program must make the following documents available to all students, faculty, and the public, via the program’s website:

a. All Interim Progress Reports and Program Annual Reports since last visit
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

b. All NAAB responses to any Plan to Correct/NAAB responses to Program Annual Reports
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

c. Most recent NAAB decision letter
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

d. Architecture Program Report submitted for last visit
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

e. Final edition of most recent Visiting Team Report
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

f. Optional response to Visiting Team Report
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

g. Plan to Correct (if applicable)
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

h. NCARB ARE pass rates
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/naab-information

i. Statements/policies on learning and teaching culture
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/academics/bulletin/learning-and-teaching-policy

j. Statements/policies on DEI:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/about-the-school/diversity-equity-inclusion

6.5 Admissions and Advising

The program must publicly document all policies and procedures that govern the evaluation of applicants for admission to the accredited program. These procedures must include first-time, first-year students as well as transfers from within and outside the institution. This documentation must include the following:

a. Application Forms and Instructions:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions

b. Admissions Requirements and Procedures:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/requirements

c. Forms and a description of the process for evaluating the content of a non-accredited degree:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/requirements

d. Requirements and forms for applying for financial aid and scholarships:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/financial-aid

e. Explanation of how student diversity goals affect admission procedures:
   https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/requirements#mmi-626

6.6 Student Financial Information

The program must demonstrate that students have access to current resources and advice for making decisions about financial aid:

https://www.architecture.yale.edu/admissions/financial-aid

https://www.architecture.yale.edu/forms-resources#mmi-619

The program must demonstrate that students have access to an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required during the full course of study for completing the NAAB-accredited degree program:

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Statement on COVID-19-Related Operations

The School of Architecture’s response to Covid-19 beginning in early 2020 and continuing through the present day was formulated and continually updated in consultation and with the approval of the University following State of Connecticut regulations and guidelines. This Architecture Program Report addresses a much longer period, so while the school’s response to the pandemic is mentioned occasionally, it is more fully described here.

On campus activity and Use of the Rudolph Hall

In the spring of 2020, YSoA moved all of its courses, including design studios, online, shifting to a fully remote model of education. While this had no immediate impact on the content of the curriculum, students and faculty were forced to be both flexible and nimble, learning the basics of various remote technologies and software platforms in order to sustain the school’s socially intensive, collaborative environment, even in conditions of social isolation.

During the 2020-2021 school year, YSoA, following the University’s lead, moved to a hybrid model. Neither students nor faculty were required to be present in person for any course sessions or events, but approximately 90% of the student body returned to New Haven and had access to Rudolph Hall. The school collaborated with a local firm, Apicella+Bunton (where several members of the staff were also YSoA faculty and graduates) to study how to open the building while conforming to social distancing requirements, and a schedule was developed allowing students in the building during limited, alternating hours to limit capacity.

Maintaining Community

Maintaining the school’s intimate community was a priority throughout this period. The dean held 14 town hall meetings in 2020, many of which were focused on smaller groups of students. In the spring and then again in the summer of 2020, the Dean held individual sessions with the MArch I classes of ’21, ’22, ’23, as well as MArchII students, M.E.D., and PhD students to discuss the school’s preparations amid Covid-19. Dean Berke also held open Zoom sessions available to any first year student at the end of the fall 2020 term and into early January providing an opportunity for small group interaction with the dean.

In advance of the fall ’20 semester, a new Open Access Platform was developed to enable the sharing of materials, events and resources. The presentations faculty typically give during course ‘shopping week’ were pre-recorded and made accessible online. A newsletter, The Weekly Sketch, documenting that week’s news, events and opportunities was circulated, beginning in the Spring of 2021.

Meetings and Events

Course meetings as well as meetings of faculty committees, the executive committee, student groups meetings continued at generally the same frequency in a remote format. The university provided Zoom accounts to all faculty and reviews were held via zoom and other platforms including Miro, Mozilla Hubs, and Sketchfab. Most school events including the lecture series were cancelled in Spring 2020, but resumed at a regular schedule via Zoom throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Attendance was strong.

School travel and In-person Programs

The school’s summer travel programs to Rome, Gothenburg, and Madrid were cancelled in both 2020 and 2021. In-person, local programs were adapted or continued to be offered. The Building Project (2016b) schedule had to be adjusted in 2020. Construction of the Building Project house was postponed, and a new course, (2239a) Building Project III, on technological building systems integration, based in case study analysis, was added. In place of the construction component of the Building Project, students and the administration worked together to form the Design Brigade in collaboration with Atelier Cho Thompson in New Haven and Yale’s Center for Collaborative Arts and Media. In 2021, the Building Project was offered on a shifted schedule in July and August to allow students to participate, once again, in the construction of a house in New Haven.

The school of architecture’s Regenerative Building Lab’s inaugural project, the design, fabrication, and construction of a new Coastal Research Station at Horse Island ran as scheduled. Fabrication took place at Yale’s West Campus, and the building was erected over a 10-week period on Horse Island that summer.

Admissions

The admissions process was completed on schedule in both 2020 and 2021. Extended deadlines for deferrals were offered in 2021. The school’s open Houses were held virtually and the faculty produced a series of videos introducing the curriculum and other aspects of the school including a virtual tour of Rudolph Hall.

Career Services

The 2020-2021 calendar of workshops, panels, lectures, recruiting events and online resources to help prepare students for career opportunities after Yale was adjusted to be done remotely. Additional programming was added to respond to the abrupt changes students were facing including the development of an Alumni/Student mentorship program. The annual career fair was held remotely.
Yale School of Architecture: A Plan for the Future

February 2018

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**YSoA Strategic Plan**

### Pedagogy and Program

**Goal**
Offer an integrated curriculum and programming that respond to the needs and conditions of building in the 21st century.

**Objectives**
- Increase the number of applicants and yield rate.
- Enhance the success and fulfillment of the School’s graduates.
- Enhance the School’s influence in the world of architectural education and beyond.

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<td><strong>Expand choice and diversity within curriculum</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Expand choice and diversity beyond YSoA</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Increase innovation opportunities</strong></td>
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<td>Implement DM facility long-range plan</td>
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**Relevant actions**
1. Establish review committee.
2. Define program goals and objectives.
3. Identify annex spaces and facilities to support research and curricular goals.
4. Offer support to develop new courses.
5. Increase integration of design and technology.
6. Increase outreach to diversity lecturers/critics.
7. Cultivate institutional relationships beyond YSoA.
8. Reimagine accreditation compliance.

### Students

**Goal**
Attract and support a diverse community of creative intellectuals who will be prepared to lead and influence the future of the discipline.

**Objectives**
- Improve yield in terms of numbers and diversity.
- Reduce student debt.
- Expand graduate career paths.

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<td><strong>Enhance and diversify definition of student success</strong></td>
<td>Formulate faculty advising infrastructure</td>
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<td>Reduce by half number of LP and F grades received after first year</td>
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<td><strong>Reduce student debt to zero</strong></td>
<td>Formulate strategy to involve more stakeholders in fundraising efforts</td>
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<td>Reduce student debt by 10 percent</td>
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<td><strong>Improve applicant yield</strong></td>
<td>Formulate a strategy for expanded and targeted post-acceptance recruitment</td>
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<td>Increase percentage of applicants matriculating by 20 percent</td>
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**Relevant actions**
1. Provide funding to support faculty activity (recruiting, reviews, lectures) at targeted undergraduate programs.
2. Increase faculty diversity.
3. Expose students to alternative practice models.
4. Broaden the curriculum.
5. Establish metrics of student success and implement ongoing tracking methods.
6. Initiate tracking system to follow and measure alumni achievement.
7. Increase range of revenue sources (professional education, grants, etc.).
8. Recruit in new locations through alumni network.
YSoA Strategic Plan

**Faculty**

**Goal**
Attract, support, and develop a diverse body of leading architectural educators.

**Objectives**
- Increase diversity of visiting professors and endowed chairs.
- Expand number of professors in practice and ladder appointments.
- Expand subject areas.
- Increase external acknowledgment of achievements of all faculty.

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<td>Diversify high-visibility senior appointments</td>
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<td>Hire new PhD director</td>
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<td>Enhance faculty success</td>
<td>Solicit individual practices/research goal reports</td>
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<td>Increase faculty design awards</td>
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<td>Establish ways of increasing diversity</td>
<td>Work with University to support YSOA diversity</td>
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<td>Secure funding for at least one yearly or ladder position</td>
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<td>Increase research funding</td>
<td>Establish modest seed grant program</td>
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<td>Implement faculty/student asst. research model for proposed projects</td>
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<td>Improve faculty retention; decrease unwanted losses</td>
<td>Create promotion roadmap for non-ladder faculty</td>
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<td>Implement formal faculty mentoring</td>
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<td>Eliminate losses involving lateral movement</td>
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**Relevant actions**
1. Create faculty development program.
2. Develop middle-tier, non-ladder faculty positions.
3. Recruit and cultivate notable lecture faculty for university-wide courses.
4. Establish metrics of faculty success and develop ongoing tracking method.
5. Encourage tenure and promotion committees to consider metrics of architecture faculty success.
6. Create structured, transparent process for course proposal.
7. Create endowed chairs in urban design, landscape, and history/theory.
8. Show the larger university that architecture is a bridge across STEM and arts.
9. Help faculty identify and procure research funding.
10. Align position and compensation with responsibility.
11. Establish two-year "resident" fellowship for young faculty.
12. Support travel for conferences/symposia.
13. Align faculty strength with task, hiring "the right person for the right job."
14. Provide opportunities for faculty to promote work.
15. Promote faculty for professional work at Yale.

**External Engagement**

**Goal**
Engage fully with and lead in communities and issues beyond the school, in the field, the university, and the wider world.

**Objectives**
- Increase cross-campus collaboration.
- Increase visibility and exposure for the School, faculty, alumni, and students.
- Increase media mentions.

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<td>Curriculum intention, integration; faculty expertise</td>
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<td>Establish joint degree count targets</td>
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<td>Reconcieve PhD program</td>
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<td>Joint degree, HSAR courses only</td>
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<td>Reach 12 more departments</td>
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<td>Increase cross-disciplinary projects</td>
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<td>Create and deliver professional education</td>
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<td>120 graduates</td>
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<td>Raise Yale's visibility on the lecture circuit</td>
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<td>Increase YSOA faculty representation in Yale Facilities and Corporation projects</td>
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<td>Define opportunities</td>
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<td>Five faculty members</td>
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<td>Become a professional education resource.</td>
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<td>Establish collaborative teaching, research, and other initiatives outside the School.</td>
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<td>Demonstrate and integrate the School's expertise with design and facilities initiatives on campus.</td>
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Goal
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Objectives
Increase funding.
Optimize organizational structure.

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<td>Invest in technology</td>
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<td>Formulate strategy to involve more stakeholders in fundraising efforts</td>
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<td>Expand financial aid</td>
<td>Establish baseline Reduce lost candidates by 25 percent</td>
<td>Reduce lost candidates by 75 percent</td>
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<td>Redesign administration</td>
<td>Organizational assessment Hiring strategy Implement</td>
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Relevant actions
1 BUDGET Rebalance spending and resource requirements to align with strategic plan objectives.
2 SPACE Allocate space requirements in accordance with strategic plan.
3 FINANCIAL AID Provide sufficient financial aid to dramatically reduce finance-driven admission decisions.
4 FUNDRAISING Create and implement fundraising strategy to support financial aid, research and teaching.
5 OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION Design and implement organization, including reporting structure, roles, and staffing, to support implementation of strategic plan.
6 TECHNOLOGY In alignment with faculty appointments, continuously improve technology to state of the art.

Culture

Goal
Model a culture that sets the standard for contemporary architectural education practice, and research.

Objectives
Maintain the School’s tradition of the highest possible standards in architectural design and education.
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Enhance our ability to embrace and support diverse members of our community.

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<td>Measure stakeholder engagement, evaluate climate and culture, and set goals for improvement</td>
<td>Assess needs and procure assessment instrument Design and run survey, set goals Achieve Action 1</td>
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<td>Plan and implement faculty-driven projects</td>
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<td>12 projects</td>
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<td>Assess and refine student workload requirements</td>
<td>Run workload assessment, determine adjustments Make specific course adjustments</td>
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<td>Require gender balance on every jury</td>
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Relevant actions:
1 Assess the current culture of the school’s students, faculty, and staff, and establish target measures for improvement.
2 Improve the cohesion, cooperation, and integration of the faculty.
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- Enhance success and fulfillment of graduates
- Enhance influence in architectural education and beyond

**Strategies**
- Increase and expand student access to research infrastructure and innovation opportunities
- Strengthen PhD programs
- Define role of research in our programs
- Consider addition of masters-level urban studies program
- Build continuing education program

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**Students**

**Goal**
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**Objectives**
- Increase number and yield of diverse applicants
- Expand graduate career paths

**Strategies**
- Strengthen faculty advising structure
- Strengthen connections between students and faculty
- Develop and implement diversity recruiting strategy
- Strengthen student career services
- Gather data on graduates’ career paths, using 2012 survey as a baseline
- Encourage intermingling among programs
- Encourage and support creation of student subcommunities
**Faculty**

**Goal**
Attract, support, and develop a diverse body of leading architectural educators.

**Objectives**
- Continue increasing number of Professors in the Practice and ladder appointments
- Continue increasing support for faculty research
- Increase external acknowledgment of achievements of all faculty
- Improve sense of faculty community

**Strategies**
- Create opportunities, incentives, and expectations for greater faculty visibility in and engagement with the School
- Identify additional sources of support for research and grant infrastructure
- Strengthen student participation in faculty research
- Create faculty “PR strategy” with opportunities for faculty exposure in mainstream and social media

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- Continue increasing collaboration across campus and with other HE institutions
- Enhance engagement with the City of New Haven and its residents
- Increase engagement globally
- Increase alumni engagement
- Increase visibility and exposure for the School, faculty, alumni, and students

**Strategies**
- Create a strategy to strengthen the School’s global presence and engagement
- Build a program to provide support for interdisciplinary collaborations
- Contribute to Yale’s capacity for cross-campus collaborations
- Design and/or refine joint-degree programs and concentrations
- Leverage the work of research centers in the outside world
- Unify New Haven-based student and faculty projects under UDW, Building Project, and future centers
- Build resources to increase alumni engagement
Institutional Resources

Goal
Provide the operational infrastructure and funding necessary to support the school’s mission.

Objectives
- Eliminate student tuition debt
- Increase donor engagement and support for the School’s priorities
- Increase physical space
- Optimize organizational structure, roles and responsibilities, expertise, and expectations

Strategies
- Use Yale campaign to leverage and promote YSoA funding needs and opportunities
- Involve faculty in donor cultivation and outreach
- Clarify staff and faculty responsibilities and committee structure, roles, and goals to encourage innovation and improved processes
- Spread responsibilities more broadly across staff and faculty
- Improve internal communications
- Involve students in institutional projects

Culture

Goal
Model a culture that sets the standard for contemporary architectural education, practice, and research.

Objectives
- Contribute to change in the culture of the profession and the discipline
- Contribute to the improvement of architecture and the built environment locally, nationally, and globally
- Enhance our ability to embrace, support, and learn from all members of our community

Strategies
- Build on results of school climate survey to address communication, community-building, collaboration, support, and engagement; conduct regular follow-up surveys
- Establish norms and expectations for all members of the School community and visitors
- Articulate, communicate, and carry out the School’s role in advancing social justice in the built environment
- Make an enduring and genuine commitment to DEI+B efforts
**Objectives**

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<td>Enhance success and fulfillment of graduates</td>
<td>Survey recent alumni (include in alumni demographic survey)</td>
<td>Review curriculum and services based on survey results</td>
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<td>Develop funding strategies for curricular development in key areas</td>
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<td>Enhance influence in architectural education and beyond</td>
<td>Review curriculum to define how core values are reflected</td>
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<td>Increase number and yield of diverse applicants</td>
<td>Develop up-to-date metrics</td>
<td>Increase diversity metrics 20%</td>
<td>Increase diversity metrics 60%</td>
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<td>Institute recruitment committee/effort</td>
<td>Create relationships with six undergraduate schools</td>
<td>Create relationships with 15 undergraduate schools</td>
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<td>Expand graduate career paths</td>
<td>Survey interests of students</td>
<td>Expand lecture series and career fair participants based on survey</td>
<td>Assess curricular offerings based on career paths of students</td>
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<td>Continue increasing number of Professors in the Practice and ladder appointments</td>
<td>1 new hire</td>
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<td>Continue increasing support for faculty research</td>
<td>Survey current faculty projects</td>
<td>Facilitate engagement w/ University resources</td>
<td>Established research fund and funding sources</td>
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<td>Increase external acknowledgment of achievements of all faculty</td>
<td>Institute annual Faculty Progress Reports (FPR) to understand faculty achievement</td>
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<td>Improve sense of faculty community</td>
<td>2020-21 Climate Survey</td>
<td>Form faculty task group to analyze Climate Survey and draft actionable items for change</td>
<td>Actionable items implemented</td>
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<td>Inventory, including Building Project, Urban Design Workshop, UDW, Design Brigade</td>
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<td>Increase engagement globally</td>
<td>Both directions: speakers, visualization faculty, students, Yale participation in international events</td>
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<th>Increase alumni engagement</th>
<th>Establish alumni engagement plan coordinated with capital campaign</th>
<th>Plan implemented</th>
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<td>Increase visibility and exposure for the School, faculty, alumni, and students</td>
<td>With Yale OPAC, establish exposure metrics and targets</td>
<td>Targets achieved</td>
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<td>Eliminate student tuition debt</td>
<td>Analysis of $ debt per student: Yearly total across cohort</td>
<td>25% reduction</td>
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<td>Increase donor engagement and support for the School’s priorities</td>
<td>ACES score 19 Campaign launch</td>
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<td>Increase physical space</td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Add 350 George St.</td>
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<td>Optimize organizational structure, roles and responsibilities, expertise, and expectations</td>
<td>Current Climate survey</td>
<td>Create organizational development plan</td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>Establish criteria and plan</td>
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<td>Enhance our ability to embrace, support, and learn from all members of our community</td>
<td>Climate survey DEI+B inventory</td>
<td>Establish plan Coordinate with University-wide DEI+B efforts</td>
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The mission of the Yale School of Architecture is to educate architects, scholars, teachers, and leaders who will shape the future through design.

Vision
A world in which architecture matters, and architecture in which the world matters.
YSoA Impact Report

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$27,000 2020

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Annual Financial Aid Budget

$ Millions

FY17 6

FY18 5

FY19 4

FY20 3

FY21 2

Enrollment

220

Why does YSoA need money when Yale has so much?

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Do smaller gifts make a difference?

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March 26, 2020

Dr. Peter Salovey
President
Yale University
105 Wall Street, P.O. Box 208229
New Haven, CT 06520-8229

Dear President Salovey:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on March 6, 2020, the New England Commission of Higher Education took the following action with respect to Yale University:

- that Yale University be continued in accreditation;
- that the University submit an interim (fifth-year) report for consideration in Fall 2024;
- that, in addition to the information included in all interim reports, the University give emphasis to its success in:
  1) updating and evaluating the effectiveness of its Capital Planning Framework;
  2) evaluating the effectiveness of the reorganization of the decanal structure of its Faculty of Arts and Sciences;
  3) assessing student learning outcomes and using the results to make improvements with emphasis on assuring that expected learning outcomes are consistent with Yale’s aspiration to be the research university “most committed to teaching;”
  4) achieving its goals for faculty diversity;
- that the next comprehensive evaluation be scheduled for Fall 2029.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

Yale University is continued in accreditation because the Commission finds the institution to be substantially in compliance with the Standards for Accreditation.

Along with the visiting team, we commend Yale University (Yale) on an outstanding self-study that documents the University’s steadfast commitment to teaching and learning within the context of a global research university and highlights the many ways in which the University is fulfilling its mission by “improving the world today and for future generations through outstanding research and scholarship, education, preservation, and practice.” Yale’s dedicated and active Board of Trustees is notable, as is its inspirational president who, since assuming his role in 2013, has led the University through a period of significant change, including: leadership and organizational transitions; the development of priorities for academic investment; deepening engagement between the University’s trustees and its administration; the expansion of its undergraduate population; a return to financial equilibrium following the 2008-09 financial crisis; and significant growth of the University’s physical campus. We further support the judgment of the team that Yale’s world class faculty, well-qualified and competent staff, exemplary academic programs, outstanding students, and “extraordinary array” of support services and resources is foundational to its enviable retention rates (99%) and six-year graduation rates (97%). Evidence of the University’s strong financial position is found in the increase of its endowment from $16.1 billion to $29.4 billion over the last decade, and the $85.0 million it has “reserved” for faculty development over the next five years. Finally, we share the institution’s confidence that with its clear mission and strategic vision, its commitment to teaching and research, and its exceptionally vibrant academic culture, Yale is well positioned to continue achieving its mission well into the future.

Commission policy requires an interim (fifth-year) report of all institutions on a decennial evaluation cycle. Its purpose is to provide the Commission an opportunity to appraise the institution’s current status in keeping with the Policy on Periodic Review. In addition to the information included in all interim reports the University is asked, in Fall 2024, to report on four matters related to our standards on Institutional Resources; Planning and Evaluation; Organization and Governance; Educational Effectiveness; and Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship.

The team noted in its report that Yale’s Capital Planning Framework, last updated in 2009, is currently under review. We understand that Yale plans to expand its “footprint” in coming years; however, as a “campus with a city running through it, the University does not have vast tracks of land on which to build,” and there are often “tax roll tensions” associated with purchasing existing buildings in New Haven and other areas in Connecticut and New Hampshire. We note that one option the University is considering is developing Yale-owned factory buildings north of the institution, which is desirable as there is a walkable trail between the proposed location and the main campus. To demonstrate that Yale “has sufficient and appropriate … physical resources necessary for the achievement of its purposes …” (7.21), and that it “has a demonstrable record of success in implementing the results of its planning” (2.5), we look forward, through the Fall 2024 interim report, to learning of the University’s success in updating and evaluating the effectiveness of its Capital Planning Framework.

As documented in the self-study and confirmed by the visiting team, Yale has reorganized the decanal structure of its Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS)—an FAS dean now reports to the president alongside the deans of other schools, and an FAS faculty senate has been established. We also understand that this reorganization is intended to provide the deans of all schools with more time for curriculum development and student interaction. We will appreciate receiving, in the Fall 2024 interim report, an update on the University’s success in evaluating the effectiveness of this new structure as evidence that Yale’s “organization and governance structure assure the integrity and quality of academic programming however and wherever offered” (3.14) [and that through] “its system of … internal governance, the institution ensures the appropriate
consideration of relevant perspectives; decision-making aligned with expertise and responsibility; and timely action on institutional plans, policies, curricular change, and other key considerations” (3.17).

As noted positively above, Yale boasts an impressive record of student success and achievement, and we appreciate learning of the wide range of assessment strategies that are consistently implemented across the University. We also concur with the judgment of the team that, while there are clearly pockets of excellence, there are also opportunities to strengthen assessment and evaluation activities in some areas, and better coordination would support Yale’s efforts to move to more data-informed planning and evaluation processes. We therefore ask that the interim report submitted for consideration in Fall 2024 include an update on the institution’s continued “success in using the results of its evaluation activities to inform planning, changes in programs and services, and resource allocation” (2.8) with emphasis on assuring that expected learning outcomes are consistent with Yale’s aspiration to be the research university “most committed to teaching.” We are further guided here by our standards on Planning and Evaluation and Educational Effectiveness:

The institution’s principal evaluation focus is the quality, integrity, and effectiveness of its academic programs. Evaluation endeavors and systematic assessment are demonstrably effective in the improvement of academic offerings, student learning, and the student experience. Systematic feedback from students, former students, and other relevant constituencies is a demonstrable factor in institutional improvement (2.7).

The results of assessment and quantitative measures of student success are a demonstrable factor in the institution’s efforts to improve the learning opportunities and results for students (8.8).

As Yale candidly acknowledges in its self-study, improving faculty diversity is one of the University’s “most vital current challenges and opportunities related to teaching, learning, and scholarship.” We therefore note with favor that the provost’s Office of Faculty Development and Diversity is actively working with liaisons in each of Yale’s schools who contribute to faculty diversity efforts. The Fall 2024 interim report will afford the University an opportunity to update the Commission on its success in “address[ing] its own goals for the achievement of diversity among its faculty and academic staff” (6.5).

The scheduling of a comprehensive evaluation in Fall 2029 is consistent with Commission policy requiring each accredited institution to undergo a comprehensive evaluation at least once every ten years.

You will note that the Commission has specified no length or term of accreditation. Accreditation is a continuing relationship that is reconsidered when necessary. Thus, while the Commission has indicated the timing of the next comprehensive evaluation, the schedule should not be unduly emphasized because it is subject to change.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the self-study prepared by Yale University and for the report submitted by the visiting team. The Commission also welcomed the opportunity to meet with you, Kim Goff-Crews, Secretary and Vice President for University Life, and Leah Rosovsky, team representative, during its deliberations.

You are encouraged to share this letter with all of the institution’s constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution’s governing board of action on its accreditation status. In a few days we will be sending a copy of this letter to Ms. Catherine Bond Hill. The institution is free to release information about the evaluation and the Commission’s action to others, in accordance with the enclosed policy on Public Disclosure of Information about Affiliated Institutions.

The Commission hopes that the evaluation process has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation with the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education in New England.

If you have any questions about the Commission’s action, please contact Barbara Brittingham, President of the Commission.

Sincerely,

David Quigley

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Catherine Bond Hill

Visiting Team
Faculty Curriculum Vitae

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Courses Taught

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Critic

Fall 2020
2nd Year Graduate Comprehensive Studio: Next NXTHVN.

Spring 2020
Graduate Advanced Studio: “Kitchen Sink Realism,” with Pier Vittorio Aureli.

Fall 2019
2nd Year Graduate Comprehensive Studio: Centers for Immigrant Resources.

Fall-Spring, 2019
Seminar: “Material Case Studies.”

Spring 2019
Graduate Advanced Studio: “Wasteland”, with Pier Vittorio Aureli.

Educational Credentials

Princeton University, New Jersey
2003
Master of Architecture
Graduate Certificate in Media and Modernity for Interdisciplinary Studies
Tongji University, Shanghai
2002
China Exchange Studio
University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
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FIPSE International Exchange
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Columbia College, Columbia University, Bachelor of Arts
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Major in Architecture; Concentration in Mathematics

Teaching Experience

Syracuse University School of Architecture
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Registered Architect | State of New York
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National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certification
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Selected Publications | Recent Research

2020
2019
“You are What You Build.” Space for Restorative Justice. Yale School of Architecture

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions

2019
REJECTED: Architectural Drawings and Their Stories,” Banvard Gallery at The Ohio State University
Knowledge School, Columbus, OH
2018
24x24x24 Summer Solstice,” Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, NY,

Professional Memberships

Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
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National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certification
United States Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED AP

Selected Publications | Recent Research

2020
2019
“You are What You Build.” Space for Restorative Justice. Yale School of Architecture

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions

2019
REJECTED: Architectural Drawings and Their Stories,” Banvard Gallery at The Ohio State University
Knowledge School, Columbus, OH
2018
24x24x24 Summer Solstice,” Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, NY,

Professional Memberships

Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Fellow, The Forum and Institute for Urban Design
Anthony Acciavatti
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Critic
2020
Architecture & Urban 324: The City Before and After the Tubewell
2018-present
Architecture & Urban 362: Urban Lab: City Making in the Margins
2019, 2020
Urban & Landscape 4224: Out of Date: Expired Patents and Their Unrealized Histories
2019, 2020
Architecture 1022: Architectural Design Studio

Educational Credentials
Princeton University, New Jersey
2018
Ph.D., History of Science and Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities
2012
M.A. in History
American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), Lucknow, India
2011
Certificate, Intermediate Urdu
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
2009
Certificate, Intermediate Hindi
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2009
M.Arch II in Architecture
Allahabad University, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India
2005-2006
Fullbright Fellow in the Department of Geography
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
2004
B.F.A. in Architecture

Teaching Experience
Princeton University, New Jersey
2017-18
Lecturer and Mellon Fellow
Colombia University | Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
2013-2019
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Bezalel Academy of Art, Jerusalem, Israel
2015
Visiting Professor

Selected Publications / Recent Research
2015
Ganges Water Machine: Designing New India’s Ancient River (San Francisco: Applied Research & Design Publishing)
2021
2021
- Building a Republic of Villages (under review)
2020
2020
“Remaking and Knowing: Instruments and Bad Fluid Maps,” PULSES Workshop at Rice University, Medical Humanities Program, Houston
2021
“Manaus: A New Contractual Agreement Between Forest and City,” in “How Will We Live Together,” curated by Hashim Sarkis, 17th La Biennale di Venezia, Venice (Italy) | Group Exhibition
2019
“Ganges Water Machine,” Seoul Architecture Biennale, Seoul (South Korea) | Solo Exhibition
2019

Professional Memberships
College Art Association
Society of Architectural Historians
History of Science Society
American Society for Environmental History
American Historical Association
Society for Social Studies of Science
Mohamed Aly Etman
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Critic
2020
Advanced Building Envelope | Seminar, Fall
2019
Advanced Building Envelope | Seminar, Fall

Educational Credentials
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (CASE/ SOM program), New York, USA
Ph.D. in Building Sciences
2018
M. Arch. II Environmental Parametrics: Performance Design of the Built Ecology
Cairo University, Department of Architecture, Cairo, Egypt
2014
M. Sc. in Environmental Design and Planning
2013
B. Sc. of Architectural Engineering
2007

Teaching Experience
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (CASE/ SOM) New York, USA
2014-18
Assistant Lecturer, Center for Architecture Science and Ecology
The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
2013-2019
Assistant Lecturer, Department of Construction & Architectural Engineering, Cairo, Egypt AENG
The Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, Egypt
2012-2013
Lecturer, Department of Architectural Engineering & Environmental Design, Cairo, Egypt

Professional Experience
2018-2014
Project Manager & Environmental Systems Architect: Ecological Living Module, UN plaza, NYC, USA.
2011-2013
Project Manager: Solar decathlon "Slides team"
2011
Project Manager & Architect: Solar decathlon "Slides team"
2008-2010
Architect, Architectural Office Farid Raouf Farid

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2018-2011
Yale University, Center for Ecosystems in Architecture, New Haven-New York, USA | Post-Doctoral Associate, Center for Ecosystems in Architecture
2014-2018
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (CASE/ SOM) New York, USA | Research Assistant, Center for Architecture Science and Ecology
2018
2017

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions
2018
Presenter & Organizer: Design of Ecological Model Home — Tiny house — for East Africa region to be held in Nairobi, Kenya.
2018
Lecturer & Organizer: Environmental Analysis Workshop, The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, The City College of New York.
2011-2013
Lecturer & Organizer | Technical Workshops: Parametrics, Fabrication, Building performance simulation; Cairo, Egypt

Professional Memberships
2009-
Co-pilot Pharaoh’s Rally, Spanish Baja, Africa Eco Race.
2011
Applicant, LEED 201: core concepts and strategies workshop.
2011
Participant, construction aware design, rapid-prototyping spatial reconstruction & performance workshop.
2010
Coordinator, pattern transformations (3D lab for parametric design & digital fabrication) workshop.
Sunil Bald
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sunil.bald@yale.edu

Courses Taught

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Associate Dean for Curriculum and Admissions
Professor of Architecture, Adjunct
2017-

Graduate Core Studio
Undergraduate Studio
Visualization II - Form and Representation
XS- micro in Japanese Architecture and Urbanism

Educational Credentials

Colombia University, New York, NY
Master of Architecture
1991

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
Bachelor of Arts in Biology
1986

Teaching Experience

Cornell University, New York Campus | Visiting Professor
2013
Graduate Design Studio — Post-Professional Course (summer)

Yale University School of Architecture | Critic
2007-2012
Graduate Core and Advanced Studios; Visualization II - Form and Representation

Yale University School of Architecture | Louis I Kahn Visiting Assistant Professor
2006
Graduate Advanced Studio; Seminar - Architecture and the Making and Unmaking of Nations

Parsons School of Design, The New School | Adjunct Graduate-level Design Faculty
2000-06
Graduate Core Studio (Coordinator), Undergraduate Core Studio

University of Michigan | Visiting Assistant Professor
1999-2000
Graduate Advanced Studio

Colombia University | Adjunct Assistant Professor
1997-2012

Professional Experience

Studio SUMO, New York, NY | Founding Partner
1997-


Licenses | Registrations

2002-
Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications | Recent Research

Paranoaizinho: City-Making beyond Brasilia. Sunil Bald and Rafael Birmann. Actar / Yale School of Architecture.
2017
2010

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions

Studio SUMO – Japan Projects. Location: University of Tennessee Gallery, Knoxville, TN; Sponsor: Rhode Island School of Design | Exhibition
2018
Say It Loud: Distinguished Black Architects; United Nations Visitor Center, New York, NY | Exhibition
2018
Tea Cozy; Omi International Arts Center, Hudson, NY | Exhibition
2017
Practice and Pedagogy in the Floating World, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY | Lecture
2016
Big in Japan, California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo | Lecture

Professional Memberships

Emerging Voices Awards Panel; Architectural League of New York.
2015-

Peer Design Review Board for Design of American Embassies and Consulates; US State Department; Washington, DC.
2013-2017

Board of Directors; Millay Arts Colony; Rhinebeck and New York, NY.
2012-2917
Andrew Benner
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
Spring 2021
Spring Advanced Design Studio: “Manufacturing Wonderland”
Fall 2020
Fall Advanced Design Studio: “Troubled Waters”
Spring 2020
Spring Advanced Design Studio: “Cultural Dreaming: Alternative Futures for Urban Renewal Memories”
Fall 2019
Fall Advanced Design Studio: “Conjunto”

Educational Credentials
Yale University, New Haven, CT
2003
Master of Architecture
Rice University, Houston, TX
1995
Bachelor of Architecture
1993
Bachelor of Architecture, Art, and Art History

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2017-
Director of Exhibitions
2018-2019
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

Professional Experience
abab, New Haven, CT | Principal Architect
2010-
Feasibility analysis and schematic design; coordinated design development; construction documents
Gray Organschi Architecture, New Haven, CT | Project Architect
2005-2010
Completed construction administration; produced and coordinated construction documents
Fernau & Hartman Architects, Berkeley, CA | Project Architect
2003-2005
Project architect for two residences; researched and coordinated the use of solar power and
ground-source heat pump, researched sustainable materials, coordinated and produced construction
documents
Gray Organschi Architecture, New Haven, CT | Project Architect
2003-
Adaptive re-use of historic firehouse into a recording studio and live performance venue
Anderson Architects, New York, NY
1999-2001
Managed projects, provided schematic design and layout, supervised bid and construction documents

Licenses | Registrations
2000-
Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2015
Social Infrastructure: New York | Co-Editor, Yale University Press

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions
TOGETHER | Exhibition
2021
Year End Student Show
Year End (of the World) | Exhibition
2020
Year End Student Show
Models, Media, and Methods: Frei Otto’s Architectural Research | Exhibition
2020
garden-pleasure | Exhibition
2019
Still Facing Infinity: The Tectonic Sculptures of Erwin Hauer | Exhibition
Horizon | Exhibition
2019
Year End Student Show
2018-2019
Japan, Archipelago of the House | Exhibition
2017-2018
Two Sides of the Border | Exhibition
2018
Adjacencies | Exhibition
[NOW] | Exhibition
2018
Year End Student Show
2018
The Drawing Show | Exhibition
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Associate Dean, Professor Adjunct
2021 Exploring New Values in Design | Seminar, Spring
2020 Slavery, Its Legacies in the Built Environment | Seminar, Fall
2020 Exploring New Values in Design | Seminar, Spring
2019 Architectural Practice & Management | Seminar, Fall

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
1983 Master of Architecture
1979 Bachelor of Arts

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2009- First Year Building Project Workshop
2000-2013 Issues in Contemporary Practice

Professional Experience
2016- Independent Technology and Strategy Consultant
Autodesk Inc.
2016- Consulting Fellow
2004-2016 Vice President, Strategic Industry Relations
2000-2004 Vice President, Building Solutions Division
Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, New Haven CT
1988-2000 Project Manager, Associate, Associate Principal
Kaplan/ McLaughlin/ Diaz Architects, San Francisco, CA
1983-1988 Project Architect, Associate, Studio Manager
Duke University | Israel Excavation Project, Meiron
1980 Field Architect

Licenses | Registrations
1985- Registered Architect | State of California
2002 LEED Accredited Professional | US Green Building Council

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2018 Architecture | Design | Data: Practice Competency in the Era of Computation, Berlin, Germany, Birkhauser
2015 Goat Rodeo: Practicing Built Environments, D. Friedman, et al. Minneapolis, Fried Fish Publishing
2011 BIM in Academia, Deamer, P., Eds, New Haven, Yale School of Architecture

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions
2021 “Thriving through Challenging Times,” AIA Houston.
2021 “Building a Recession-Proof Practice,” Autodesk India.
2020 “Design and Delivery in a Era of Machine Intelligence,” Construction IT Alliance of Ireland.
Miroslava Brooks
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2020 Archتعلم للنحو I: Core Studio, Fall
2019 Archتعلم للنحو I: Core Studio, Fall
2019 Architectural Foundations: Summer
2018 Spring Advanced Design Studio: “Easy Office”

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2012 Master of Architecture
Knowlton School of Architecture, Columbus, OH
2008 Bachelor of Science in Architecture
2002 School of Applied Arts, Košice, Slovakia

Teaching Experience
Stuart Weitzman School of Design, Philadelphia, PA | Lecturer
2021 Design Studio IV, MArch I Integrative Studio | Spring
2020 Visual Studies I, MArch I Visualization Course | Fall
2020 Visual Studies III, MArch I Visualization Course | Fall
2019 Columbia University GSAPP, New York, NY | Roving Critic
2019 A4102 Architecture Studio II, MArch I core studio

Professional Experience
2018- FORMA Architects, PLLC, New York, NY | Co-founder, Principal
MoMA P5: Young Architects Program; Yale Broadcasting Studio; Women Veteran Housing & Black Belt Academy; Windsor Residence; Miami House
2016-2018 AMOA — A Movement Of Architecture, Stamford, CT, Miami, FL | Co-founder
Blue Clay Country Spa, Kurzeme, Latvia; Aspiring Hands Headquarters, Maumee, OH
2014-2016 Eisenman Architects, New York, NY | Lead Designer
Project Manager, Associate, Associate Principal
2012-2014 Plan B Architecture + Urbanism, New Haven, CT | Lead Researcher & Designer
City of 7 Billion, research project; Urban Sphere, 2013 Hong Kong-Shenzhen Biennale
2012-2013 Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, New Haven, CT | Designer
Zhuhai International Education Center, Shangai, China; Huawei Campus, Suzhou, China; Wanda Plaza, Beijing, China

Licenses | Registrations
Registered Architect | State of New York
Registered Architect | State of Conneticut
Certificate | National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2020 “The Thoughtful and Delightful Work of FORMA” | Invited interview in Design Wanted
2020 “FORMA Infuses Student-run Radio Station with Bold Color Contrasts at Yale University” | Designboom

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions
2021 Preliminary Plans, Academy of Arts, Architecture, and Design in Prague | Public lecture by FORMA
2021 Preliminary Plans, University of Pennsylvania Weitzman School of Design | Public lecture by FORMA
2020 Architecture for Change | Online archive and auction of architectural works in support of black women in architecture school | Co-established
2020 Design Yard Sale | Online auction — FORMA was invited to contribute a drawing sold in public auction
2020 Live Talk Series | Design Wanted — live-streamed FORMA interview with Fabio Colturri.
2019 57 Pavilions, University of Pennsylvania, School of Design | Book launch & panel discussion
2018 Rome: Continuity and Change | Yale School of Architecture, Drawing Exhibition, Co-Curated
2018 Tempietto Exemplum | Yale School of Architecture — FORMA is invited to exhibit an original drawing
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021
AI Aesthetics | Seminar, Spring
2020
Architectural Design I | Core Studio, Fall
2020
Rendered: Art, Architecture & Contemporary Image Culture | Seminar, Spring
2019
Architectural Design I | Core Studio, Fall

Educational Credentials
University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2004
Master of Architecture
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
1997
Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2008-
Full-time Critic
Universität für Angewandte Kunst, Vienna
2004-2008
Assistant Professor

Professional Experience
FreelandBuck, Los Angeles / New York
2007-
Partner
Elbo Group, Vienna / New York
2007-2009
Partner
Neil M. Denari Architects, Los Angeles, CA
2004
Designer
Johnston Marklee & Associates, Los Angeles, CA
2002
Designer
Walker Macy Landscape Architecture, Portland, Oregon
1999-2001
Designer

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2017
‘Next Progressives’ | Profile in Architect Magazine
2017
‘Grand Illusions’ | Washington Post feature on Parallax Gap
2017
‘FreelandBuck Digitally Fabricates Historic Ceilings at Smithsonian’s Renwick Gallery’ | Interior Design Magazine
2017
‘Office Space’, Azure
2016
‘Detroit Superdivision’ | Bracket 3: At Extremes
2015
Firm Profile in Cultured
2014
A New Sculpturalism: Contemporary Architecture from Southern California, MOCA Exhibition Catalog
2012
“New Trends in Restaurant Design”, Detail
2011
‘A Fetish for Fabrication’, Architectural Record,

Lectures / Symposia / Exhibitions
2019
Decays & Depictions: Images of the Digital, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis | Exhibition
2019
Architectural League Emerging Voices | Lecture
2019
Pratt Sessions, Pratt Institute | Lecture
2019
Syracuse University School of Architecture | Lecture
2018
Out of the Picture, PSI Young Architect’s Program 2018, Museum of Modern Art, New York | Exhibition
2017
Parallax Gap, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC | Exhibition
2017
Body, Object, Enclosure, Design Exchange, Toronto, Canada | Exhibition
2016
The Drawing Show, A+D Museum, Los Angeles, CA | Exhibition
2016
Surface Tension, NYIT Gallery 61, NY, NY | Exhibition
2015
Shelter: Rethinking How We Live in Los Angeles, A + D Museum, Los Angeles, CA | Exhibition
2015
Architecture’s Complexity Complex, ACSA 103rd Annual Meeting | Conferences
2014
Possible Mediums, Columbus, OH | Exhibition
Marta Caldeira
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Courses Taught

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<td>Advanced Design Studio, co-instructor with Luis Callejas and Charlotte Hansson</td>
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<td>Spring 2019-20</td>
<td>Architectural Theory: 1750-Present</td>
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<td>Graduate Independent Study, “Incremental Housing Strategies in Latin America,” advisor</td>
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<td>Advanced Design Studio, co-instructor with Luis Callejas and Charlotte Hansson</td>
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<td>Advanced Design Studio, co-instructor with Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman</td>
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Educational Credentials

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<td>Columbia University, New York</td>
<td>Ph.D. in Architectural History and Theory</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Columbia University, New York</td>
<td>Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal</td>
<td>Professional Diploma in Architecture (6 years)</td>
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Teaching Experience

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<tr>
<td>2020 - present</td>
<td>Yale School of Architecture, New Haven</td>
<td>Senior Lecturer in Architecture</td>
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<td>2011 - 20</td>
<td>Lecturer and Critic in Architecture</td>
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<td>2019 -</td>
<td>Director of Research, Yale Urban Design Workshop</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>Preceptor in Architecture</td>
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Professional Experience

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<td>2009</td>
<td>Project Architect</td>
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<td>2002-2006</td>
<td>Arizona Cardinals Football Stadium, Phoenix (built)</td>
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Selected Publications

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<th>Title</th>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>“The Question of Urban Description and the Critical Imagination,” in Aldo Rossi: Contemporary Relevance</td>
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Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

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<td>Exhibition - Radical Pedagogies, curated by Beatriz Colomina</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Case Study Contributor, section Monditalia, XIV Venice Biennale,</td>
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021
Architectural Design II - Core Studio, Spring
2020
Architectural Design III - Core Studio, Fall; Composition & Form | Seminar, Fall
2020
Architectural Design II - Core Studio, Spring
2019
Architectural Design III - Core Studio, Fall

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Bachelor of Architecture
1963
Masters of Architecture
1968

Teaching Experience
California College of the Arts
Instructor
1970-1973
University of California, Los Angeles
Instructor
1973-1976
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Instructor
1976-1990

Professional Experience
Peter de Bretteville Architect, Hamden, Connecticut | Principal
current
University long-term planning and building; civic centersm schools, residences
de Bretteville and Polyzoides
20-year plan for Downtown Los Angeles
1982
Master Plan for Scripps College
1974
Independent
WORKS
1970
Founding Partner
Giancarlo De Carlo, Milan, Italy
1968-1970
Designer

Selected Publications | Recent Research
1993
The New City: 002 (The American City), Princeton Architectural Press, University of Miami
Kyle Dugdale
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

Critic
2020
History of Architecture I: Antiquity to Baroque | Seminar, Fall
2020
Spring Advanced Design Studio: “Women’s Museum for the Twenty-First Century”
2019
History of Architecture I: Antiquity to the Baroque | Seminar, Fall
2019
Architectural Foundations | Summer

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

Doctor of Philosophy
2015
Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

Master of Architecture
2002
The Prince of Wales’s Institute of Architecture, London

Foundation Course in Architecture and the Building Arts
1998
Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Bachelor of Arts in Classics BA (Hons) Literae Humaniores
1997

Teaching Experience
Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, New York, NY

Babel | Adjunct Assistant Professor
2019
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

Advanced Design Studios, Seminars | Critic
2009-2020
UMAIE Seminars International
2003
Ancient Rome: The City and Its Legacy | Instructor
1999-2001
Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

Drawing Critic, Online Course Content Developer, Teaching Assistant
2019

Professional Experience
2006-2009
Knight Architecture, New Haven

2002-2006
Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge Architects, Chicago, IL

2000
Robert Adam Architects, London

Licenses | Registrations
2013-
Member, Society of Architectural Historians

2007-
Architect Member, American Institute of Architects

2006-
Registered Architect | National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Selected Publications | Recent Research
in-progress
Architecture After God.

in-progress
Translation of Uriel Birnbaum, Der Kaiser und der Architekt: Ein Märchen in Fünfzig Bildern [1924],

forthcoming
Alexanderplatz Rising, ed. with Kirk Henderson (New Haven: Yale School of Architecture), 2016,

Babel’s Present (Basel: Standpunkte, 2016).

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2020
“Reconciling the Finite with the Infinite”; InterVarsity Northeast Faculty Summer Lecture Series, online

2020
“The City and Its Gods: Seeking the God(s) of the City” and “The City and Its Gods: Deus ex machina” Public lecture series, Morningside Institute, New York City, NY

2019
“Monumental Failure”; Society of Architectural Historians 72nd Annual Conference, Providence, RI

2019
“The Claims of Faith”; Guest speaker, capstone seminar in theology and architecture, Judson University, Elgin, IL

2019

2019
“Multifaith Spaces and the Public Face of Religion”; Elm Institute, New Haven, CT

2019

2018
“Architecture After God”; Notre Dame School of Architecture, South Bend, IN

2018
“Pedagogy and Doctrine”; Invited lecture, Harvard/Yale Christian Fellowships
Anna Dyson
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2020 Advanced Building Envelope | Seminar, Fall
2020 Environmental Design | Seminar, Fall
2019 Advanced Building Envelope | Seminar, Fall
2019 Environmental Design | Seminar, Fall

Educational Credentials
Université Laval, Quebec, Canada
1990 Baccalauréat, Fine Art/ Philosophy
Università di Siena, Siena, Italy
1990 Diploma, Architectural History
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
1996 Master of Architecture

Teaching Experience
School of Architecture, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, NY
1998 - 2004 Assistant Professor
2004 - 2010 Associate Professor
2011 - 2017 Professor
Center for Architecture Science and Ecology (CASE), New York, NY | with SOM LLP
2007 - 2017 Founding Director
Yale University, New Haven, CT
2018- Hines Professor of Sustainable Architecture
2018- Professor of Forestry & Environmental Studies
2020 Founding Director, Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (Yale CEA)

Professional Experience
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) | PI
2021-2022 Solar Enclosure for Water Reuse (SEWR)
United Nations Environment Science Division | PI
2019-2022 Socio-Ecological Visualization Analytics | World Environment Situation Room
National Science Foundation (NSF) | PI
2020-2022 NEWT: Nanosystems Engineering Research Center for Nanotechnology Enabled Water Treatment Systems
United Nations Environment Program | PI
2018-2019 Ecological Pavilion, UNEA-4 Nairobi, Kenya
Enel Foundation | PI
2019-2020 Transformative building systems for sustainable development
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant (OPP1131555) | PI
2016-2018 Healthy Birth, Growth and Development Knowledge Integration: Semantic and Data Analytics
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) | PI
2012-2018 Electroactive Dynamic Daylighting System

Selected Publications | Recent Research
United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)
2018- Yale CEA in partnership w/ UNEP to establish the Ecological Living Network (ELN) and the World Environment Situation Room (WESR) for novel Immersive Data Visualization and Analytics.
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

2021
Independent MED Research | Required Course, Spring

2020
Fall Advanced Design Studio: “No Normal”

2020
Globalization Space | Seminar, Spring

2019
Medium Design | Seminar, Fall

Educational Credentials
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
1981
Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude

1984
Masters of Architecture

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
1998 -
Professor of Architecture, Tenured

Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, New York, NY
1993-1998
Assistant Professor of Architecture

Pratt Institute, School of Design, New York, NY
1988-1993
Adjunct Professor

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
1991-1993
Graduate and Undergraduate Studio Critic, Coordinator/Critic Summer Program

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, New Jersey
1988
Instructor

Professional Experience
Keller Easterling, Architect
1988-2008
Founder, Principal

Robert A.M. Stern Architects
1985-88
Associate

Local Development Corporation, Bronx
1981
Assistant Director

Licenses/ Registration
1989-
Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications | Recent Research
forthcoming
Medium Design: Knowing How to Work on the World (Verso, 2021)

2018

2017
Histories of Things that Don’t Happen and Shouldn’t Always Work; World City Doubles | Francisco Diaz, ed., ARG DCs (Santiago, Chile: Ediciones ARO), collection and translation of essays.

2014
Extrastatecraft: The power of infrastructure space (London: Verso).

2014
Subtraction (Berlin: Sternberg Press).

2014
Floor (Venice: Marsilio Editori, reprint Taschen, 2018).

2012

2005
The Action is the Form: Victor Hugo’s TED Talk (Moscow: Strelka Press).

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2019
Seoul Biennale for Architecture and Urbanism, September. | Exhibition

2019
MANY, Wrightwood 659, Chicago, February. | Exhibition

2018

2016
You Won’t Be Able To Do It, Istanbul Design Biennale, October.

2016
Gift City, Test Site, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington.

2015
Subtraction Games Lux, Projection on Beinecke Library with Lisa Albaugh and Samantha Iaff, April 10, Beinecke Library, New Haven, Connecticut.

2014
Floor, Venice Biennale with OMA/AMO, Central Pavilion Elements Exhibition
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021
Postmodern Reader
2020-present
Formal Analysis II
2020-present
Renaissance and Modern II
2020
Advanced Design Studio: Thirdspace

Educational Credentials
Cornell University
Bachelor of Architecture
Columbia University
Masters of Architecture
University of Cambridge
PhD

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Visiting Professor
Cooper Union
Irwin S. Chanin Distinguished Professor of Architecture

Professional Experience
Eisenman Architects
Founder, Principal
1980-present

Licenses/ Registration
Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2020
Lateness
Ed. by Sarah Whiting
2006
The Formal Basis of Modern Architecture
Lars Muellner Publishers
2005
Written into the Void
Selected Writings, Yale University Press
Mark Foster Gage
300 Mercer Street, 9N, New York City, New York, 10003,
gage@mfga.com

Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021 Disheveled Geometries: Ruins & Ruination | Seminar, Spring
2020 Architectural Design III | Core Studio, Fall
2020 Creativity, Innovation and The New | Seminar, Spring

Educational Credentials
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
1992-1997 Bachelor of Architecture, 5-year professional degree, second major in Art History
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2000-2001 Master of Architecture, post-professional degree

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2013- Tenured Associate Professor
2010-2013 Associate Professor
2005-2009 Assistant Professor
2001-2004 Critic and Lecturer
The Royal Danish Academy: Center for Information Technology
2007 Visiting Chair, “Think Tank on Computational Aesthetics,” Fall 2007
Columbia University: Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation
2002-2004 Design Critic, Advanced Studio
The Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture, New York City
2002 Studio Instructor

Professional Experience
Mark Foster Gage Architects LLC, New York, New York
2012- Founder, Principal
Gage/Clemenceau Architects LLC, New York, New York
2004- Principal
Robert A.M. Stern Architects, New York, New York
2001-2001 Design Freelance
1997-1999 Designer
Takenaka Corporation / Takenaka Komuten, Osaka, Japan,
2000 Designer

Licenses/ Registration
2004- Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2020 Thought Through Form: The Work of Mark Foster Gage (new
Mandarin-only monograph), Tongji University Press, 392 pages, Fall 2020.
2019 Aesthetics Equals Politics: New Discourses Across Art, Architecture and Philosophy. The MIT Press,
2019, 328 pages. (editor)
2018 Mark Foster Gage: Projects and Provocations. (monograph) Forward by Robert A.M. Stern, Afterword
172 pages.
2015-2017 Disheveled Geometries Research Series: Volumes V-VII, Yale School of Architecture New Haven, CT,
print and online distribution.

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2019 “What is Radical Today: 40 Positions on Architecture” Exhibition. The Royal Academy of Arts, London,
Alexander Garvin  
180 York St., New Haven CT 06511  
alexander.garvin@yale.edu

Courses Taught  
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT  
Professor  
2016-present  
Introduction to Planning and Development  
2016  
Intermediate Planning and Development

Educational Credentials  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
1967  
Master of Architecture  
Master of Urban Studies  
1962  
Bachelor of Arts

Teaching Experience  
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT  
Tenured Associate Professor

Professional Experience  
Philip Johnson  
Designer  
John Burgee  
Designer  
New York City’s Department of City Planning  
Director of Housing and Community Development  
Director of Comprehensive Planning

Licenses/ Registration  
2004-  
Registered Architect | State of New York

Selected Publications  
The Heart of the City: Creating Vibrant Downtowns for a New Century  
2019  
Island Press  
What Makes a City Great?  
2016  
Island Press  
The Planning Game: Lessons from Great Cities  
2013  
W.W. Norton and Company  
The American City: What Works, What Doesn’t  
1996  
Quebecor/Kingsport Press
Andrei Harwell
180 York St., New Haven CT 06511
andrei.harwell@yale.edu
(203) 764-5696

Courses Taught

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021

2020
Fall Advanced Design Studio: “The Innovative Urban Workplace”

2020
Spring Advanced Design Studio: “From Domesticity to Commons”

2019
Fall Advanced Design Studio: “Gothenburg Studio”

Educational Credentials

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1998
Bachelor of Architecture, Minor: Photography and Digital Imaging

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2006
Master of Architecture, post-professional degree

Teaching Experience

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2020-
Senior Critic in Architecture

2007-2020
Critic in Architecture

Microsolv Resources, New York, NY
1999-2002
AutoCAD Architectural Desktop Instructor

Professional Experience

Yale Urban Design Workshop, New Haven, CT
2018-
Director

2006-2018
Program Administrator & Project Manager

Andrei Harwell, Architect, New Haven, CT
2003-
Principal

Takenaka Corporation, Osaka, Japan
2005
Yale Fellow, Summer Architectural Trainee

Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, LLP, New York, NY
1998-2004
Staff Architect, CAD Manager

Licenses/ Registration

2006-
Registered Architect | State of New York

2012-
Registered Architect | State of Connecticut

2010-
NCARB Certificate

2007-
AIA: The American Institute of Architects

2009-
LEED AP+, Building Design + Construction

Selected Publications | Recent Research

2020
DesignCase Lindholm, Platts, Alan, Andrei Harwell and Marta Caldeira. Fusion Point Gothenburg
Booklet Series, Volume 08. Chalmers Institute of Technology

2019

2018
Icons of New China (Exhibition Catalog). Haoode Sun, Curator, Andrei Harwell, Editor. Yale-China Association.

2017

2016

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

2015
Naugatuck River Map
Collaboration with photographer Marion Belanger, Exhibited at Artspace, New Haven. Published in CT (UN) Bound catalog, 2015
Adam Scott Hopfner
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021
Building Project III
2015-present
Building Project I: Research, Analysis, Design
2019
Building Project II: Construction
2016-present
Architectural Design I

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture
1999
Master of Architecture
Harvard University
1996
Architectural Discovery Program
Bowdoin College
1993
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Classics

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2007-present
Director, Jim Vlock Building Project
2002-present
Design Critic

Professional Experience
Hopfner Studio
2007-present
found principal of design firm
Gray Organschi Architecture
1999-2007
project architect
Starnes Builders
1994-1996
carpenter

Licenses | Registrations
present
Registered Architect, Connecticut

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2019
Tulane School of Architecture
Presenter at design build conference
2018
University of Texas Arlington
Lecturer at CAPRA lecture series
2018
Ecole Nationale Superieure Architecture Lyon
Presenter at design build conference
Joyce Hsiang
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Assistant Professor
2015-present
Architectural Design 1
2015-2021
Cartographies of Climate Change
2015-2021
Rome: Continuity and Change

Educational Credentials
Yale School of Architecture
2003
Master of Architecture
Yale College
1999
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2018-present
Assistant Professor
2008-2018
Critic
2009
Lecturer

Professional Experience
Plan B Architecture and Urbanism, LLC
2008-present
Partner and Co-Founder
Office for Metropolitan Architecture
2006-2008
Project Manager
Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
2004-2006
Project Architect and Design Team Leader

Licenses | Registrations
Registered Architect, Connecticut

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2020
2020
“Climate Refugees: Mapping the Socioeconomic, Gender and Spatial Dynamics of Climate Change” in ACSA/UIA 2020 RIO Congress Proceedings
2016
“The City of Seven Billion” in New Geographies 08: Island

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2019
“How Will We Live Together”
Venice Architecture Biennale 2020
2018
“Are We Human”
Invited Exhibitor, Princeton University School of Architecture Gallery
2018
“City of 7 Billion”
Solo Exhibition, University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture Gallery

Professional Memberships
2019-present
Curriculum Committee, Yale School of Architecture
2016-present
Awards Committee, Yale School of Architecture
2008-present
Design Committee, Yale School of Architecture
2008-present
Undergraduate Planning and Design Committees, Yale College
2008-present
50 Women at Yale 150 Coordinator and Committee Member, Yale University
Mary McLeod
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Courses Taught

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
- Visiting Professor
  2019

Columbia University
- Professor
  2021
- Politics of Space
  2019
- The Theoretical Turn in Architecture: 1960-2000
  2021
- Mediterranean Confrontations: Architecture, Colonialism and National Identity in North America

Educational Credentials

Princeton University, Princeton NJ
- PhD
- Master of Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Teaching Experience

Columbia University
- Present
  Associate Professor

Yale University
- 2019
  Visiting Professor

Selected Publications | Recent Research

2003
- Charlotte Perriand: An Art of Living, editor and contributor
  Architecture Reproduction, co-editor

1985
- Architecture, Criticism, Ideology, co-edited with Joan Ockman, Princeton Architectural Press

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

2021
- “How did Women Change Modern Architecture?”
  Sovern Lecture on Design, New York School of Interior Design

2017
- “A Seat at the Table”
  Lecture related to the Equality in Design exhibition A Seat at the Table

2018
- “Le Corbusier, the New Woman, and Domestic Reform”
  Lecture for Het Nieuwe Instituut

Professional Memberships

Buell Foundation for Study of American Architecture
Society of Architectural Historians
Architectural League of New York
The Graham Foundation
Kyoung Sun Moon
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Associate Professor
2020-2021
Structures I
2020-2021
Technology and Design of Tall Buildings
2020
Structures II
2020
Structuring Architecture: Form and Space

Educational Credentials
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD 2005
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering 2000
Master of Architecture 2000
Seoul National University
Bachelor of Science in Architecture 1992

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Associate Professor 2014-present
Assistant Professor 2008-2014
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Assistant Professor 2005-2008

Professional Experience
Skidmore, Owings and Merrill
Designer 2000-2001
MAC Architects and Consultants
Designer 1995-1997
Republic of Korea Navy Facilities Engineering
Designer 1992-1995

Licenses | Registrations
2010-present  Registered Architect, Connecticut
2009-present  Registered Architect, Illinois

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2019  “Emerging Developments in Structural Systems for Tall Buildings” Fourth International Conference on Civil Engineering and Materials Sciences

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2019  “Emerging Developments in Structural Systems for Tall Buildings” Fourth International Conference on Civil Engineering and Materials Sciences
2018  “Integrative Design Structures, Forms and Facades of Tall Buildings” Department of Architectural Engineering
2018  “Tall Buildings for Livable and Sustainable Cities” The College of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tongji University

Professional Memberships
present  American Institute of Architects
present  Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
present  American Society of Civil Engineers
Timothy Newton
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Critic
2021
Advanced Design Studio: Rural Art Studio
2020
Advanced Design Studio: What About Learning?
2019
Advanced Design Studio: Next Generation Tourism-Touching the Ground Lightly
2018
The Chair

Educational Credentials
Yale University
1980
Master of Architecture, Post Professional
University of British Columbia
1974
Bachelor of Architecture

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2007-2021
Faculty of Architecture
2007-2021
Director of Fabrications Labs
2007-2021
Senior Critic

Professional Experience
Superkul Inc. Architects
2004-present
Principal
James Cheng Architects
2000-2003
Designer
Patkau Architects
1996-2000
Designer

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2004
“Millennial Time Machine” in The Architectural Review by Brian Carter
2003
“Adelaar Residence” in Elm Street by Hadani Ditmars
2003
“Millennial Time Machine” in Vancouver Magazine by John McCrank
2000
“Adelaar Residence” in Western Living by Jeff Bateman
Joan Ockman
218 Church Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
joan.ockman@yale.edu
(215) 635-3364

Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Vincent Scully Visiting Professor of Architecture
2021 History, Historiography, Avant-Garde: Reading Manfredo Tafuri’s Labyrinth
2021 Topics in the History of Architecture Education
2021 New York as Incubator of Twentieth-Century Urbanism: Four Urban Thinkers
2020 Approaches to Contemporary Architecture Theory

Educational Credentials
Cooper Union School of Architecture
1980 Bachelor of Architecture
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
1974 Bachelor of Art

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2020-present Vincent Scully Visiting Professor of Architectural History
2020-present Director of Doctoral Studies
University of Pennsylvania
2016-present Distinguished Senior Lecturer
Cooper Union
2013-present Professor Adjunct

Professional Experience
Richard Meier and Partners
1980-1981 Associate
Knoll
1976-1980 Renault Administrator
Peter Eisenman Architects
1978 Consultant and collaborator

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2022 Architecture since 1850 Coauthor with Robin Middleton and Mary McLeod forthcoming
2021 Architecture Among Other Things: Essays by Joan Ockman, 1988-2018 Forthcoming
2015 New York Review of Books by Martin Filler
2014 Les Bulles de Bilbao: La Mutation des musées depuis Frank Gehry with Luis Miguel Lus Arana

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2020 “Imagining a Political Ecology of Architecture” Keynote lecture at the University of Sydney
2019 “Architectural History in the Research University” Presentation at panel at Washington University, St. Louis
2019 “Between Greenwich Village and Global Village” Keynote lecture at the Architectural Humanities Research Association
2019 “The Emergence of Team 10 out of the Twentieth Century” Keynote lecture at the University of Porto

Professional Memberships
present Doctoral committee member
2017-present Scientific Committee, City, Culture and Creative Practices
2017-present Scientific Committee, HPA: Histories of Postwar Architecture
2017 Editorial Board, AJAR
2016 Scientific Committee, international conference, KU Leuven, Brussels
2016 Editorial Board, AJAR
2016 Scientific Committee, Museum of Contemporary Art, Santiago
Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen
180 York St., New Haven CT 06511
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(203) 432-2288

Courses Taught

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Professor
2021
Textile Architectures (Doctoral Pro-seminar)
2020
Textile Architectures
2020
Style (undergraduate art history seminar co-taught with Nicola Suthor)
2020
Architectural Design 2
2019
American Gothic (undergraduate seminar)

Educational Credentials

Columbia University, New York, NY
PhD
2003
Dissertation title: “Empathetic Affinities: Alvar Aalto and His Milieus”
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Master of Environmental Design
1994
Tampere Technical University, Tampere, Finland
Master of Architecture
1990

Teaching Experience

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
Professor
2020-present
Associate Professor (without term)
2012-2020
Associate Professor (with term)
2009-2012
Assistant Professor
2003-2008

Selected Publications | Recent Research

2021
“Beyond Forest Dreaming” in Formafantasma: Gambio
2009
Alvar Aalto: Architecture, Modernity and Geopolitics Yal University Press, peer reviewed
1996
Achtung Architectur! Image and Phantasm in Contemporary Austrian Architecture MIT Press, peer reviewed
1996
Achtung Architectur! Bild und Phantasma in der Zeitgenossischen osterreichischen Architektur Ritter Verlag, peer reviewed

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

2020
“Hats with Brains and Other Primitive Domains”
Austrian Cultural Institute
2020
In conversation with David Adjaye
Judd Foundation
2020
“Exhibit A”
Book talk at the Paul Rudolph Foundation
2019
Invited panelist at St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum
St. Petersburg, Russia
2019
“Exhibiting Architecture”
Exhibition Histories: New Perspectives symposium

Professional Memberships

1991-present
Registered architect in Finland
1991-2007
Member of the Association of Finnish Architects SAF
1990-present
Member of the Finnish Critics Association SAIR
1998-present
Member of the Society of Architectural Historians
2007-2008
Honorary Member, The Authors Club, London
2006-present
Member of the European Architecture Network
Alan Plattus  
PO. Box 208242, New Haven CT 06520  
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Courses Taught  
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT  
Professor  
2021  
Introduction to Urban Design  
2021  
2021  
Port Cities  
2020  
Introduction to Urban Design  
2020  
Architectural Design 4

Educational Credentials  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
1998  
Master of Architecture (privatum)  
1979  
Master of Architecture  
1976  
Bachelor of Art in History of Art, summa cum laude

Teaching Experience  
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven  
1998-present  
Professor of Architecture and Urbanism  
1992-present  
Director, Yale Urban Design Workshop  
1989-1999  
Associate Dean  
1987-1998  
Associate Professor of Architecture Design and Theory

Professional Experience  
Yale Urban Design Workshop and Center for Urban Design Research  
1992-present  
Founder and Director  
Alan Chimacoff, Architect  
1978-1981  
Designer  
Christopher Chadbourne, Architect  
1977  
Designer

Selected Publications | Recent Research  
forthcoming  
“The Flatbed Facades of Venturi and Scott Brown” in After Las Vegas by Stanislaus von Moos  
forthcoming  
“Shared Difference: Citizenship and Civility in American Architecture and Urbanism” Washington State University  
2012  
“1910 New Haven Civic Improvement Commission Report and the American City” in Report of the New Haven Civic Improvement Commission  
2012  
“The Book(s) on the Drafting Room Table” in Architecture School: Three Centuries of Educating Architects in North America by Joan Ockman and Rebecca Williamson

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions  
2012  
“Alexander Jackson Davis: An American Architect”  
Lecture at the Barnum Museum  
2011  
“Three Kinds of Sustainable Urban Design”  
Lecture at the University of Connecticut  
2011  
“The CBD as Sustainable Urban Design”  
Keynote Address at the World CBD Alliance Summit and Beijing CBD International Forum

Professional Memberships  
2010-present  
Yale-China, Trustee  
2002-present  
Eli Whitney Museum, Board of Directors  
2001-2011  
Connecticut Main Street Center, Board of Directors  
2012-present  
New Haven Green Restoration Committee  
1999-present  
Loan Advisory Committee, New Haven Livable Cities Initiative  
1998-2002  
Cities Program Committee, New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas
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Courses Taught
- Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
  - Associate Professor
  - Introduction to Urban Studies
  - American Architecture and Urban Sim
  - Urban Landscapes and Geographies of Justice
  - Ghost Town: Abandonment, Memory, and the Postindustrial Landscape

Educational Credentials
- University of California, Berkeley
  - PhD
- University of California, Berkeley
  - Master of City Planning
- Yale University
  - Bachelor of Science

Teaching Experience
- Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
  - Director of Undergraduate Studies
  - Associate Professor (tenure)
  - Associate Professor (term) of Architecture and American Studies

Selected Publications | Recent Research
- 2020: Insuring the City: The Prudential Center and the Postwar Urban Landscape, Yale University Press

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

Professional Memberships
- 2015-present: Society of American City and Regional Planning History
- 2015-present: Society of Architectural Historians
- 2015-present: Society of Industrial Archaeology
- 2015-present: Urban History Association
- 2015-present: Vernacular Architecture Forum
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
Professor
Exhibitionism: Politics of Display
2018-2021
Design Research I: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives
2020
Body Politics: Designing Equitable Public Space
2020
Design Research II: Challenging the Built Environment

Educational Credentials
Columbia University, New York, NY
1981
Master of Architecture
Columbia College, New York, NY
1978
Bachelor of Art in History of Art

Teaching Experience
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2017-present
Director of Post-Professional Studies
2002-present
Adjunct Professor
Parsons School of Design
1996-2001
Director of the MArch Program
Princeton University
1986-1996
Assistant Professor

Professional Experience
Joel Sanders Architect
1988-present
Principal

Selected Publications | Recent Research
2020
“Where Do We Go From Here?” in 99% Invisible by Sandy Allen
2020
“How Public Toilets Became a Peculiarly British Battleground” in VICE by Luca Demetriou
2020
“From the Front lines: What Will Be Forever Changed As a Result of COVID-19?” in NPR Florida audio podcast
2020
“In This Age of Self-Isolation, Architects See Their Homes From a Different Angle” in The Wall Street Journal by Nancy Keates
2020

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions
2015
AIANY Interiors 2015 Residential Review
Bedford Residence and 25 Columbus Circle
2014
“The City and the World”
The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies
2014
“100 Architects of the Year 2014”
Korean Institute of Architects
2014
“Moving Visual Sense: Movement, New Scenario”
Seoul National University Museum of Art

Professional Memberships
2020
Board of Directors, American Restroom Association
2020
MacArthur Fellows Program Nominator
2020-2021
Center for Collaborative Arts and Media Faculty Advisory Committee
2018
Visiting Committee, Chinese University of Hong Kong
2017-2018
Committee for Student and Employees with Disabilities
2015-2017
Events Committee, Design Trust for Public Space
2016-2017
Lectures+ Committee, Yale School of Architecture
M. Surry Schlabs
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Courses Taught
Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT

2019
Critic
Advanced Design Studio: “Another Day in Vienna” |

2018-2020
Methods and Form in Architecture

2018
Advanced Design Studio: “Site Evidence”

2018-2020
Architectures of Urbanism: Thinking, Seeing, Writing the City

Educational Credentials

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2017
PhD Architecture
Dissertation: “Waiting for Architecture: John Dewey and the Limits of Modern Art”

Yale University, New Haven, CT
2014
Master of Philosophy in Architecture

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven, CT
2003
Master of Architecture

Yale University
1999
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, Distinction in the Major

Teaching Experience

Yale School of Architecture, New Haven
2017-present
Instructor of Record

2014-present
Studio Critic

Wesleyan University
2020-present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Art

2019
Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Policy

Professional Experience

Gray Organschi Architecture, New Haven
2006-2008
Project Manager and Designer

Yale Urban Design Workshop, New Haven
2006
Project Manager and Designer

studio 542, New Haven
2003-present
Designer and Principal

Selected Publications | Recent Research

2021
“The Individual and the Common,” Paprika, vol. 2, no. 9, by Wesley Hiatt

2018
“Almost Architecture: The Spatial Politics of Allan Kaprow’s Fluids” in Architecture of the Political Realm Beyond the Assembly Room by Thomas-Bernard Kenniff and Francois Dufaux

2018

2018
“Aldo van Eyck and Constant’s Blue-Purple Room,” in Exhibit A: Documentary Anthology of Architectural Exhibitions by Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen

Lectures, Symposia, Exhibitions

2016
“The Individual and the Common,” Paprika, vol. 2, no. 9, by Wesley Hiatt

2016
Learning/Thinking/Doing: Educating Architects in the 21st Century Symposium co-organizer and speaker

2015
Publics and Their Problems
issue editor, special issue of Paprika, no. 9
## APR Appendix:

### Required Courses - Syllabi

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**Syllabus: ARCH 1011a Core 1 Studio 2020**

Faculty: Brennan Buck, Nikole Bouchard, Miroslava Brooks, Jaffer Kolb, Michael Szivos

**Overview**

The first studio in the core sequence focuses on how architecture is conceived, developed, and communicated. The studio will take a pointed, contemporary approach to these aspects of architectural production:

**Space and Form**

The Core studios expand consecutively in scale and breadth to encompass materiality, construction, program and site. The first in that sequence, this studio asks students to develop an understanding of, and position on, fundamental architectural methods. Space, form and representation will all be understood to have content — historical, cultural, and political — and will be studied in the same way that program and site will be later in the sequence. In future studios, students will develop their work following the analysis of a building site, the enumeration of a building program, and/or the constraints of construction. Core One studio, instead, will begin with the experiential, organizational, and social capacity of built form and volume. Site, program, and construction will all be considered after and defined in response to each student’s initial approach to space and form. As each project develops, we will examine the implications of a given formal strategy and how it reveals a building’s many effects on the world around it.

**Mediation**

The studio conceives architecture through its many media, as a form of mediation and communication within and beyond the discipline. The studio conceives architecture through its many media, as a form of mediation and communication within and beyond the discipline. While modern art was defined in relation to its medium during the 20th Century, architecture is characterized by the absence of a single medium. Alberti defined the architect as a professional who makes drawings and models rather than buildings, a definition both ennobling and exclusionary. Today we make drawings, models, images, videos, BIM models, virtual realities and other mediations, each of which holds distinct and emergent conventions and potentials. Contemporary visual culture is often seen as post-medium-specific, echoing across countless digital and analog formats; one objective of the studio is to consider the expanded set of formats or mediums in which we now work. Each project will be developed through a specific form of representation — one architectural medium. This medium will be used iteratively to engage with different aspects of the project. In this sense, the studio is procedurally prescriptive, but open in terms of possible project content. Students will be asked to consider the potential and limitations of two-dimensional images/perspectival projection (project 1) and plans/orthographic drawing (project 2). In each case, the act of creating architecture is posited as an act of mediation — an intervention in and remaking of our own disciplinary culture, and by extension, broader cultural phenomena as well.

**Appropriation**

The sequence of projects will allow students to rehearse the conception phase of an architectural project several times. Each project posits design as a form of engagement with the world around us rather than a process of introspection or isolated intuition. Each project will begin with sampling and appropriation, not a napkin sketch. Students will be asked to explore a particular culture and audience, bringing their knowledge from other fields and endeavors to bear on their work. We will ground these explorations in the discipline of architecture through precedent, however we will approach precedent as another material to be appropriated and manipulated rather than as canonical (part of a fixed and limited list of buildings that define architectural history and discourse). This studio assumes that precedent is malleable, dynamic and broad. Working at the intersection of disciplinary and extra-disciplinary content is intended to engage broad contexts and audiences while also imparting an understanding of architectural means and methods.

**Course Objectives**

1. Develop an understanding of, and a position on, fundamental architectural methods including space, form and representation.
2. Conceive of architecture through multiple media as a form of communication within and beyond the discipline.
3. Develop analog and digital representation and modeling skills.

**Assessment Breakdown**

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Class Organization

Schedule & Coursework

Studio will meet every Monday and Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Regular studio time will consist of individual and group pinups with your section critic. These may include both remote and in-person sessions depending on the preference of faculty, TFs and students. No one is required to be physically present for any session. Everyone, beginning with faculty, are expected to make every effort to generate a collective ‘studio culture’ of exchange, inclusion and fairness through remote and in-person formats. There will also be a periodic series of studio-wide pin-ups and presentations on relevant topics by each section critic. Over the course of the semester, there are a total of four studio-wide reviews that may extend beyond regular class time:

- Project 1A Review
  Thursday, September 17

- Project 1B Review
  Midterm Week: Monday/Tuesday, October 12/13

- Project 2 Interim Review
  Monday, November 16

- Project 2 Final Review
  Final Review Week: Monday/Tuesday, December 7/8

Drawing & Modeling Workshops & Sections

Required and optional workshops led by the TF’s will support the development of analog and digital skills of representation and fabrication. These will be structured in relationship to each studio problem and focus on the workflow of moving across various representation and fabrication tools to generate required drawings and models for each part of the project. These sessions will particularly focus on moving between 2 and 3-dimensional representation. Examples of drawings, models and materials will also be presented and discussed. Additional assistance and resources will also be made available.

Grading

Grading in the studio is based on a Pass/Low Pass/Fail system and is coordinated across all studio sections. At the conclusion of each review, the studio faculty will collectively evaluate each student’s work to help identify areas of design or representation that could benefit from additional focus and development. The two projects will be weighted equally though development over the course of the semester may also be taken into account. Please refer to the Student Handbook for information about grades.

Evaluation

In addition to regular feedback during the course of pinups, all students will receive written feedback from their individual section critic at the end of the semester. Student work will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Ideation - each student is expected to demonstrate the ability to respond to the given studio brief with a clear idea that can be explored and developed over the course of the project

Project Development - each student’s work must demonstrate sufficient development in response to criticism and studio discussions, making adequate progress each week in meetings with the studio critic

Representation - each student is expected to demonstrate an understanding of architectural drawing conventions and the ability to utilize various techniques of representation and production, including hand and digital drawing, physical model making, and image-making

Presentation - each student’s work should be presented clearly in pin-ups and reviews, and demonstrate successful completion of all required presentation documents and materials
Schedule

Week 1  August 31  PROJECT 1A: IMAGE-OBJECT. Studio Introduction  
        September 3  Image Analysis “Drawing.” Faculty Presentations: Szivos, Buck

Week 2  September 6  TF Workshop 1  
        September 7  Desk Crits  
        September 10  Image-Object

Week 3  September 14  Desk Crits  
        September 17  PROJECT 1A REVIEW. PROJECT 1B: OBJECT-DRAWING

Week 4  September 20  TF Workshop 2  
        September 21  Space of the Image-Object  
        September 24  Initial Image-Volume. Faculty Presentation: Kolb

Week 5  September 28  Desk Crits  
        October 1  Scenographic Plan

Week 6  October 5  Desk Crits  
        October 8  Desk Crits

Week 7  October 12-13  PROJECT 1B REVIEW  
        October 15  PROJECT 2: PLAN, UNPLANNED

Week 8  October 19  Appropriated Plan  
        October 22  Desk Crits. Faculty Presentation: Brooks

Week 9  October 25  TF Workshop 3  
        October 26  (Un)precedented Plan  
        October 29  Desk Crits

Week 10  November 2  Desk Crits  
         November 5  Desk Crits. Faculty Presentation: Bouchard

Week 11  November 9  Site Plan  
         November 12  Desk Crits

Week 12  November 16  PROJECT 2 INTERIM REVIEW  
         November 19  Desk Crits

Week 13  November 30  Desk Crits  
         December 3  Desk Crits

Week 14  December 7-8  PROJECT 2 REVIEW
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Core 2 Studio 2021

Material Utopias

Faculty: Sunil Bald, Trattie Davies, Peter de Bretteville, Joeb Moore, Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, Miriam Peterson

Overview

We must come down to earth from the clouds where we live in vagueness and experience the most real thing there is: material.

-Anni Albers

The second core studio explores the relationship between space and environment through the medium of material. Our project is to define and design a “material utopias” as a means to explore interactions between natural and artificial, existing and proposed, found and formed, intention and impact, looking for the highest collective outcome across the given spectrum. Both words which define the project, “material” and “utopia”, are open for expansion, interpretation, and critique.

The ways in which humans have occupied, altered, and inhabited their given environments can be understood, at its core, as utopian thinking, as aspiration toward a state of being that exceeds the current condition. However, any change in a given condition initiates a stream of side effect and collateral consequence. The move toward utopia can be incremental or revolutionary, successful, or damaging.

Working directly to understand the change inherent in materials, through time, growth, decay, transformation, experience, evolution, or interpretation will allow for reflection on our reciprocal endeavors to engage - as individuals and collectives - with the environment, built or otherwise.

With or without us, all materials, dead or alive, interact to make environments which in turn change the next sequence of possible outcomes for those environments. Our occupation of the world incites an adjustment. This relationship with context is simultaneously constructed and transitional.

The process for the semester will be observation, experimentation, speculation, and invention. Using a variety of perspectives and analytic methods, we will build and un-build possibilities. Research based material experiments, working across scales in varied contexts, will reinforce the project development.

Beginning with the study of a specific piece of land, we will observe and communicate a position on revealed exchanges between site conditions and human desire. Site information will be unpacked to expose physical, cultural, social, and historical context.

Students will then be asked to study, question, and extract varied proposals for utopia, conceived in relation to materials, at multiple scales and types over an expansive period of time. Independent precedent research from varying perspectives, both as a specific design exercise and continuous feed, will enrich the individual development of ideas and attitudes, in which the interdependent nature of placemaking is explored.

Later in the semester, students will source and utilize material from their immediate environment to find and make space for themselves and others.

While the project is intended to provoke multiple interpretations and perspectives, all projects will be considered in terms of clear parameters, to be investigated over an extended period of time (100 years), considering current, past, and future circumstances.

These projects are to be specific responses, the result of rigorous investigations, which offer - through design - extraordinary speculations and proposed outcomes.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the relationship between space and environment through the medium of material.
2. Develop an understanding of site information to expose physical, cultural, social, and historical contexts.
3. Develop skills working with drawings, models, photography, and film.

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Through this exploration, we will appreciate the reality that the current world is neither fixed nor functional. Close observation of the material environment, in its varied permutations, expressions, and occupations, reminds us that the world is fluid, in flux, iterative and dynamic, prepared for re-design.

The studio will be supplemented by a series of organized talks, micro-symposia, lectures, and visits (virtual or otherwise). In coordination with the 4th semester urbanism studio, we will also be sponsoring a Tuesday Night Movie Night, during which movies will be shown exploring the range of human experience and impact on earth, at all scales, from micro to macro, ductwork to the apocalypse.

**Class Organization**

**Methodology**

The emphasis is on understanding, exploring, testing, and developing ideas through iterative representation, both model and drawing. In this semester, process is valued as integral and generative to the development of nuanced ideas. You are asked to see, test, and experiment by virtue of making. Drawings, models, photography, film, all modes of representation are the materials we use to communicate ideas. They can be rough, loose, precise, pointed, and anywhere in between. You will be asked to develop a broad and inclusive attitude about thinking though making, using the materials you produce to help propel and clarify experimental ideas.

**Class Time**

Studio meets every Monday and Thursday from 2:00-6:00 PM. Regular studio time consists of individual and group pin-ups with your section critic. These may include both remote and in-person sessions depending on the preference of the faculty, TF’s, and students. Given the unique circumstances of the semester, nobody is required to be physically present for any section meeting, but students are expected to participate fully in each section meeting and remain engaged in a continuous, iterative exchange of ideas conceived, designed, represented, and built. Periodically there will be studio wide pin-ups/exchanges/section visits, and presentations on relevant topics by section critics or invited guests. Everyone, beginning with the faculty, is expected to make every effort to generate and support the collective studio culture of exchange, inclusion, and fairness through remote and in-person formats.

**Lab Tutorials/Workshops**

Lab tutorials & workshops will be conducted by the TF’s to support the development of analog and digital skills of representation and fabrication. These will be structured in relation to the given studio exercises and developed, as required, in response to student needs.
Schedule

Week 1

February 1

All studio introduction. Material Utopias, issue Above/Below. Desk crits

February 4

All studio conversation: “Above/Below: Seeing What’s There.” Mark Ashton, YSE & Elihu Rubin, YSoA. Desk crits

Week 2

February 8

Desk crits

February 11

REVIEW, Above/Below, Issue Material Utopias

Week 3

February 15

Desk crits. All studio conversation: “Material Utopias.” Abigail Dillen, Earth Justice & Peggy Deamer, YSoA, Moderator, Elisa Iturbe

February 18

All studio conversation, Issue Material Utopias: Before/After, Joeb Moore & Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, Precedent. Desk crits

Week 4

February 22

Triplets Studio, Section Discussion

February 25

Triplets Studio, REVIEW. Material Utopias, Before/After

Week 5

March 1

Desk crits

March 4

Desk crits

Week 6

March 11-12

REVIEW, Mid-term Week, Material Utopias, Thesis Presentation

Week 7

March 22

Desk crits

March 25

Paired Studio Sections, Material Utopias: Project Development

Week 8

March 29

Desk crits. All studio conversation, Issue Material Utopias: In Between

April 1

All studio conversation, “In Between: Above Ground Mining” Formafantasma, Local Work Studio, Thing Thing. Desk crits

Week 9

April 5

Desk crits

April 8

Paired Studio, Section Meeting, Material Utopias: In Between

Week 10

April 12

REVIEW, Material Utopias: In Between

April 15

Desk crits

Week 11

April 19

Desk crits

April 22

Paired Studio, Material Utopias: Project Development

Week 12

April 26

Desk crits

April 29

Desk crits

Week 13

May 3-4

REVIEW, Final Review Week, Material Utopias
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Core 3 Studio 2020

Next NXTHVN

Faculty: Emily Abruzzo, Stella Betts, Peter de Bretteville, Mark Gage, Bika Rebek

Overview

As part of the integrated design studio sequence, this studio, the third core studio in the Master of Architecture I, concentrates on a medium-scale public building, focusing on the integration of composition, site, program, mass, and form in relation to structure and methods of construction. Addressing these issues through the lens of program in the development of a single project during the course of the whole semester, interior spaces are studied in detail, and large-scale models and drawings, as well as perspectival views, are developed to explore design issues. Program, site, and subject are inextricably linked in this studio program.

Next NXTHVN

This studio is intended both as an introduction into the design of civic spaces as well as a larger look into who (and what) forms our local communities, and how architects may work to serve their neighbors. This year’s studio will encompass the design of a facility for an educational, mentor-based, diversionary art program for New Haven youth. This program is meant specifically to assist students or groups of students who may have a higher probability of failing academically or dropping out of school as they face challenges such as housing or food insecurity, incarceration, teenage pregnancy, serious health issues, domestic violence, or transiency.

We will look at New Haven’s NXTHVN,* “a new national arts model that empowers emerging artists and curators of color through education and access,” as architectural precedent and model. Though serving professional artists and not specifically youth, NXTHVN encompasses many of the themes we will look at this semester including mentorship, exhibition and outreach, entrepreneurship, and a focus on local community. Unlike NXTHVN’s Deborah Berke Partners-designed building, which is an adaptive reuse of an existing building plus an addition, the building for this studio project will be ground-up and purpose-built. Each critic’s studio will be working on a different site. There is no one assortment of services that is appropriate for all communities. As such, the program listed in this syllabus may be inflected for each project, as informed by specific research into potential users, service providers/partners, and context. At a minimum, the facility should support activities such as one-on-one mentor programs for individuals, support of promising artistic individuals with dedicated space to work, community workshops, exhibitions, flex-space for community groups with related programming, and day-long or multi-month workshops that can act as an alternative sentencing program through court-mandated diversion.**

Along the course of the semester, we will hear from and collaborate with NXTHVN, as well as artists and diversionary practitioners working in this space, who can offer insights into the program, discuss challenges posed, and answer questions about the specific spatial and environmental qualities that would best support this type of work.

*NXTHVN: www.nxthvn.com
169 Henry St, New Haven, CT 06511

**For example, Young New Yorkers: www.youngnewyorkers.org

Course Objectives

1. Develop techniques to integrate composition, site, program, mass, form, structure, and construction methods through the lens of the design of a medium-scale building.
2. Develop an understanding of civic space design, as well as the role of architects in the community.
3. Analyze architectural context through historic and contemporary precedents, the physical context of the site, it’s surrounding cultural life, ecology, and history.
4. Study daylighting effects as they pertain to building position, massing, apertures, materials, surfaces and various associated technologies.
5. Gain experience working with a structural engineer and integrate structural concepts into architectural projects.
6. Fulfill requirements for sustainability through new ways of seeing and making things.
7. Address issues of accessibility at both an architectural and urban scale.

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**Circulation/Efficiency Multiplier @ 35%** 10,980

**GRAND TOTAL** 42,350 *All numbers in square feet

**Exterior**

The exterior should be welcoming, with adjacent public green space and parking for several bicycles. Consider gardens, outdoor spaces, particularly for children to play. There is no mandatory general public parking component, but a loading dock must be included. Note adjacencies to bus stops, etc.
Class Organization

Strategic Analysis

The background information you are given for a project, or the additional information you later obtain, is not neutral and instead influences all subsequent design decisions. Accordingly you are asked to analyze the architectural context through historic and contemporary precedents, the physical context of the site, its surrounding cultural life, ecology, and history.

This integrated analysis of site and program should be performed in the most inclusive manner possible. Site must be defined as more than just the immediate local context, and program understood as more than a quantitative summation of institutional needs.

Your analysis should focus on situating the activities of the project (as cataloged in the brief) within the network of forces within which they operate. This necessarily entails examining the needs and ambitions of the facility in relation to the physical and cultural context that frames its activities. You will do this work in groups of roughly 12.

Each studio will select two-to-three students to be in each of the studio-wide “research groups” that will conduct research and analysis on one particular topic. The findings will be presented in brief 20 minute, unified presentations to the entire studio, projected digitally, and then compiled into organized PDFs for access by all students.

Each team is responsible for organizing into different roles to contribute to the collective work. Some students may use the library for research; others may search online; others are looking at GIS; drawing, etc.—but all students should be part of the overall discussion of the group. The point of this exercise is not for you to break up into smaller groups and draw things independently—it is a large group project and as such the group should conduct research and work together continuously to analyze it. You are creating a laboratory where expertise is used effectively and roles are not duplicated.

In this research, you are identifying relevant factors, establishing design criteria, and exposing architectural potential. Your work should be presented as a unified group presentation. Format is up to the group, although having a single, talented graphic designer for the presentation is encouraged in order to develop a professional and unified presentation of the information. The information will be compiled as a series of 11×17 PDFs for projection, and if desired, print, for use by all students throughout the semester.

The research groups and their supervising critics are as follows:

Research Group 1: Emily Abruzzo
New Haven Community: history, demographics, educational resources, activism, etc., with a focus on youth

Research Group 2: Peter de Bretteville
New Haven Natural & Built Environment: building types, maps, transportation, geographical and environmental constraints, etc.

This group will conduct research into the physical attributes, access, and environmental context of larger New Haven. This will include preparing background drawings and models that will be a shared resource by all studios. Research should extend to the climate, daylight, and weather that affect the site and building, as well as considerations particular to the urban context, pertinent building code and zoning information, and the architectural character of the area.

Research Group 3: Bika Rebek
Architectural Precedents: Art Studio Precedents, with a focus on multiple-studio facilities

Research Group 4: Stella Betts
Architectural Precedents: Educational Precedents, with a focus on art education

Research Group 5: Mark Gage
Architectural Precedents: Community Centers/Spaces (of all kinds)
**Site Models**

If desired, each studio will be responsible for producing a site model for use during pin-ups, midterm, and final reviews. The cost of materials for each site model, up to $200, may be reimbursed by the Coordinator.

**Environmental Daylighting Workshop**

As part of the environmental design sequence, a daylighting workshop, which includes a lecture by Martin Finio and the production of a large-scale daylighting model, is incorporated into the work of this studio. In this workshop students will select a space within their building and, by fabricating a 1/2"=1'-0" model of the interior, will study daylighting effects as they pertain to building position, massing, apertures, materials, surfaces and various associated technologies. Plan accordingly per the included schedule.

**Structural Design Workshop**

Furthering the integrated design concepts of this course, each studio will be paired with a Structural Engineer for a week-long workshop midway between the midterm and final reviews. For this workshop, students are required to make succinct PDF documents of their projects, which will be shared with the engineers before meeting. Students will then incorporate into their projects concepts discussed in meetings with the engineers.

**Guest Lectures / Town Halls**

At the dates and times noted on this syllabus and/or at additional times that may be announced throughout the course of the semester, guest faculty members or other visitors will give a short lecture on a topic related to the design project, and then take questions. These sessions are meant to increase students’ understanding of specific aspects of the problem and should inform the work, and as such attendance is mandatory.

**Environmental Design / Sustainability**

In a time where conservation of natural assets, careful sourcing, and innovative re-use are fundamental considerations in the design process, sustainable practices underscore our work in this studio. We see this as a given tenet upon which all of our design work builds, and not an end in itself. Climate change, flooding, drought, deforestation and the other consequences of population growth and industrialization are issues central to the architectural profession. Those involved with design and construction must recognize the impact that their decisions will have on not only the possible acceleration of these consequences, but on the future relationship between the buildings and the populations they serve.

Civic and cultural institutions, because of their visibility and reach, are especially effective building projects to lead the way in developing new ways of seeing and making things, and it is in this context that the requirement for sustainability be fully addressed in the proposed building.

**Building Accessibility**

Students will be expected to address issues of accessibility at both an architectural and urban scale. This includes illustrating the ability to design sites, facilities, and systems to provide independent and integrated use by individuals with not only physical limitations (including mobility), but also sensory, and cognitive disabilities. Individual critics will conduct “accessibility checks” throughout the semester, culminating in a final confirmation of these requirements, in a review organized by individual critics.
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Syllabus: ARCH 1022b
Core 4 Studio 2021

City, Citizen: The Common Grounds of an Urban Education

Faculty: Aniket Shahane, Anthony Acciavatti, Peggy Deamer, Alicia Imperiale, Elisa Iturbe

Overview

“If they are not meant for children they are not meant for citizens, and if they are not meant for citizens - ourselves - they are not meant for cities.”
-Aldo van Eyck on the design of a Humanist City

“You know, there was a little girl in California who was part of the second class to integrate her public schools, and she was bused to school every day. And that little girl was me.”
-Kamala Harris schooling Joe Biden on desegregation; June, 2020 (a month before joining him as his vice-presidential running mate)

There are 1.1 million children in New York City’s public schools. Though, in many ways, these kids embody the raucous collection of cultures and values that makes a city vibrant, they are also the conduits through which some voices speak loud, while others stay muffled; a reflection of those that have and those that don’t. Brooklyn's District 15, one of 32 public school districts in the five boroughs, is one such site of struggle. A 2018 study by NYC’s Department of Education, and WXY, the architecture and urbanism office, found that District 15 is “among the most socio-economically and racially segregated” in the entire city, partly because of the complex interrelationships among its diverse collection of neighborhoods. It is evidence that the success of a school system is inextricably linked to the design of other urban systems such as housing, transportation, commerce, health, culture and ecology. In other words, how kids learn is entangled with how grown-ups live, work, shop, travel, gather, and take care of each other.

Course Objectives

1. Develop an understanding of a broad array of forces - architectural, urban, social, economic, ecological, political - that shape our built environment.
2. Develop an understanding of the range of scales of the city and the interdependence of macro and micro scales.
3. To study cities through the study and design of time - the anticipation of possible futures.
4. Develop an understanding of the physical structure and support systems of the building as well as their impacts on the physical infrastructure and urban ecosystems of the city.
5. Define relevant user groups, understand the negotiations involved among them, and recognize the possibilities for influence between them.
6. Develop representation skills appropriate to the scale of the city and a critical viewpoint on when, how and if to draw, make, model, collage, diagram, film, and photograph.

Assessment Breakdown

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For architects, meaningful participation in our cities involves not only designing buildings, but understanding and envisioning the communities in which these buildings reside. Doing so inevitably requires navigating the minefield of clashing values and voices that make up a city: politicians and lobbyists; corporations and mom-and-pops; doctors and lawyers; cab drivers and bartenders; parents, kids, and middle school teachers. As architects working in the city, we are perpetually forced to choose, through our work, between private wants and public needs, knowing full well that our decisions might miss both marks. Design, then, can be an opportunity to not only play out ideas, but also their consequences. Inciting imagination in ourselves and, especially in others, shows us for which individuals our work inspires wonder and with which communities it simply falls flat. It is in this context that we enter the 4th and last semester of the core sequence.

Site Background and Brief

As a ‘site’, District 15 is different than the typical territory architects might tackle. It is not a dotted line marking a plot of land inside of which to design and construct a building. District 15’s lines have been drawn by the Department of Education as an attempt to organize and manage an idea of how we, as a public, should educate children. As a perimeter in the city, it necessarily overlaps and even conflicts with other edges, both administrative, such as those associated with everything from sanitation to voting districts, as well as the physical boundaries that define our urban environment: neighborhoods, blocks, buildings, streets, and parks. It is home to 10 very different neighborhoods that harbor vastly different characteristics — from the highly gentrified brownstone streets of Park Slope to the neglected housing projects of Red Hook; the historically Italian-American population of Carroll Gardens to the more recent Latino-Asian settlements in Sunset Park; vibrant commercial thoroughfares like 5th Avenue that traverses the entire district as well as the rapidly changing industrial landscape of Gowanus. The area is served by a number of public bus lines; the F, G, and R trains; as well as access to major highways like the BQE, Robert Moses’s most prominent tag on the district. It skirts a wealth of important urban landmarks such as the Brooklyn Academy of Music, a performing arts venue, by Henry Herts and Hugh Tallant; Barclays Center, a professional basketball stadium by ShoP Architects and Ellerbe Beckett; and Prospect Park by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. Supplementing these internationally renowned cultural amenities is a grab bag of corporate franchises and local businesses that support residents with the everyday everything: laundromats, pharmacies, flower shops, tattoo parlors, car washes, grocery stores, daycares, shoe cobbler, coffee shops, nail salons, restaurants, movie theaters, and that most indispensable of all urban necessities, the corner bodega.

District 15, being located in Brooklyn, is also home to another peculiar collection — nearly 600,000 children. CCC, a leading child advocacy group in New York City, ranks Brooklyn as the borough with by far the most number of kids. And as part of the city’s Equity and Excellence For All agenda, every one of these children has the right to a quality education. In elementary school, each child in District 15 is, with some exceptions, guaranteed a seat from Pre-K through 5th grade that is within walking distance from their home. However, beginning with middle school (6th-8th grade), things get complicated as families are allowed to choose among the ten middle schools in the district. While students are still guaranteed a seat, there is no assurance that it will be within walking distance of home. This obligation to travel to school, along with a host of other complexities such as convoluted admissions procedures, has provoked inequities unseen elsewhere in the city, leading to fierce competition for the few reputed ‘good’ schools and lack of support for the ‘bad’ ones. Despite the city’s ambitions, in practice, it seems, the public education system in District 15 is not equitably excellent. Recognizing these problems, a combination of local parents, school leaders, and elected officials began advocating for change with the city who, in turn, hired WXY to lead a community-based process in order to workshop potential solutions. The District 15 report, a key reference for this studio, is the culmination of those efforts. Many of the initiatives outlined in this report were put into effect in the Fall of 2020, making District 15 a case study for new ideas in urban education.

While it remains to be seen how these recommendations might impact the quality of public education in District 15, this studio posits that now is a ripe opportunity to think about the spatial impact — both architectural and urban — these initiatives may, could, or should have on our collective idea of education. Conversely, it is also a chance for us, as architects, to test and project if a change in the conception of urban space, itself — what a city looks like and how it works — might implicitly support fairer education. As 2nd year YSoA graduate students versed in architectural design, this is your task. What about our city — from buildings and streets to policies and mechanisms — needs to change? What stays the same? What gets demolished? And what is built anew? And in the end, how do we design not just ‘a city for all’, but a ‘just city for all’. This semester, your final Core Studio is an
opportunity for you to position yourself both as architect and as citizen. Important here is that, within the guidelines set by your individual critic, it is up to you to interpret site, define program, and engage the problem of public education through design.

Class Organization

Part I: Positions and Possibilities

Under the guidance of your section critics as well as outside experts like WXY (the lead consultancy for the District 15 plan) and our visiting critic Justin Moore (who has worked on District 15 with WXY and the city), you will begin with an analysis of the district in order to begin understanding the interrelationships between these ten schools and other urban infrastructure in the area including housing, commerce, transportation, public space, and key institutions in the area. The goal of the analysis will be for you to define the physical and social parameters of a specific site — a piece or an aspect of the District 15 community — for which you will make a design proposal.

On Monday, 02/22 we will have a studio-wide pin up in which each team will present how their research and analysis supports their ideas for potential sites and initial ideas for design proposals. With further development, the work will be presented for midterm reviews on Tuesday 03/09 and Wednesday 03/10.

Part II: Projects

Upon clarifying the particulars of your site within D15, you will make urban scale proposals for this area. These could range, for example, from new mixed-use development proposals for the vacant waterfront lots that are currently under speculation in Sunset Park; to an ‘adaptive reuse’ of the existing neighborhood fabric; to the demolition of old and construction of new typologies (housing and otherwise). The proposals can range in methodology, scale, and ambition, but must all have three things in common: 1) they must be grounded in a unique understanding of District 15’s school system as it is today 2) they must make a physical / spatial impact at the scale of the community and 3) they must demonstrate how a community can be redesigned in order to propose a new education system for the future.

Method

As each critic will take a different approach with their respective studio, this syllabus may be supplemented by your section critic with assignments, readings, and requirements that are tailored towards their specific approach. The goal of the class as a whole, however, will be the same: to produce intelligent and provocative projects that are critically and substantively positioned with regard to the urban issues present in the public education system of New York City at large and District 15, in particular.

Though each section will have a distinct take on the problem, there will be times throughout the semester when the class will convene as a group to share our individual approaches, research, methodologies, and progress. Additionally, lectures by experts in the field, reviews with outside jurors, and key studio-wide pin ups, will provide each section with several opportunities to get a sense of the diverse approaches being taken by the group as a whole.
Guest Speakers

Throughout the semester, we will be joined by guests who will be speaking about the relationship between the city and its public education system more broadly in New York City and beyond (Justin Moore, Marta Gutman) as well as specifically with respect to District 15 (Chris Rice, D15 community members). Each talk will be a slightly different format, approx. 20-30 minutes long on Zoom. The hope is not only for you to gain insight on issues of education and urbanism by academics and practitioners, but also for you to engage them with questions and comments that will help your own thinking on the issues we’re tackling this semester. As such, prior to the talk, students will be assigned required readings and references with which to become familiar with the work of our guests as well as formulate questions and comments through which to initiate a student-led Q&A after each talk. The format for these will be coordinated in conjunction with our TFs. Tentative dates for speakers as well as associated readings are:

- **M 02/01 2-3pm**
  Chris Rice — Director of Planning at WXY; Lead Project Manager for District 15 Diversity Plan
  Required References: WXY’s District 15 Diversity Plan
  Recommended Reference: Chana Joffe-Walt’s ‘Nice White Parents’ podcast.

- **M 02/08 2-3pm**
  Justin Garrett Moore — Executive Director, NYC Public Design Commission; Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia GSAPP; Lecturer at YSoA ARCH 1022B
  Required Reference: TBD
  Recommended Reference: TBD

- **M 03/22 2-3pm**
  Discussion with D15 community members.
  Format TBD
  Required Reference: TBD
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Course Objectives

As the fourth and final semester of the M.Arch I Core sequence, this studio expands on the fundamental architectural skills introduced in the previous three semesters to examine the role of architecture and the architect at the scale of the city. Extending beyond the bounds of a building, this course will examine a variety of forces — architectural, urban, social, economic, ecological, political and others — that shape and order our built environment, emphasizing and cultivating a set of architectural themes and skills that include:

**Problem Making / Problem Solving**

While typically architecture studios give students a specific site and program to address, an urban investigation provides the opportunity to research, define, and propose sites and programs that make a spatial impact.

**Construction / Demolition / Maintenance**

If in earlier core studios, emphasis is on the importance of how buildings are made, a problem at the urban scale also requires thinking about how buildings and cities are maintained and razed.

**Scale vs. Size**

An understanding of the relative and the absolute takes on a new dimension at the scale of the city where macro can manage micro, small can impact big and the design strategies deployed vary in degrees of influence.

**Time and Anticipation**

While the notion of time is critical to architecture, it is often underused as a design tool in studios. To study cities, however, is to also study time and the design of time — to anticipate possible futures.
Structure and Systems

The role of an architect involves not only understanding the physical structure and support systems of the building, itself, but their impact on the physical infrastructure (buildings, blocks, neighborhoods) and urban ecosystems (water, power, sanitation, climate, ecology, etc) of the city at large.

Audience and Pitch

While a building has its own audience, a city’s audience is much broader and more complex. It requires the ability for a designer to define relevant user groups, understand the negotiations involved among them, and recognize the possibility for various groups to influence and possibly be influenced.

Representation

Representation at the scale of the city requires not only drawing and making but critical thinking about when, how, and if to draw, make, model, collage, diagram, film, photograph.

Resources / Workshops

Class-wide resources including background information on the District 15 plan, access to the bibliography, and CAD files will reside on Canvas. Your section critic may supplement this with resources specific to your section.

Each section has been assigned an Instructional Teaching Fellow (ITF) to assist students under the direction of their section critic. Additionally, there will be 1-2 workshops studio-wide workshops throughout the semester outside of class time. While these are optional, they are recommended. More information on the workshops will be available as dates are finalized.
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Selected Bibliography and Resources

Note: Your section critic may supplement the list below with additional readings and references.

**Education / Urbanism Related:**


**NYC / District 15 Related:**


NYC Maps / Data

Community Facilities Explorer - https://capitalplanning.nyc/facilities
POPS Map - https://capitalplanning.nyc.gov/pops
NYC Street Map - https://streets.planning.nyc.gov/about
Community District Profiles - https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/
Metro Region Explorer - https://metroexplorer.planning.nyc.gov/welcome/intro#7.38/40.857/-73.528
Population Fact Finder - https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov/#12.25/40.724/-73.9868
ZOLA - https://zola.planning.nyc.gov/about#9.72/40.7125/-73.733
NYC Children Status Maps - https://data.cccnewyork.org/
Syllabus: ARCH 2011 Structures I 2020

Faculty: Kyoung Sun Moon

Overview

An introduction to the analysis and design of building structural systems and the impact of the evolution of these systems on architectural form. Lectures and homework assignments will cover structural classifications, fundamental principles of mechanics, computational methods, and the behavior and case studies of truss, cable, arch, beams, columns, and simple framework systems. Homework, discussion sections, quizzes, and examinations are required.

This course serves as an introduction to:

1. Structural Systems — taxonomies based on geometry, material, and behavior; evolution in relation to technical innovation, architectural style and building type
2. Preliminary Design of Structural Systems — the most elusive phase of structural design; most often embedded within the domain of architectural design
3. Statics — the theory governing the equilibrium of forces acting on structural systems
4. Structural Mechanics — the theory describing relationships between deformations of structural materials, members, and systems and the forces that act upon them
5. Structural Design Development — the application of statics, structural mechanics, and “service criteria” to the sizing and detailing of building structural members

Class Organization

Assignments & Evaluation

Each student’s final grade will be based on:

- 40% - Homework Problems — will typically be assigned on a weekly basis and collected on Thursday of the following week. Completion of these assignments will build quantitative analytical skill that will be needed to successfully complete midterm and final exams. Completion on time will be awarded maximum 10 points, thereafter; 2 points will be deducted for each day late. Missing three or more HWs will result in failure of the course.
- 10% - Discussion Section Assignments
- 5% - Class Contribution
- 45% - Quizzes, Midterm and Final Exams.

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Faculty: Erleen Hatfeld

Overview
This course is a continuation of introductory analysis and design of building structural systems. The course introduces materials and design methods of steel, reinforced concrete and timber. Structural behavior, ductility concepts, movement, and failure modes are emphasized. Geometric properties of structural shapes, resistances to stresses, serviceability, column analysis, stability, seismic, wind load, and lateral force resisting systems are presented.

Homework involves calculations, descriptive analysis, and the building and testing of structural models. Discussion sections will explore the application of structural theory to the design of steel, concrete and timber systems through calculation problems, laboratory and computational exercises and design projects. Homework, design project(s), quizzes, mid-term exam and final examinations are required.

Class Organization
Assignments & Evaluation
Each student's final grade will be based on:

- 25% Homework Problems — will typically be assigned on a weekly basis and collected on Wednesday of the following week. Completion of these assignments will build quantitative analytical skill that will be needed to successfully midterm, and final exams. Completion on time will be awarded 10 points, thereafter; 2 points will be deducted for each day late.
- 10% Labs and Presentations
- 20% Quizzes (5% each - 4 total)

- 5% Class Contribution — Participation in class, in discussion section activities and assistance provided to other students in completing homework assignments, discussion section exercises, and projects is valued in 2021. Your videos must be on during Zoom classes.
- 40% Midterm and Final Exams (20%, each)

Problems of structural analysis and design are often methodologically complex and intellectually challenging. Consequently, there is much to be gained by working in groups on homework assignments — students are not only encouraged to do so but will be rewarded for clearly doing so. The liability of working in a group is obvious, be careful to take full advantage of active participation in these groups and avoid a passive dependency on them that will leave you vulnerable to the midterm and final exams.

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Overview

This semester marks the 54th consecutive year in which first-year Yale Master of Architecture students have embarked on a Building Project. It is a program born from student unrest in the fervor of the 60’s to discard the notion of learning as passive reception of information and to demand an active engagement in addressing societal needs through the manifestation of design conceptualization through a physical construct.

The Building Project is compulsory simply because the learning experience is deemed foundational to the education of the architect at Yale. As architecture is an inherently collaborative endeavor, all 54 of you are divided into teams, re-formed into new teams, and teach and learn from one another. Once a scheme is selected, all of you will work to refine and develop the chosen design, and then engage in a summer of construction.

To begin the design process, the class engages with a real client: a progressive nonprofit organization that provides both immediate shelter and long term social services and housing services to those at risk of homelessness. A client with real needs is a partner, encouraging and challenging students; an inspiration, and at times a productive friction. The ultimate product of this collaboration is a two unit dwelling.

We work within our city of New Haven, a culturally and ethnically rich, yet economically impoverished citizenry of 130,000, where one fourth of the population lives below the poverty line. The need here is palpable. That need urges us to climb down the ivory tower and engage in the community, where an architecture of service liberates the mind from the trapings of solipsism. To that end, we ask that you become leaders in gathering insights from the population with whom we are working. We will learn of the vulnerabilities, and more importantly, the aspirations of those who have experienced homelessness.

Architecture is often thought of as the mediation of external and internal pressures; the internal program negotiates with the external site. In fact, we begin this very way, looking directly at PERSON and PLACE. BUT the very nature of realizing the design compels an expansion of the scope of those pressures. Now in play are physical realities such as gravity, wind, rain and snow. Soil bearing capacity and vapor migration are no longer theoretical. The tedious, dry practical is in fact consequential and detailing becomes profound.

Likewise, economics pressurize decisions, as the introduction of tight budgetary constraints force us to distill what is critical to the execution of design intent. As Ben Franklin reminds us that time is money, schedule becomes a tangible constraint, whereby we are saddled with developing not just the product, but the process through which the product is produced.

Shelter is of course biologically, psychologically, essential to the human condition; habitation is fundamental. A dwelling is intimate enough to allow you to engage in architecture at the scale of the body. A two unit dwelling provides a tension, a productive rub in the program by introducing multiple users. Logistically, it is achievable (barely) within the constraints of the summer. Technically, we hold that an understanding of thermal envelope is nascent to architectural ideation. Conceptually, this negotiation of inside and outside, this claiming of space and making of place, is elemental; it is familiar to all, and it is, or can be, poetic in its necessity.

Course Objectives

1. Experience architecture as an active engagement in addressing societal needs through a physical construct through analysis, conceptualization, testing, and synthesis.
2. Reconcile the conceptual requirements of dwelling with the real-world constraints of people, place, structure, envelope, schedule, and economics.

Assessment Breakdown

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The Task

WHO: Columbus House, a New Haven non-profit provider of emergency shelter, housing and social services
WHAT: A single building, consisting of two one bedroom units, at least one of which is accessible
WHERE: On a “flag lot” at 484 Dixwell Avenue in the Newhallville neighborhood of New Haven
WHEN: To be built by us between May 1 and August 30
WHY: Because there is need
HOW: With collaboration and will

Class Organization

A. ANALYZE (2.5 weeks) (2 teams of 27)

PLACE: We begin the course with a visit to the site on which we will build, in order to fundamentally root the project in the physical realm. We will look at the immediate physical conditions; the neighborhood context; and the urban transect from the hills of Prospect to the swamps of Beaver Pond. We will document the climatic conditions, the soils, the vegetation; the geology, the hydrology and the topography. We will examine the utilities infrastructure, the amenities and adjacencies. And we will evaluate the regulatory zoning requirements of setbacks, parking et al. We will also study the political, economic and cultural history of the area of Newhallville.

PERSON: If we try to understand habitation and homelessness through a temporal lens, we can begin to perceive dwelling as a place of refuge and prospect: refuge from vulnerabilities of the past; and prospect towards the aspiration of the future. How do we understand and document human needs to control, store, eat, cook, bathe, sleep, rest, belong and socialize as perceived by those who have experienced homelessness? We will seek to listen to the personal stories of individuals. We will attempt to contextualize the personal and the local plight of homelessness within the national crisis; and we will research the historical trends, causes and solutions.

B. CONCEPTUALIZE (3.5 weeks) (8 teams of 7)

The class will be re-configured into eight teams of seven, and work with two faculty members and one TF to generate a design proposal that synthesizes the “person” with the “place”. The designs will seek to address the trauma of past experiences of homelessness through a choreography of the diurnal, seasonal, and annual ritual of habitation, in order to provide a place both of refuge and prospect. Beginning with an exercise about threshold, the teams will develop site transitions, building transitions and programmatic transitions to formulate enclosure strategies. Ultimately, architectural plans, sections and models will be produced at the scale of the site, the building and the body.

C. TEST (3 weeks) (6 teams of 9)

The class will again be re-organized in order to cultivate the selected scheme through iterative design processes. There will be seven teams: Coordination, Site, Structure, Systems, Envelope, Interiors, and Assembly. Each team will elaborate components of the design to a technically, materially, economically feasible resolution, but not in a vacuum. The constituent parts of the design will always need to integrate with other teams in order to manifest a coherent unified, pervasive whole. Physical mock-ups will be assembled in order to assess the design resolutions and fuse the disparate elements.

D. SYNTHESIZE (2 weeks) (6 teams of 9)

The last two weeks of the course will allow for the various teams to utilize lessons learned from the mock ups to refine a set of drawings that will be used by the class in order to construct the building on the site. A series of “shop drawings” will be generated for each of the phases of construction. Likewise, a permit set will be produced in order to submit to the City of New Haven for approval from various regulatory agencies, including building, zoning, engineering, utilities, and parking.
Schedule

Week 1  | January 15  | ANALYZE. Virtual Visit Building Site & Columbus House; Round Table Discussion
Week 2  | January 19  | Student proposals. Beckett reading due
         | January 22  | Desk crits
Week 3  | January 26  | Desk crits
         | January 29  | Review. ANALYSIS shared
Week 4  | February 2  | CONCEPTUALIZE team formation
         | February 5  | CONCEPTUALIZE team formation
Week 5  | February 9  | Desk crits
         | February 12 | Desk crits
Week 6  | February 16 | Desk crits
         | February 19 | Desk crits
Week 7  | February 23 | Review, CONCEPT chosen
         | February 26 | TEST team formation. Lecture: ground
Week 8  | March 2     | Desk crits. Lecture: ritual
         | March 5     | Desk crits. Lecture: envelope
Week 9  | March 23    | Large scale detailing. Lecture: structure
         | March 26    | Desk crits
Week 10 | March 30    | Review
Week 11 | April 2     | SYNTHESIZE
Week 12 | April 6     | Desk crits
         | April 9     | Desk crits
         | April 13    | Submission. Drawing set due
Required Readings


Resources

Watts, Andrew. Modern Construction Envelopes (Modern Construction Series), Ambra, Vienna, 2014.
https://endhomelessness.org/
https://www.nationalhomeless.org/
https://nhchc.org/
http://www.understandhomelessness.com/
Syllabus: ARCH 2017 Building Project II 2021

Faculty: Adam Hopfner, Alex Kruhly

Overview

This course examines the materialization of a building, whereby students are required to physically participate in the construction of a structure that they have designed. By engaging in the act of making, students are exposed to the material, procedural, and technical demands that shape architecture. Construction documents generated during the Spring Building Project I course are now put to the test in the field.

Students engage in collaboration with each other, and with a client, as they reconcile budgetary, scheduling, and labor constraints, and negotiate myriad regulatory, political, and community agencies. The course seeks to demonstrate the multiplicity of forces that come to influence the execution of an architectural intention, all the while fostering an architecture of social responsibility, providing structures for an underserved and marginalized segment of the community.

Class Organization

The class will be divided into four teams, each working 15 hours a week on the construction site, as follows:

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| Team B | Tuesday: 1 pm – 5 pm  
            Wednesday: 7 am – 5 pm | |
| Team C | Thursday: 7 am – 5 pm  
            Friday: 7 am – noon | |
| Team D | Friday: 1 pm – 5 pm  
            Saturday: 7 am – 5 pm | |

Attendance, Participation and Grading

Attendance is mandatory. All students are expected to be attentive on site for the entirety of their work shifts. However, no student is expected or allowed to perform any task that makes them uneasy or uncomfortable. Safety is necessary in order to learn, and is always the primary concern on the jobsite. All absences require prior permission of the faculty. Two unexcused absences are grounds for failure. Grading is based on a Pass / Low Pass / Fail system and is coordinated amongst all Building Project Faculty.

July-August Internship

Students are encouraged to apply to the Summer internship, a paid position available to a dozen students for eight weeks in July and August to work to complete the house for occupation in the Fall.

Schedule

Week 1  Safety seminar, Excavation, footings formed and poured
Week 2  Foundation formed and poured
Week 3  First floor framing and sheathing, backfill
Week 4  Second floor framing and sheathing
Week 5  Roof framing and sheathing
Week 6  Windows, doors Installed
Week 7  Roof cladding, offsite millwork fabrication
Week 8  Wall Cladding, offsite stair and rail fabrication
Syllabus: ARCH 2021a Environmental Design 2021
Faculty: Anna Dyson, Naomi Keena

Overview

This lecture and workshop course will open up criteria and definitions of design and beauty that have both historically driven the development of the built environment from its inceptions, but have also emanated from outside of codified architectural cannons. We will examine the fundamental scientific principles underpinning the thermal, luminous and acoustic behavior of environments and introduce students to the potential to sculpt and shape these behaviors through architectural design. We will ‘diagnose’ the history and development of existing technologies for creating and controlling interior environments. Most importantly, we will probe the ways in which architects can regain the agency that we had prior to the late modern era, to once again be protagonists in the design and development of architectural ‘technique’ and technologies.

The first half of the semester begins with some history and theory on how we arrived at the present condition. We will intersperse this theory with an overview of the Laws of Thermodynamics and the principles of Life Cycle systems thinking, during which the course will investigate the application of these principles in the determination of building systems behaviors. We will then explore the relevant material properties and design variables, including climate, for controlling that behavior. We will continue with an introduction to the laws of physics for optics, with an examination of the application of these principles in the creation of visual environmental conditions of a building.

We will give an introduction into the most prevalent material properties and design variables for sculpting and shaping these environmental conditions in detail, and students will work with studio faculty to explore daylighting design in greater detail through the studio projects. Following the daylighting exercise we will examine the fluid dynamic properties of air flow in order to evaluate the passive and active potentials of the studio projects to move with natural energetic rhythms.

In order to prepare for the design and integration of active architectural systems, we will conduct a comprehensive review of the basic principles of energy generation and energy use will be provided, and in workshop formats, students will be exposed to the underlying complexities and scales of developing solutions that address a wide range of local and global concerns regarding sustainability. The basic characteristics of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and electric lighting systems will be discussed and students will also be introduced to several potential revolutionary future approaches within emerging technological paradigms that will have increasing influence on architectural design in the 21st century.

The time commitment of the students will include attendance at a lecture per week and participation in weekly workshops and computational labs. Individual assignments will be coordinated in daylighting, thermal, acoustical and air flow analysis with the studio projects.

A final poster assignment will be scheduled during exam week in December.

Course Objectives

1. Establish an understanding of fundamental building science principles, including thermal, light, and acoustic behaviors within the built environment.
2. Examine the historical and theoretical context behind the development and use of the building science principles commonly used today.
3. Explore methods of environmental analysis and design through a series of assignments and tutorials along with a final project to be developed in conjunction with the design studio.

Assessment Breakdown

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The development of materials and environmental control systems over the course of the industrial era yielded unprecedented opportunities for the creation of “artificial weather” in building interiors. As we have come to spend over 90% of our time inside these environments, scientists have shown how they are literally shaping our biology, from the structure of our brains to our gut microbiome that affects everything from our moods to our genetics and cognitive outcomes. The symbiotic relationship that we have with our environments will be a major topic that we explore, at the very moment in history when we have a fundamental societal imperative to completely rethink the relationship that the built 'interior' environments have with the rest of the non-human living world. The built environment currently contributes more than any other sector to climate change effects, non-renewable material consumption and toxicity. Yet, astonishingly, it has actually decreased in both productivity and environmental performance. Time and again, we read serious peer reviewed studies from the Department of energy and others showing that so many of the incentives, such as LEED and other programs are not contributing to an appreciable reduction of deleterious environmental effects from the building sector, and that fossil fuel consumption, among other metrics continues to increase.

Furthermore, throughout the twentieth century, substantial advances in the fundamental theories underlying heat transfer and fluid mechanics have revolutionized many fields and industries, but have had little impact on building environmental systems, most of which are still predicated on a pre-modern understanding of energy phenomena. Furthermore, the twentieth century building, with its low inertia pre-manufactured components and synthetic finishes, coupled with a dramatic increase in point thermal loads due to lighting and electronic equipment, no longer can be adequately served by environmental technologies developed for nineteenth century buildings. Evidence of this mismatching is demonstrated through the rapidly escalating problems in indoor air quality, as attempts to minimize energy use in buildings to reduce the global environmental impact have resulted in a degraded human environment. What is and should be the architect’s role in determining how a building mitigates with multiple scales of environmental phenomena?

As architects, we have a profound impact on the occupants’ sensory experiences, and consequently their feelings of connectedness and long term health and well-being outcomes. Nevertheless, environmental controls design, through light, sound, thermal systems, has been considered part of the realm of engineers, interior designers, and in the case of acoustic design it has been even more specialized, and has routinely been practiced by consultant/physicists. We will explore the possibilities of using simulation tools, and we will also look at the latest developments in the technologies as well as the new models for understanding human vision and sound, so we can begin to bring these fields into our own design approaches.

Rather than looking at solutions, this course focuses on problem definitions. What are the fundamental behaviors and laws, and how can we casually develop our own approaches based on an understanding of the relevant properties and variables? How do we sort through the ever-expanding array of policies, performance data, system types and strategies to cogently determine the appropriate response? The underlying premise of this course is that a student well versed in the knowledge of building “science” and of basic physical laws and principles will have the necessary background and foundation to develop his/her own architectural strategies, rather than depending upon an arbitrary set of best practices that may not be applicable to the problem at hand.
Class Organization

The goal of Environmental Design is to build an overview understanding of the fundamentals of building physics so that the principals can be creatively applied in design studio towards the innovation of next generation building systems. The coursework will include basic theory and its application to built projects. The four main topics covered under this course are heat, light, human comfort and material resources. Students conceive basic fundamentals in order to synthesize and apply them on building systems concepts at various scales within studio. The application of fundamentals and class assignments is co-ordinated with the design studio to initiate an interdisciplinary learning environment and assess understanding. Through this course, the student is expected to reflect upon and demonstrate their knowledge and experience of the material within their studio designs.

In addition, several studio exercises in analytical 'modeling' of environmental performance parameters will run parallel to the required readings topics, so that a practical testing of the fundamental principals will provide feedback from within the studio projects. It is expected that students will critically assimilate and apply the principles and theories from the readings and lectures in their design thinking. If the principal goal of the studio projects is the critical synthesis and application of theory and technique in the design process, then the readings and exercises within this course will provide experimental parameters for testing the hypotheses for environmental performance contained within the studio projects in several key environmental areas including thermal, human comfort, lighting and material life cycle analysis.

This course has three major components: formal lectures, coordinated studio workshops, and studio project daylighting and air flow analyses.

- derivation of strategies by applying first principles to controlled (single variable) environments application of strategies to specific problems
- analysis of empirical (multi-variate) environments (case studies)
- As should be evident, no one aspect of the course can be comprehensive as a subject, rather the entire complement is intended to be representative of a comprehensive method.

Grading:

The course grade will be determined as follows:

- 20% - Quizzes
- 20% - Assignments
- 20% - Midterm Exam
- 15% - Class participation
- 25% - Studio Project Exercise - Final Poster Assignment

All students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of proficiency in their work. In addition to specific course requirements, students successfully completing this course must be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate your understanding of the intent of each assignment or quiz as architectural design or analysis inquiry, using techniques from the course that lead to intermediate and cumulative design development results.
2. Develop the use of design alternatives, when applicable, in order to arrive at a design solution, as a critical skill of flexible design thinking especially in schematic and design development of a building system solution.
3. Communicate your knowledge within quizzes and exercises with design intent and solutions in a clear written, graphic, and verbal manner.
4. Complete your design and analysis investigation demonstrating proficiency in technical, environmental, and socio-cultural issues discussed.
5. Attendance: Missing more than two class meetings during the semester will result in failure. The class meetings include lectures, workshops, and computational labs.
Schedule

Week 1  
Course Introduction

August 31  
**Introduce first drawing assignment** —
- site visits — choose 1 site and study building from:
  - Kroon Hall,
  - Ezra Stiles College
  - Rudolph Hall
- bioclimatic investigations — global geometries, context and site placement, orientation, solar, water, air flow, incorporation of non-human living systems

**Reading Assignment:**
Lechner, Heating, Lighting and Cooling, Ch 5 Climate and Ch. 10 Passive Cooling

**Lecture I: MULTISCALAR PRINCIPLES I**


With this introduction, we will delve into some fundamental concepts regarding the accumulated historical methods that we have deployed to shape material and energy flows in our built environment. In particular, we will focus on the transition from ‘throughput material economies’ to concepts for ‘circular material economies across scales.’

September 4  
**Lecture II: MULTISCALAR PRINCIPLES II**

Air Flow Dynamics — Multi-scalar Determinants of Air Quality and Shaping From Global to Local

In the context of a global pandemic that has highlighted the complex relationship between human health and our current methods for shaping air flow through buildings and cities, we will focus with this lecture and discussion section on the social and biophysical components that determine the quality of our air streams, how we have historically shaped those streams through architecture and urbanism, and we will ultimately take a look at some emerging methods for radically reimagining the design of air flow through building envelopes and urban districts.

Week 2  
**Workshop/Lab #2**

September 14  
**Quiz: Physics of Energy I** (based on Lechner Ch 3. Basic principles Section 3.1 - 3.11)

**Workshop:** Physics of Energy - Considering and analyzing the energy flows in your chosen study building with a focus on building envelope (show heat transfer)

**Reading Assignment:**
September 18  **Lecture IV: CIRCULAR DESIGN**

Material Lifecycles and Socio-Ecological Analysis

One primary theme of this lecture is broadening the space and time upon which we consider architectural design, thereby understanding both the work of the technosphere in constructing our urban environments and that of the geo-biosphere in sustaining such development. It will introduce ecosystems design thinking (influenced by ecological methodologies) and a taking life cycle approach towards reversing the effects of climate change in the design of our urban environments. Through the lens of ecosystem design thinking, it will focus on a building, not in abstraction fixed solely in the operational phase, but rather as a circular system which undergoes multiple journeys of energy and material transformation in its initial construction and future dismantle.

Week 3  **Workshop/Lab #3**

September 21  **Quiz:** Physics of Energy II (based on Lechner Ch 3. Basic principles Section 3.12 - 3.24)

**Workshop:** Energy system diagrams and material considerations of design project and site

**Computation Lab:** Introduction to Ladybug for importing and analyzing standard weather data and generating environmental visualizations (e.g. sunpath, windrose).
[Assignment due Sept 28]

**Reading Assignment:** Lechner, Heating, Lighting and Cooling, Ch. 6 Solar Geometry and Ch. 7 Passive Solar

September 25  **Lecture V: SUN**

Solar Geometries I

This lecture will focus on how dynamic solar trajectories interface with atmospheric weather conditions alongside building and material morphologies to have the greatest impact on environmental performance of both individual buildings and urban districts.

**Guest Presentation:** Kroon Hall, Hopkins Partnership/Centerbrook Yale School of Environment

Week 4  **Workshop/Lab #4**

September 28  **Quiz:** Passive Solar

**Workshop:** Solar Geometries and Daylighting - considering daylighting studies of your chosen study building

**Computation Lab:** Simulating passive solar and shading systems on studio site and studio project design [Assignment due Oct 5]

**Reading Assignment:** Lechner, Heating, Lighting and Cooling, Ch. 13 Daylighting
October 2  
**Lecture VI: SUN II**  
Solar Geometries II and Daylighting  
This lecture will focus on the shaping of solar energy towards daylighting conditions and active energy collection parameters.  
**Guest Presentation:** Ezra Stiles College  
**Week 5**  
**Workshop/Lab #5 Quiz: Solar and Wind**  
October 5  
**Workshop:** Air flow dynamics and passive cooling - developing air flow studies of your chosen study building  
**Computation Lab:** Revision of Sunpath and Windrose diagrams with Ladybug  
**Reading Assignment:** Lechner, Heating, Lighting and Cooling, Ch 4 Thermal Comfort  
October 9  
**Lecture VII: Air Flow II**  
This lecture will focus on the relationship between active and passive techniques for controlling air flow and delivering health air streams to occupants.  
**Guest Presentation:** Rudolph Hall, Paul Rudolph  
**Week 6**  
**Workshop/Lab #6**  
October 12  
**Quiz:** Thermal Comfort and Psychrometrics  
**Workshop:** Revision of topics prior to Mid Term Exam  
October 16  
**Lecture VIII: Psychrometrics/Thermal Comfort**  
With this lecture and discussion, we will investigate the ‘condition of mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment’. According to our existing regulatory bodies such as ASHRAE and ANSI, this is still considered and assessed as a subjective evaluation. We will review the emerging evidence for the major physiological and psychological impacts of thermal comfort.  
**Week 7**  
**MIDTERM EXAM**  
October 19  
October 23  
**Lecture IX: Legacy of Modernity and Contemporary Practice**  
With this overview lecture, we will question the prevailing historical narratives of Modernity and Modernism with respect to environmental aspirations and design criteria.  
**Guest Presentation:** Beinecke Rare Book Library, Gordon Bundshaft, Skidmore Owings and Merrill
Week 8  Workshop/Lab #7

October 26  Workshop: Review of topics covered in Mid-term. Introduction to final poster assignment and the concept of Ecosystem of Systems towards synthetic drawings.

Workshop will involve online ‘Desk Crits’ to discuss concepts for the Final Poster Assignment

October 30  Lecture X: LIFE

Living Systems I

With this lecture and discussion, we will challenge conventions within the Built Environment Process which has accumulated thousands of years of entrenched practices that seek to purposely exclude life processes from urban and architectural construction. We will consider “Built Ecologies” as an intentional oxymoron from the standpoint of current architectural practice, as we investigate emerging philosophical models that diverge from the historically anthropocentric Built Environment Process (BEP), in order to foreground the requirements of interdependent living ecosystems in our design criteria and analytical models.

Week 9  Workshop/Lab #8

November 1  Workshop: Air Flow Dynamics - create air flow analysis drawings in plan and section of your studio project

Workshop will involve online ‘Desk Crits’ for Review of Final Poster Assignment

November 6  Lecture: LIFE

Living Systems II

With this lecture and discussion section, we will delve further into the intersection between enormously constrained built systems and endlessly dynamic living systems, towards developing design criteria in parallel.

Guest Presentation: PSAC II, SOM

Week 10  Workshop/Lab #9:

November 9  Workshop: Living Systems Workshop

November 13  Lecture: INTERFACE

Dynamic Building Envelopes: Transitioning from Barriers to Transformations

In this lecture and discussion section we will question the conventional approach to building envelopes as barriers and review a range of emerging technologies that seek to transform and conflate the dynamic between energy and information flows.

Ecological Living Modules / Socio-Ecological Visual Analytics
Week 11  
**Workshop/Lab #10:**

**November 16**  
**Workshop:**
- Ecosystems of Systems with focus on Poster Assignment
- Living systems and indoor air quality analysis / How to simulate shading effects of plants on a building

Workshop will involve online ‘Desk Crits’ for Review of Final Poster Assignment - how are you showing Ecosystems of Systems in your poster design

**November 20**  
**Lecture: WATER**

An introduction to historic and contemporary water management in buildings will lead into a discussion of water’s treatment within architecture and building systems. We will review how principles of vapor and moisture transport have influenced the design of building enclosures as barrier systems, the relationship between humidity and air-conditioning, and the dominance of centralized water supply and wastewater management shaping human engagement with water.

Week 12  
**Online ‘Desk Crits’ for review of Final Poster Assignment**

**November 30**

**December 4**  
**Lecture: WATER II**

Integrated Hydronic Systems

Following on from the introduction to water in buildings, this presentation will delve deeper into integrated ecosystemic approaches to the shaping of water flows in buildings. Precedents of emerging research and novel applications will be evaluated according to heterogenous design criteria which places goals for system performance and efficiency on equal footing with human health, social value and aesthetic adoption.

Week 13  
**Final Poster due Dec 16 submission via Canvas**

**December 16**
Syllabus: ARCH 2022 Systems Integration 2021
Faculty: Martin Finio

Overview

Advancing the design of a building beyond the schematic organizations typically achieved in a second-year design studio requires an understanding and synthesis of many technical systems. The nature and character of these technologies emerges from an architect’s particular design strategy, analysis, experience and insight, and should play a powerful role in defining and transforming the evolution of a design. The focus of this course will be to explore the methods used to incorporate and coordinate the systems that ultimately transform ideas into built form. The development of structural form and detail, the articulation of construction and construction methods, the compliance with life safety measures and the control of sound, light, and air will all be approached systematically and technically, as intrinsic components of the design process.

This technical rigor does not mean that a design should necessarily express a technological image (although this may be an intention). Technology is not necessarily an end in itself. Architectural intent, and the ability to articulate it, should ultimately determine technological choices.

Architects rely heavily on the expertise of those trained in such fields as structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering to propose plausible systems of structure, climate, and infrastructure. But ultimately it is the architect who must coordinate, adjust, modify, advance or abandon propositions in the interest of resolving the architectural problem into an efficient, well performing, and intelligible whole. It falls on the architect to communicate this synthesis in the form of documents that represent a thorough and comprehensive understanding of every surface, system, and their interrelatedness.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the inherent relationships between architectural design and related fields within the building industry through the development of a project, implementing principles of structure, environmental controls, building envelope, building code, and accessibility.
2. Establish experience with developing construction drawings, working on project teams, and software-based working methods.

Assessment Breakdown

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Class Organization

Systems Integration will meet on Fridays. The first part of the day (11:30-1:00) will be devoted to a technical lecture series and/or Revit workshops. Attendance to all lectures and workshops is a requirement for passing this course.

The second part of the day (2:00-5:00) will take the form of a group meeting with your instructors, where student teams are matched with a team of faculty “consultants,” composed of an architect, a structural engineer, and a mechanical engineer. You will meet with this assigned team on a weekly basis to review progress and to plot the course of your work. These critics will also give assignments intended to provide a structure within which to pace the development of your project. Fridays afternoons will also include mandatory Revit workshops/troubleshooting sessions with your TFs and the Revit coordinator.

Working in teams, students will identify and integrate the appropriate technologies required to implement an architectural scheme developed by one of your classmates in the previous semester’s design studio. Students will then propose and develop, as fully as possible, appropriate systems related to structure, enclosure, climate and light. The investigation and development of each will be based on these systems’ technological roles within the building as a whole, and on their suitability relative to larger issues of architectural intent. These advances should ultimately serve to both reinforce and to re-inform the formal origins of each work.

Building technology is continually evolving, and many (but not all) materials and methods that were once widely accepted are now anachronistic. By the same token, future possibilities in technology are not yet available, so your design cannot presume that a technology will be invented in order to support a presently untenable solution. This is not to say that reviving lost crafts or that technical inventions are not valid in certain instances - only that neither is part of the pedagogical method of this course. Innovation within existing technical means, however, is strongly encouraged.

Building Structure

Each proposal’s structural system will be presumed to be a skeleton frame of either reinforced concrete, steel, or timber. Shear walls, wind trusses, diagonal bracing, moment frames or a combination thereof can provide wind resistance. Presumed loads are as follows:

Gravity Loads:
- Typical Floor Live Load: 125 psf
- Roof Snow Load: 30 psf
- Wind Load: 30 psf

Environmental Control Systems

It is presumed for this course that all heating and cooling will be augmented on site with gas and/or electric input. These media are available as the basis for the development of your environmental control system. They can be used to temper the air that is distributed through the building via fans and ductwork, or as part of a radiant or other environmental system.

An important aspect of the project’s development will be the integration of the mechanical design and distribution system with the building’s structure and envelope.

Each project is to be mechanically heated and cooled. Any number of supplemental technologies may augment this system, but cannot be considered as the prime means of conditioning the building. Only systems appropriate for the weather conditions of your site will be considered.
Building Envelope

The building envelope may develop as a curtain wall, rain screen, bearing wall, frame and infill system, etc. Materials may include, but are not limited to aluminum, steel, pre-cast concrete, concrete or brick masonry units, stone, stainless steel, wood and glass.

The exterior wall, as the mediator between the external and internal environments, should be designed with great consideration given to issues of energy conservation. Active and passive solar control devices, specialty glass products, double-facades, or integrated technologies such as photo-voltaics, etc. may be considered to meet the requirements of an energy efficient envelope. Concepts in which the facade operates interactively with environmental systems are encouraged.

Code Requirements

Your building is to conform with requirements of the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) unless modified herein.

Students are responsible for determining the following:

Occupancy Classification
Construction Type
Sprinkler status (non, partially, fully)

Partitions enclosing all vertical shafts, exit stairways, elevator shafts and elevator machine rooms shall maintain a fire rating of 2 hrs when connecting 4 stories or more; 1 hour when connecting 3 stories or less.

Exit access corridors (corridors within the building allowing access to fire stairs) shall be enclosed with partitions having a fire rating of one hour, unless these exit access corridors are fully sprinklered, which allows a 0 fire rating, provided these corridors have smoke walls (this allows for glass walls). The minimum width of an exit corridor shall be 44 in.

One fire stair may discharge into a lobby at the Ground Floor Level: the other fire stair must discharge directly to the exterior or into a 2 hour rated horizontal egress passageway leading directly to the exterior. If a required means of egress discharges into a lobby, the lobby must be able to be separated from the rest of the building, creating a rated passage to the exterior. This can be accomplished by any of several methods, such as fire shutters (as in the British Museum), fire doors with magnetic hold opens, fire-rated accordion doors, water curtains, etc. At least one fire stair must discharge on the roof.

Maximum travel distance to an exit is 200 feet. 250 feet in a sprinklered building. Dead end corridors in excess of 20 ft. are not permitted. 50 ft. in a sprinklered building.

Exterior walls do not have to be fire rated, except where necessary to maintain fire separation between floors and at vertical shaft locations.

Exterior walls must maintain a fire rating of 1 hour at spandrel locations in order to prevent fire spread from floor to floor. There are different ways to satisfy this requirement. Most codes prescribe a minimum three-foot high spandrel at the floor line with a 1-hour fire rating to prevent inter-story fire spread. An alternative to this would be a 1-hour fire rated projection from the floor slab three feet beyond the face of the curtain wall. In addition, there are certain approved sprinkler systems that can provide the equivalent to a 1-hour rated spandrel.

Vertical shaft elements such as stairs may incorporate glazing if located at an exterior wall. This glazing should be separated in plan from other unprotected exterior walls.

All glass located within 18 inches of the floor (in section) shall be of safety glazing to withstand the load of potential human impact. Safety glazing may be laminated glass, tempered glass or wire glass. In lieu of the above, a 1 1/2” wide (in cross section) horizontal member located between 24” and 36” above the floor may be used to protect the glass.
All skylight and sloped glazing (more than 15 degrees from the vertical) shall be insulating assemblies with an inner lite (the interior side glass) that satisfies the requirements for safety glazing. All safety-glazing products other than laminated glass must incorporate a screen below the glass to protect occupants from falling glass.

Accessibility

All buildings must demonstrate full accessibility. This means that the building, its site, and its systems provide independent and integrated use by individuals with physical (including mobility), sensory, and cognitive disabilities.

Presentation Requirements

All projects will be modeled in Revit. Mid-term and Final plans will be produced using Revit. All other drawings, as far as is practicable should come from Revit, but you may also use any other software or technology available to you in order to demonstrate the detail and assembly of your building’s systems. Your Revit model will be an essential tool for the course, so commit to developing its full representational potential.

Mid-term Review Drawing Requirements

1. Egress Plans
2. Architectural Floor Plans
3. Structural Framing Plans + sections
4. Mechanical zoning and distribution + equip. location
5. Animation or series demonstrating sequence of construction of structural frame
6. Live REVIT model demonstrating integration of mech. and struct. systems

Final drawing requirements

In addition to documents from Mid-term:

1. Full Exterior Wall Section with Partial Plan + Partial Elevation
2. Reflected Ceiling Plans Showing Mechanical Distribution
3. Animation illustrating each building system as required in its entirety, and the building’s sequence of construction
4. 3D illustration of envelope/slab edge assemble

Revit Model

The Revit model and all of its embedded intelligence has evolved into an important tool for - and product of - this class. Because it is “constructed” in a way similar to a physical building, it is the one document in which the synthesis of all building systems and components can be fully tested and rendered. Emphasis should be placed on this model from early on in the semester. We have provided help and resources for your successful use of this software in the form of a BIM coordinator, Pierce Reynoldson, and six dedicated TF’s with extensive Revit and construction knowledge who will meet with you regularly to help establish good working methods within the software, and to troubleshoot issues as they arise.

Assignments

You will be given assignments that will consist of design and detail tasks to be completed for the next class. The assignment is meant to provide a structure within which to pace the development of your project. This is not a course that can be completed successfully by last minute charrette. There are too many incremental and interrelated steps that must be taken with enough time to incorporate feedback from critics. All students on each team are expected to contribute to work done both during and outside of class. This does not mean that everyone must perform the same tasks, but that work is divided up and performed equitably.
Schedule

Week 1  January 10  Weekend Revit Workshops w/Pierce Reynoldson, Julie Zink and TFs
January 11/12  Lecture 1 (MF) Introduction to course structure, requirements, assignments. Review projects - Hand out Assignment 1 (Egress/reformatting)

Week 2  January 24  Lecture 2 (Anibal Bellomio) Egress and Building Codes. Meeting — Review Assignment 1(Egress/reformatting)

Week 3  January 31  Lecture 3 (Erleen Hatfield) Structures in Construction. Meeting — Final Review Assignment 1. Hand out Assignment 2 (Structural Frame)
  *Revit workshop in between meetings

Week 4  February 7  Meeting — Review Assignment 2

Week 5  February 14  Lecture 4 (Adam Trojanowski) HVAC in Construction. Meeting — Final review Assignment 2. Hand out Assignment 3 (Environmental Systems)
  *Revit workshop in between meetings

Week 6  February 21  Meeting — Review Assignment 3. Clarify Mid-term Requirements

Week 7  February 28  TBD

Week 8  March 6  MID REVIEW

Week 9  March 27  Lecture 5 (speaker TBD) Envelopes in Construction). Meeting— Hand out Assignment 4 (Envelope)

Week 10  April 3  Field Trip (TBD)

Week 11  April 10  Revit Workshop (TBD). Meeting — Review Assignment 4

Week 12  April 17  Revit Workshop (TBD). Meeting — General Review

Week 13  April 24  Revit Workshop (TBD). Meeting — General Review

Week 14  May 1  Meeting — General Review

Week 15  May 8  FINAL REVIEW
Resources

Code

IBC 2018
Ching, Francis, Building Codes Illustrated, Wiley, 2010

Structure / Enclosure

Murray, Scott, Contemporary Curtain Wall Architecture, Princeton Architectural Press, 2009
Packard, R. ed., Architectural Graphic Standards, Wiley
“Details” series from Birkhauser

Climate Control

Stein and Reynolds, Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings, Wiley, 11th Edition

Lighting

W.M.C. Lam, Perception and Lighting as Formgivers for Architecture, McGraw Hill, 1977

Integration


Sustainable References

http://www.usgbc.org
R. Hyde, P. Woods, Climate Responsive Design: A Study of Buildings in Moderate and Hot Humid Climates,
E & F N Spon, 2000

Software

REVIT, Rhino, AutoCAD, Adobe Illustrator, Others as required
Syllabus: ARCH 2031a
Architectural Practice and Mgmt. 2020

Faculty: Phil Bernstein, John Apicella

Overview

The process by which an architectural design becomes a building requires the designer to control many variables beyond those purely aesthetic. While the practice of architecture was formally established in the United States in the late nineteenth century, the role and responsibilities of architects in the twenty-first century are rapidly evolving under the influence of broad building industry changes in sustainability, digital technology, globalization and integrated project delivery. Understanding architectural practice as the mechanism that realizes design--and project management as the leadership and control of the means that make projects happen--is as central to the successful design of a building as its form and character. Effective practitioners master both design and practice issues to assure their designs reach fruition in the varied contexts of profession, practice and the individual project. This course creates an understanding of the structure and efficacy of architectural practice; the business context in which architects design and realize buildings; and key elements of architectural project management and execution while engaging in a critique of current versus future practice models and approaches. It is designed to familiarize you with basic principles of practice and identify issues that you will face in your future career.

This course fulfills the professional practice requirement for an accredited professional degree precedent to sitting for the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE) and is required for M.Arch I candidates in their last year.

This course will familiarize you with basic principles of traditional architectural practice and the related discipline of project management in the context of the current, rapidly evolving building industry. It is designed to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of practice in combination with those of organizing and running architectural projects. Simultaneously, course material will highlight changes in the roles and responsibilities of the players in the AEC process, and anticipate how those changes may affect practice during your career. Lectures will describe the profession, options for modern practice, concepts and techniques for determining scope of services, writing Owner/Architect and consultant contracts, negotiating fees, assessing and minimizing risk, and planning schedules. The final project will provide an opportunity to integrate these skills by producing and presenting a proposal for a small commission as a member of a small office.

Course Objectives

1. Understand principles of traditional architectural practice and project management in the context of a rapidly evolving building industry.
2. Understand and apply legal, ethical, business, and technical principles of architectural practice.
3. Analyze and evaluate current versus future practice models and approaches.
4. Understand and evaluate the agency of architects in the building industry, supply chain, and project delivery context.
5. Apply practice-based skills by creating an integrated proposal for a commission.

Assessment Breakdown

- Reading Discourse/Class Discussion: 35%
- Research Assignment: 25%
- Testing/Experimentation: 15%
- Site-Specific Installation: 25%
Class Organization

Structure:

There will typically be one class meeting each week, a lecture about the primary practice or management topic. Other course meetings will be scheduled as required. Please examine the course schedule carefully as there are several “off schedule” class meetings to accommodate studio travel, jury weeks and other activities. Class sessions meet each Tuesday from 2:30 pm to 4:20 pm in the Exhibition Gallery. Note that there will be several class sessions that occur outside of class time.

During the fall term of the 2020-2021 academic year, the School will be operating under COVID-19 pandemic conditions. In order to maintain occupancy and social distancing requirements, class will meet weekly in the 2nd floor Exhibition Gallery. Only 18 students may attend in person during each class period, and so the course will be taught simultaneously in person and via Zoom. The class will be divided into teams (see Item 4 below) and three teams will be in person in the Gallery each week; there will be a rotating schedule available before the first day of class. All other participants will be remote for each class. Class sessions will be recorded for the four students who are in remote locations who will be taking the class both remotely and asynchronously.

The last class session will be the presentation of the final project during Exam Week, December 14 through 18 at a time not yet assigned. Please be sure to be available during this week, remembering that final presentations will be given online as classes will be remote by then.

Course Outline:

The schedule and table on the following pages is your complete guide to the semester, showing lecture dates, topics, description, assignments and required reading and other important dates during the semester.

Teams:

The class has been randomly divided into small “firms” (teams) each of which will work together during the semester. See attached Student List for team assignments and make special note of your individual team member number (TM#) which will be used to assign facilitator and scribe responsibilities for all group sessions. Facilitator and Scribe assignments are shown on the Course Outline.

Assignments:

Assignments for relevant topics are given at the end of each session and will be comprised of a combination of classroom and outside work, some in teams and others individually. All assignments will be posted on the Canvas website. Each assignment is designed to explore a relevant practice issue. Creating deliverable products in a timely fashion is a basic principle of competent professional practice, and you will be expected to execute the assignments on time. Thirteen assignments (including the final project, a group exercise) will be given during the course of the semester. Assignments must be posted digitally to Canvas no later than 5:00 pm on the date that they are due. Assignments that are posted late will result in significant deductions:

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**In order to receive a passing grade, you must complete and turn in all thirteen assignments (irrespective of grade), and accomplish a cumulative grade of at least 70 points. A cumulative score for the term of 75 points or below will result in a final course grade of Low Pass. Midterm warnings will be issued if average is close to 70% or below based on assignment grades through midterm point.
This policy is meant to provide strong encouragement to keep up with the weekly assignments, as this is how you will best benefit from the flow and structure of the course. All assignments will be submitted and graded using the Canvas course website - please visit the course site and review your attendance and assignment grades regularly.

**Teaching Fellows/Assistants:**

The course will be supported by lecturer John Apicella and four Teaching Fellows (Melinda Agron ARCH ’19, ARCH ’16, Dov Feinmesser ARCH ’16, Brittany Olivari ARCH ’17, and Cristian Oncescu ARCH ’14) and a Teaching Assistant (TBD). John, (a founding partner of Apicella Bunton Architects here in New Haven), Brittany (a designer working at Gray Organschi Architecture), Christian (a designer at Pelli Clarke Pelli), and Dov and Melinda (an architect and designer, respectively at Newman Architects) will be additional professional resources for you, attend class, answer questions about course materials and content, and be primarily responsible for grading assignments during the term. They will also participate in the evaluations of the final project. Our Teaching Assistant will support course logistics, be available to answer questions about content and approach, and help orchestrate the term. Please make sure you meet them.

**Reading:**

Readings for the semester will be distributed by the Canvas website. There are required readings for each class that are indicated by a bold gray box plus other reference reading should you desire more information. The reading list has been put on reserve at the Haas Library under our course number (2031a) and can be referenced from the Canvas website.

**Attendance:**

Weekly lectures as indicated on the schedule are the fundamental mechanism for transmission of the material, and as such attendance at each lecture is required in order to pass the course. Readings, lectures and assignments are designed to work in concert, and each is critical and therefore required. Only one unexcused absence from a lecture will be permitted; you may only miss a second lecture by permission from the instructor. As this class only meets weekly, the attendance policy is different than the rest of the School, only one unexcused absence is allowed, so please plan your time (and set charrette alarm clocks accordingly).

Attendance will be taken during the first 5 minutes of class (whether you are physically present or attending via zoom) and posted on Canvas. If you are late you will be marked absent.
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<td>Online Modules - Client markets and practice approaches; practice structure, organization and purpose.</td>
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<td><strong>Client - Architect Roundtable (with Guest Panel)</strong></td>
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Week 6  October 6  **Firm Financial Management (Brian Kenet, guest)**
Group Workshop - Business of practice: financial structure, approach, constraints, principles.
Assignment: Understand implications of changing influences of firm financial operations - problem set

Evening 10/6  **Equitable Practice (Nancy Alexander and Renee Cheng, guests)**
Lecture/Group Workshop - Equity issues in the architecture profession and the need for greater understanding of ways to improve the field

Week 7  October 20  **PROJECT - Scope of Services**
Group Workshop - Project organization, management structure; tasks and services approach, definitions of basic and additional services.
Assignment: Define the basic scope of service for a project by defining its characteristics and your role as the architect - problem set

Week 8  October 27  **Project Delivery**
Lecture - Review of basic project delivery approaches and the evolution of delivery models and the architect's role
Assignment: Unpack the key characteristics of a project and select a delivery model, defend the choice - problem set

Week 9  November 3  **Contracts and Risk Management (Leslie King, guest)**
Lecture - Role of contracts in project management strategy; understanding and managing professional risk.
Assignment: Identify the key risk factors in projects and basic strategies for managing that risk - problem set

Evening 11/3  **Design Process Design and Scheduling**
Group Workshop - Evaluating, structuring and designing the project schedule and managing time and decision-making of the project team.
Assignment: Demonstrate a basic understanding of project timing, decisions and sequencing - problem set
Week 10  November 10  **Compensation, Fees and Value Propositions**
Group Workshop - How architects are paid: principles of compensation, fee strategy, analysis and typologies, financial implications of value
Assignment: Define, analyze, propose and defend a fee - problem set

Week 11  November 17  **The Architect's Role in Construction**
Group Workshop - Roles, responsibilities and risks of the architect during construction; relationship to the builder.
Assignment: Practice response strategies for various challenges faced by architects during construction - problem set

Week 12  December 1  **Future of Practice**
Lecture - Speculations on the evolving role of architects, challenges facing the profession and its role in building and design.
Assignment: FINAL - group problem set

Week 13  December 14  **Future of Practice**
FINAL PROJECT DUE

**Reading List**

**Week 1**

Woods. From Craft to Profession: The Practice of Architecture in the Nineteenth Century. Chapter 1, pp. 9 - 26; Chapter 4 “Forms and Settings of Practice” pp 82 -137.
Week 2

Desk Crits: The Insider's Guide to the ARE 5.0.
NCARB. AXP Guidelines. (see Canvas for link).

Week 4


Week 6


Week 7

AIA. The AIA Guides to Equitable Practice.

Week 8


Week 9

Syllabus: ARCH 2031a Architectural Practice and Mgmt. 2020

Week 10


Week 12


Week 13


Week 14

Bibliography

Deamer, Peggy. The Architect as Worker: Inmaterial Labor, the Creative Class, and the Politics of Design.
Syllabus: ARCH 3011a
Modern Architecture 2020

Faculty: Craig Buckley

Overview

What does it mean for architecture to be modern? How have architects given shape to this idea in their buildings and writings? How has architecture radically transformed over the last 250 years and how might these changes help us understand where it is headed in the future? This course surveys central buildings, projects, and discourses that have marked architectural culture over the last two-and-a-half centuries. Lectures highlight important buildings, architects, and unbuilt projects in their socio-historical contexts. Discussions sections introduce students to material from Yale's collections, visual and spatial analysis, and the close-reading of texts.

Key themes will include: the invention of new building types, architecture's changing relationship to politics, the impact of new technologies on construction, the explosion of cities, the dialogue of architecture with works of modern art and new forms of audio-visual media. A key aim of the course is to identify and question architectural culture's participation in the construction of shifting definitions of class, race, and gender from the Enlightenment to the present.

This lecture course follows the careers of key architects and examines the rise of new building types undreamed of before 1750. It traces the work of various movements, explores the impact of capitalism, socialism, and Fascism on the built environment. The impact of two World Wars and the cultural responses to these catastrophes will be examined, as well as the flourishing of suburbs, the role of the welfare state, and changing discourses around technology, postmodernism, and ecology. Modern architecture was anything but an ideologically and stylistically unified phenomenon, rather it developed by virtue of ceaseless negotiations between architects and publics, between political regimes and styles, between technologies and buildings, and between drawings and places.

The goal is to enable students to develop their own critical interpretations of works of modern architecture and to pose challenging questions about the past, present, and future of our built environment.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the evolution of architectural buildings, projects and discourses from 1750 to the present day and their impacts on architecture, culture, and society.
2. Explore architecture's changing relationship to building typology, politics, technology, urbanity, culture, and media.
3. Develop critical interpretations of works of modern architecture and pose challenging questions about the past, present and future of our built environment.

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Participation: 15%

Weekly Responses via Canvas

Writing Assignment no. 1: 20%

Comparative visual and spatial analysis of a Neoclassical or a Gothic Revival Building in New Haven and one located in another city. (1500 Words)

**NOTE: Students not in residence this semester may choose buildings outside New Haven. Please speak with your TF.
DUE: FRIDAY Sept 25th, by 11:59 pm

Writing Assignment no. 2: 20%

Analysis of a text by an architect, urbanist, or designer. During the course of the semester, we will read letters, manifesto, lectures, essays, and treatises written by architects. This assignment asks you to distill and interpret the key arguments from one of the writings and articulate your own position on the text.
DUE: FRIDAY Oct. 23, by 11:59 pm

Writing Assignment no. 3 : 20%

Typological analysis of post-WWII modern building in New Haven, with references to other examples studied in the course. Students will develop an comparative analysis of a building in New Haven with other typologically similar buildings from other times and places. Subjects for analysis include museums, graveyards, student housing, public housing, private dwellings, and laboratories, among others.
(1800 words)

**NOTE: Students not in residence this semester may choose buildings outside New Haven. Please speak with your TF.
DUE: FRIDAY Nov. 20th, by 11:59 pm

Final Project: Annotated Time Diagram of Modern Architecture: 25%

Countless historians and architects have tried to capture the developments and changes of modern architecture in the form of a timeline drawing. The final exercise asks students to propose a theme or idea that has germinated in the course, and to develop a diagrammatic representation of this theme across the timespan covered in the course. The goal is to synthesize a reflection and a response to the course, and to interrogate the power of the line as a framework for conceptualizing continuity and change in history.

Readings

Course textbooks:


All course textbooks will also be available on Reserve at Haas Library. All other class readings will be available in FILES on the canvas website.

For further reading:

Extensive secondary sources on the history of Modern Architecture can be found on the canvas site. Please see HSAR 312 Further reading.docx under files on the canvas page.

Several collectively edited bibliographies devoted to questions of race, gender, space and architecture are available online. Updated regularly, they provide an excellent resource for students seeking to immerse themselves in current work on the topic and to which students can contribute. The syllabus for this course benefited from the sources they collected.
See:


Race, Space, and Architecture: Open Access Curriculum http://racespacearchitecture.org/index.html

Yale School of Architecture, (Easterling, Gormley, Papallardo, et.al.): https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/d/1RPnBrHcXeiL3-xvQ9H5OzuZadRyTwDLOo2Mlom8jZWI/edit?usp=sharing

**Schedule and Bibliography**

**Week 1a: August 31**
Introduction: The Enlightenment and the Beginnings of Modern Architecture

Legacy of the enlightenment and its critiques as a foundation for modern architectural thinking. Reason vs. Feeling; Architecture as a tool for social reform and governance; Neo-classicism as reform.


**Week 1b: September 2**
Neoclassicism and the Picturesque: Perrault, Soufflot, and Jefferson

Codification of a neo-classical language. Birth of modern architectural education. Dissemination of architectural ideas around the globe; The Church of St. Genevieve, Paris; Jefferson’s designs for Monticello and the University of Virginia.

- Thomas Jefferson, Letter to James Madison, Paris, Sept. 20th, 1785 (access online at: https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-08-02-0191

**Week 2a: Sept. 7**
Revolutionary Architecture: Visionary or Utilitarian?

Idea of visionary and utopian architecture; “Paper architecture,” Etienne-Louis Boullée, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Claude-Nicolas Ledoux; Aesthetic categories: sublime and the beautiful; Jeremy Bentham’s Panopticon

Week 2b: Sept 9
Romantic Nationalism 1: Classicism Otherwise

Typology and design training under Jean-Nicholas-Louis Durand at the Ecole Polytechnique; architecture in relationship to emergent cultural nationalism; architecture as a means for the elevation of culture; Schinkel’s Altes museum and Soane’s bank of England as models.

Bergdoll, European Architecture 1750-1890, pp. 189-195

Week 3a: Sept 14
Romantic Nationalism 2: Gothic Revivals

Re-appraisal of medieval buildings through the lens of structure and the lens of feeling; Gothic architecture and national identity, Viollet-le-Duc and structural rationalism in France, Pugin and the Gothic revival in Great Britain and the British Empire; The Houses of Parliament, London.

Bergdoll, European Architecture 1750-1890, 139-149; 224-232

Week 3b: Sept 16
Industrialization, World’s Fairs, and the Arts and Crafts: London, 1851

Constructive and cultural Legacy of the Great Exhibition of 1851; Criticisms of John Ruskin, William Morris, and the ideological underpinnings of the Arts and Crafts Reform Movements; urban explosion and the formation of Garden City planning.

John Ruskin, “The Opening of the Crystal Palace,” (1856)
Barry Bergdoll, 207-224.
Tom Peters, “Crystal Palace,” in Building the Nineteenth Century, pp. 226-239

Week 4a: Sept 21
The Search for New Urban Forms: Barcelona

Art Nouveau as a transnational phenomenon; the pursuit of organic forms complicates traditions of structural rationalism; Victor Horta and Hector Guimard in Brussels and Paris; Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona.

Bergdoll, pp. 261-267
Week 4b: Sept 23
The Skyscraper and the 1893 Fair: Chicago

The Chicago Fire; the Search for the typical tall office building; Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler; the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition, Sophia Hayden and the Women’s Building.

Colquhoun, 35-49

Week 5a: Sept 28
Modernizing the House: Catharine Beecher and Frank Lloyd Wright

Catharine Beecher and feminist domestic reform movement; Frank Lloyd Wright emerges from the office of Louis Sullivan; concept of the Prairie Home, the “Gospel” of Organic architecture.

Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, 49-55.

Week 5b: Sept 30
Ornament and Crime: Vienna

Urban planning and the creation of Ringstrasse; Otto Wagner’s Modern Architecture and metropolitan projects in Vienna; Adolf Loos as architect and polemicist; the Secession movement, Olbrich, and Hoffmann

Otto Wagner, Excerpt from “Style,” Modern Architecture [1895] (Santa Monica: Getty Center, 1989), 77-78.
Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, 73-86.

Week 6a: Oct. 5
The Great War and its Architectural Reverberations

F.T. Marinetti and formation of Futurism; the outbreak of WWI; Antonio Sant’Elia and the Città Nuova; The urban visions of Bruno Taut; the formation of the Arbeitsrat für Kunst; Paul Scheerbart and the Glass Chain; Frühlicht magazine; Erich Mendelsohn.

Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, pp. 87-107.

**Week 6b: Oct 7**

Craft vs. Industry: The German Werkbund and the Bauhaus

Nationalism and trade competition; Peter Behrens in Berlin, the architect’s collaboration with industry; individuality in design vs. standardized types; the Werkbund exhibition of 1914; the foundation and architecture of the Bauhaus.

Hermann Muthesius, “Aims of the Werkbund,” Conrads, 26-27
Walter Gropius, “Bauhaus-Manifesto” (1919) from Conrads
Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, 57-72

**Week 7a: Oct. 12**

Architecture and Revolution: Constructivism in the Soviet Union and Western Europe

The Soviet Revolution; Suprematism vs. Constructivism; the example of Tatlin; the establishment and teaching at the Vkhutemas; Konstantin Melnikov and 1925 Soviet Pavilion; the formation of the OSA; Moisei Ginsburg and the Narkomfim Collective Housing; Municipal socialism in Frankfurt; Grete Schütte-Lihotzky and the Frankfurt Kitchen; the emergence of Socialist Realism

Colquhoun, 120-135

**Week 7b: Oct 14**

Machines for Living: Le Corbusier and Charlotte Perriand

Le Corbusier as editor and architect; Cubist Painting and Purism’s “Rappel à l’ordre” in Paris; the Domino frame, the Maison Citrohan; the City for 3 million; the Pavillon de l’Esprit Nouveau, Eileen Gray’s E.1027; Villa Savoye, Poissy.

Colquhoun, 137-158

**Week 8a: Oct. 19**

Quest for Universal Space: Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Lilly Reich

Less is more; neo-classicism and technology; Glass architecture; idea of universal space. G- magazine;
The émigré architect: European ideals meet American pragmatism.

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, “Industrialized Building,” (1924), in Mertins and Jennings, 120-123
Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, “On Form in Architecture” (1927), Conrads, 102
Colquhoun, 159-182.

Week 8b: Oct 21
Nordic Organicism: Alvar and Aino Aalto

Modern Movement seen from the Scandinavian periphery; organicism and architecture; craft vs. industry; hygienic modernism and sanatoria; geopolitics of Northern Europe.

Alvar Aalto, “Rationalism and Man” (1935) and “Trout and Stream” (1949) from Alvar Aalto in His Own Words.
Colquhoun, 193-207.

Week 9a: Oct 26
Architecture, the Rise of Fascism, and the Catastrophe of WWII

Italian Rationalism and the case of Giuseppe Terragni’s Casa del Fascio; Italian Colonial Architecture in Ethiopia and Eritrea, Mobilization of architects during the war; Albert Speer’s Theory of Ruin Value and the Third Reich, National Socialism and the architecture of the camp

Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, 183-185

Week 9b: Oct 28
From Destruction to Reconstruction: Architectures of the European Welfare State

Post-WWII housing shortage and new typologies of the Welfare State; Le Corbusier’s Unité d’habitation, Marseilles; Aldo van Eyck’s playgrounds for Amsterdam; Contrasting urban plans in East and West Berlin during the 1950s; the formation of Team Ten out of CIAM; Alison and Peter Smithson in London;


Week 10a: Nov. 2
The American Office Tower and the New Monumentality

The Rise of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, Mies van der Rohe and the Seagram Tower; Quest for new monumentality; Louis Kahn and architecture’s relationship to history; Rome revisited; the Yale Art Gallery,
The Salk Center.

Sert, Léger and Giedion, “Nine Points on Monumentality” (1943) from Ockman
Louis Kahn, “Monumentality” from Paul Zucker, New Architecture and the City Planning (1944), reprinted in Ockman, 48-54.
Colquhoun, 212-217

Week 10b: Nov. 4
Suburban Modern: From Levittown to the Case Study Houses

The Emergence of Levittown; Postwar planning and racial discrimination; the Harvard Five; Los Angeles and the Case Study House program

Colquhoun, Modern Architecture, 231-254.

Week 11a: Nov. 9
Modern Architecture in Brazil

The tension between the regional and the international; Le Corbusier (interpretation and reinvention); the work of Lucio Costa and Oscar Niemeyer; the innovations of Lina Bo Bardi, Eduardo Affonso Reidy, and Villanova Artigas


Week 11b: Nov. 11
Morocco and the Architecture of Post-Colonial Independence

Architecture of newly independent Morocco, Atbat Afrique, Nid d’Abeille and Semiramis Housing Schemes, Casablanca 1956; Chandigarh and the “New Brutalism” in the Punjab, New infrastructure for the nation by Jean-François Zevaco and Elie Azagury.

**Week 12a: Nov 16**
Postwar Japan: Technological Utopias

Kenzo Tange; The Metabolist Movement; Arata Isozaki, Buckminster Fuller; Constant's New Babylon; Cedric Price and Joan Littlewood's Fun Palace, Archigram; Nakagin Capsule tower, Osaka 70

Fumihiko Maki and Masato Ohtaka, “Toward Group Form” (1960), Ockman 321-324.

**Week 12b: Nov 18**
Post-modernism and Critical Regionalism

Relationship to popular culture and pop art; architects rethink the historical city; architecture and memory; ordinary and everyday.

Denise Scott Brown, “Learning from Pop” from Casabella 359-360 (December 1971).

**Week 13a: Nov 30**
High-Tech and Deconstructivism

Piano and Rogers, Centre Pompidou, Paris; Frank Gehry in Los Angeles; Rem Koolhaas and the Office for Metropolitan Architecture; Zaha Hadid

“Rem Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture” and “Zaha Hadid,” in Deconstructivist Architecture, pp. 48-55 and pp. 70-81. (Mostly illustrations).

**Week 13B Dec 2**
Surfaces and Atmospheres

Questions of environment, surface, and memory in the work of SANAA (Ryue Nishizawa and Kazuo Sejima) and David Adjaye Associates.

Syllabus: ARCH 3012
Architectural Theory 2021
Faculty: Marta Caldeira

Overview
The lecture course examines moments of significant change in modern architectural theory through a series of case studies organized thematically from mid-eighteenth century to the present. From the classical treatise to the manifesto, from the cours and the encyclopedia to the critical review, the course explores the different forms that architectural theory assumed both as an internal dialogue that consolidates the disciplinary body and as a response to key social, political, philosophical and technological developments. In a circular movement between the study of selected texts, their disciplinary and historical contexts, and their influence in time, the course investigates how architectural theory continuously negotiated its own history with external references in order to propose new foundations, models, strategies and concepts to the discipline, thereby redefining architecture and repositioning its practice vis-à-vis the historical, material and intellectual contexts during the modern period.

Class Organization
1. Attendance at all lectures and sections is mandatory; in accordance with SoA policy, more than two unexcused absences constitutes failure of the class. Participation in discussion sections is required.
2. Each student is responsible for 2 class presentations throughout the semester of the assigned texts each week.
3. Students will post on the class server one question or comment on the weekly readings by 9pm Sunday before the Tuesday lecture. The weekly responses are mandatory; ten responses are required in order to pass the course.
5. A 12 page final research paper on the topic approved by the Instructor and/or the Teaching Fellow is due by Wednesday, May 12, 2021. All papers are to be submitted on Canvas AND as a PDF to the respective Section Teacher.
6. Readers will be available on the Canvas platform on the Class Server; additional reading may be made available on Canvas every week. Many of the books in the reader are also on Open Reserve in the A&A library.

Course Objectives
1. Develop an understanding of how architectural theory and discourse has evolved and the forms it has taken since the mid 18th century.
2. Explore the role that architectural theory has taken in redefining architecture and repositioning its practice vis-à-vis the historical, material and intellectual contexts during the modern period.

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**Week 1: January 26**

*Modernity in Architecture: Reason and Nature in the Enlightenment*


Giovanni Battista Piranesi, “Thoughts on Architecture (1765),” *Oppositions* 26 (Spring 1984), 4-25.


**Week 2: February 2**

*Classification: Theories of Type and Character*


Quatremere de Quincy, “Character”, in *Methodical Encyclopedia* [1788], ed. Harry Francis Mallgrave (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006), 206-9; and “Type”, in *Oppositions*, no. 8 (Spring 1977): 147-150.


Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (Brooklyn: Zone Books, 2007).


Week 3: February 9
Theories of Sensation: the Sublime, the Beautiful and the Picturesque


Uvedale Price, An Essay on the Picturesque, as Compared with the Sublime and the Beautiful; and, on the Use of Studying Pictures, for the Purpose of Improving Real Landscape (London: printed for J. Robson, 1794). Full text online: http://www.archive.org/details/essayonpictures01priciala


Week 4: February 16
Historicism and Materialism: Tectonics and Style


Heinrich Hübsch, “In What Style Should we Build?” [1829], In What Style Should We Build? The German Debate on Architectural Style (Santa Monica, CA: Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities, 1992), 64-101.


Week 5: February 23

Utopian Socialism


Ebenezer Howard, Garden Cities of To-morrow [1902] (London: Faber & Faber, 1945).

Week 6: March 2
Theories of Standardization: Rationalism and Functionalism


Week 7: March 23
Theories of Meaning: Phenomenology, Existentialism and Structuralism


Jorge Otero-Pailos, Architecture’s Historical Turn: Phenomenology and the Rise of the Postmodern (University of Minnesota Press, 2010).

Week 8: March 30
Radical Criticism


Lukasz Stanek, Henri Lefebvre on Space: Architecture, Urban Research, and the Production of Theory (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011).

Week 9: April 6
Postmodern Historicities: Tradition, Regionalism, Globalization


**Week 10: April 13**

Technologism: Computation, Cybernetics, and Parametricism


Week 11: April 20

Postcolonialism and Decoloniality


Week 12: April 27

Theories of Environment: Reason and Nature Revisited


Peder Anker, From Bauhaus to Ecohouse. A History of Ecological Design (Baton Rouge: Louisiana
Syllabus: ARCH 4011
Introduction to Urban Design 2020

Faculty: Alan Plattus, Andrei Harwell

Overview

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of urban design within the context of the broader fields of urbanism and urban history. That is to say that the design of the built environment will be considered in relation to patterns and practices of urban life and culture, and as a response to historical transformations of the political, economic and technological forces that have shaped cities since their origins. The course will attempt to negotiate between the broader landscape suggested by these forces and the specifics of particular cities at critical moments in their development and the projects which represent the efforts of those cities and their designers to come to terms with the dynamics of urban change. Thus the lectures will include monographic treatments of specific cities and exemplary urban design projects, as well as the general issues and principles of city design suggested by those case studies, including consideration of their implications for contemporary practice. The weekly classes will provide opportunities for the introduction of supplementary examples from the wider field of international urbanism, as well as introducing techniques of urban representation and analysis relevant to the assignments and to student work in studios. Classes will also provide time for discussion of readings and lectures and issues of current interest.

Student work in the course, in addition to responsibility for the weekly reading assignments, will include a series of assignments, focused on one city, that are designed to build up a critical analysis and understanding of that city and its public life and spaces. Students will form working groups to undertake research, discussion and analysis on their chosen city, and in that context, develop both collective and individual work. The final assignment will be an illustrated 20-25-page paper that develops a critique of a recent urban design project in their city based on the readings and themes introduced in the course.

Course Objectives

1. Introduce the theory and practice of urban design within the context of urbanism and urban history.
2. Explore design of the built environment as it relates to urban life, culture, historical change, politics, economics, and technology.
3. Develop a familiarity with methods of urban representation and analysis.
4. Develop the ability to critique specific urban design projects based on readings and themes introduced in the course.

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Lecture: Buildings, Cities, Landscapes:
The Field of Urban Design and its Representation (9/4)


Week 2  September 11  Urban Space and Form in the Pre-Industrial City
Lecture: The Classical City and Its Monuments:
Civic Space, Public Infrastructure, and the Urban Empire (9/11)

Reading: Aristotle, The Politics, Book VII.
Vitruvius, The Ten Books on Architecture, Book V.

Week 3  September 18  Lecture: The Renaissance City and the Perspective Field:
From Medieval Enclave to Modern Urban Space (9/18)

Reading: Alberti, On the Art of Building in Ten Books, Book VIII.
D.P. Waley and Trevor Dean, Italian City Republics, Abingdon, 2010, Chapter 5-6, pp. 105-69.

Week 4  September 20  Lecture: The Enlightenment City and the Urban Stage:
Power, Performance and Public Life (9/25)

Michael Dennis, Court & Garden: From the French Hotel to the City of Modern Architecture, Cambridge, MA, 1986, Chapter 4, pp. 79-123.
John Summerson, Georgian London, Chapter 13, pp. 177-90.
Week 5  October 2  Advanced Studio Travel Week (no lecture or class)

Week 6  October 9  Critique and Planning in the Industrial City

Lecture: The Industrial City and Its Critics: Mapping Urban Pathologies (10/9)

Raymond Williams, Culture and Society, New York, 1958, Chapter VII, pp. 130-158.
Peter Hall, Cities of Tomorrow, Oxford, 1988, Chapter 2, pp. 13-46.

Week 7  October 16  Lecture: The Modern Capital City and the Invention of Urbanism: Planning Urban Growth (10/16 – alternative time for undergraduates)

Camillo Sitte, City Planning According to Artistic Principles (1889), New York, 1965, Chapters XI-XII, pp. 113-159.

Week 8  October 23  Lecture: The Capitalist City and Progressive Urbanism: Reforming Urban Life (10/23 – alternative time for M.Arch. students)

Peter Hall, Cities of Tomorrow, Oxford, 1988, Chapters 4-6, pp. 86-202.

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Syllabus: ARCH 1019c Visualization and Computation 2021

Petite Planets: An Ecology of Digital Modernity

Faculty: Daniele Profeta

Overview

“The expanded vision produced by these instruments [telescopes and microscopes] made it clear that the universe was not made to the measure of man, introduced the possibility of a plurality of worlds, and resulted in a radical reformulation of the sense of the human place in the cosmos.”


“[Planet-making] narratives are experimental spaces where political, ethical and aesthetic topographies, developed in a dialectical relationship between culture and Earth’s nature, are overlaid.”

Chris Pak, “Terraforming: Ecopolitical Transformations and Environmentalism in Science Fiction” (Liverpool: University Press, 2016)

“But on your tiny planet, my little prince, all you need to do is move your chair a few steps. You can see the day end and the twilight falling whenever you like...”


In this class we will leverage immersive modes of representation, what we will define as a series of ‘Planetary Images’, to reflect on our engagement with the built environment. Since the late eighteenth century, from a newly acquired elevated point of view with mountaineering and air-balloon flights, panoramic views have shaped the way in which we engage with the world around us as well as produced experimental means of representing landscape. If Bourrit’s early illustrations of Mont Buet aimed to accurately depict a 360-degree view of the landscape as a way to acquire scientific mastery of the surrounding territory, today #tinyplanets pop-up on our social media feeds as trending images of a digitally inhabited landscape.

This course engages with these modes of representation as active agents shaping the way in which we can understand (and design) the world around us: a series of Petite Planets to continue asking questions about the cities and landscapes that we want to construct.

Learning Objectives and Organization

The main objective of this course is to introduce the students to contemporary image making technologies. Through a critical understanding of the histories of these modes of representation, of the social and political contexts from which they were developed, the students will begin to recognize their impact on our contemporary culture. The class is organized around a series of Workshops that will introduce the students to relevant texture mapping, 360 rendering and animation techniques. These will be paired with Lectures that will allow the students to acquire a critical position towards the material encountered.

Course Objectives

1. Learn the fundamentals of various software and explore the ways in which those skills can be applied to one’s workflow and design thinking.

Assessment Breakdown

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While zooming-in and zooming-out in a multi-perspectival digital bubble seems to have become the ubiquitous mode of self-orientation, it is important to recognize that such environment, far from being a purely descriptive, passive representation of an ‘external reality’, performs as a cognitive agent of cultural organization. A strange loop is in place here: our world-views afford the development of specific modes of representation, of engagement with the world, and in turn they begin to have an impact in that same world, becoming an active element in the way we understand it. Put more simply, it is the technologies through which we see and experience the world that define the way we construct it.
Students will be required to complete the assigned readings and to actively participate in class discussions. A series of exercises will be assigned throughout the course which will require each student to produce images and short videos engaging with the topic at hand. The final presentation will consist of an installation of petite planets images as well as videos.

After taking this class students will be able to:

• Digitally construct hyper-real materials through material Scanning;
• Visualize complex three-dimensional environments and communicate projective visions for the sites both visually and in written form;
• Create narrative-based animations of a digital Environment;
• Construct Immersive Imagery and control its usage to build engaging narratives.
• Synthesize critical views of the topics analyzed throughout the semester and digital skills to construct immersive narrative-based images and animations.

Required Software

The course will use Autodesk Maya 2020 or newer, Substance Alchemist (educational license available), Adobe After Effects, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop.

Bibliography

There will be a series of assigned readings throughout the course. Students are required to complete them and actively engage in discussions during the classes. Readings will be made available prior to each session as .PDFs. The following list represents a general overview of the topics that will be touched in lectures, exercises and discussions.

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Schedule

Week 1 Intro - Digital Materiality. Arnold & Substance Alchemist
Week 2 On Ground-less-ness. Texture Mapping / Base Modeling. 
Due: min. (x3) Material Planets.png - 1500 x 1500px
Week 3 World Building - Fiction as Method. Digital Terrains. 
Due: min (x2) Articulated Planets .png - 1500 x 1500px
Week 4 Race and Science Fiction. Tiny Planets. 
Due: min (x3) Planet Images .png - 1500 x 1500px
Week 5 Realism and CGI. Animation in Maya. 
Due: (x1) 360° Tiny Planets.png - 1500 x 1500px
Week 6 Final Review. 
Due: (x1) 20 seconds Planet(s) animation .mp4 - 1280 x 1280px
Grid Space: Scripting & Algorithmic Design
Faculty: Dorian Booth

Overview
While recent trends in architecture have focused on constructions seemingly absent of or ambiguously related to grids or regulating frameworks (what could be termed the aformal, informal, or formless), these organizational strategies have significant historical importance and continue to play a central role in defining formal relationships. While one approach seeks to collapse structure, the other sees it as both essential and generative. As a result, renewed discussion questioning the relative importance of the grid within the disciplines of art and architecture has emerged. One could understand the development of this discourse through the lens of two primary functions of the grid:

Grid as Drawing Device: Techniques of both parallel and perspective projection rely on the underlying logic of the grid to translate three-dimensional space onto a two-dimensional plane. While parallel projection applies a grid comprised of horizontal, vertical, and oblique lines to describe spatial relationships, perspective projection (as seen in the 15th and 16th century treatises of Alberti, Dürer, or DaVinci) overlays lines converging to a central point or points onto a static, two-dimensional grid. The addition of these converging lines establishes a distinct viewpoint from which the space of the drawing is meant to be understood, thus presupposing a specific viewing subject and subjectivity. As a result the perspective grid, then, acts as an armature within which a real, material, and often anthropocentric view of space can be depicted. For Rosalind Krauss, this distinction is an important step in understanding the conceptual difference in the way the grid functions relative to parallel versus perspective projection and perhaps serves as a key to understanding the resurgence of orthographic drawing in contemporary architectural representation. With orthographic drawing comes a graphic flatness and an abstraction of the “real” three-dimensional space it meant to represent, providing opportunities for re-reading and misreading the drawing as the singular, subject-dependent point of view is negated.

Grid as Organizational Device: Fundamental to understanding the centrality of the grid in art and architecture is its function as a tool for organizing and orchestrating spatial relationships. Within this the grid acts as an ideal, more a conceptual framework to play form against than a physical structure. It is in this role that Krauss claims the grid predominated and in many ways defined art produced during the 20th century. What it allowed for was the ability to focus on pure relationships between abstract elements, freed from the constraints of the natural, real, or material. John Hejduk’s nine-square grid problem relies on the grid in precisely this way, acting as a framework within which spatial figures emerge as aggregations of columns or walls (conceived of as abstract or immaterial) form corner, center, or edge conditions. Such compositional strategies continued to proliferate through the advent of digital design technologies, the geometric control of the grid embedded within the coordinate-based systems of modeling software. That being said, novel spatial strategies have begun to emerge as a reaction to and skepticism of the control and precision enabled by the computer.

On the one hand the grid has remained, revisited as a historical and organizational structure or projective device (Bureau Spectacular’s organized artifacts unified through an underlying grid or Elena Manferdini’s building portraits studying the Miesian curtain wall). The popularity of projects like Supra Order and Cryptic.K, aggregators of the grid-adjacent, seems to suggest the interest is here to stay. Yet on the other the rigidity, rational, and geometric logic of the grid has been eschewed, replaced with a material logic of stacks, droops, wiggles, or piles. It is matter that determines spatial or structural relationships, distinctly non-compositional, non-hierarchical, and absent of a gridded logic. Far from a binary condition, these seemingly contradictory approaches to the grid have the potential to yield far more potent results when deployed simultaneously. Current trends in contemporary art may support just that sentiment, with artists
such as Avery Singer, Tauba Auerbach, Jacolby Satterwhite, and Sascha Braunig leveraging digital tools to explore the relationship between the real and abstract, the material and the immaterial. When viewed through an architectural lens, the work of these artists could provide new methodologies for deploying the grid as a generative device in design.

Methods

Beginning with the presumption that these formal or informal organizational systems may not be mutually exclusive, we will attempt to understand areas of overlap between them and how digital tools and computational techniques may facilitate their study. The grid will serve as a conceptual and formal datum for such studies. Lectures and readings will provide exposure to the historical and contemporary discourse surrounding the grid, from which students will be asked to develop a thesis on its relative importance as a drawing or organizational device within the discipline of architecture. Students will primarily use Grasshopper, along with the Grasshopper-based physics engine Kangaroo, in order to assist their explorations. Weekly tutorials in Grasshopper will focus not only on the basics of the software, but also its ability to computationally construct and control drawings, organize spatial relationships, and simulate physical or material phenomena. Two set drawing exercises, meant to provide familiarity with the software and the subject matter, will provide the basis through which students will develop a thesis for the third and final drawing exercise.

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Schedule

Week 1 Introduction. Tutorials: Grids, Lattices, and Organizational Systems. Drawing Exercise 1 Assigned

Week 2 Tutorial: Drawing with Grasshopper pt. 1 Drawing Exercise 1 Review Drawing Exercise 2 Assigned

Week 3 Tutorial: Drawing with Grasshopper pt. 2. Group Crits


Week 5 Group Crits

Week 6 Final Review
Memory Palace

Faculty: Beom Jun Kim

Overview

Ex nihilo nihil fit (Nothing comes from nothing)

This concept attributed to the pre-Socratic philosopher Parmenides of Elea is the basis for his metaphysics that posits that there is and can only be one thing, being. Parmenides remains a redoubtable figure in when it comes to ontology from Plato, who was never able to reconcile his theory of Forms to Parmenides’ monism, to Martin Heidegger whose ontological system borrows heavily from Parmenides’ notion of aletheia most often translated as truth but further redefined by Heidegger as an unconcealing or revealing.

Parmenides left us with fragments of two hexameter poems, one describing “the way of truth” (aletheia) that reveals the world as an unchanging unity or one, and the other describing “the way of appearances” (doxa) which is how we receive phenomena as human subjects but ultimately representing an unreality.

Students will take on either “the way of truth” or “the way of seeming” in virtual reality questioning notions of authenticity, subjectivity, perception, and ontology within a world of their creation by developing a virtual space within a lattice we will call the Memory Palace.

Each space within the lattice can be conceived of as a 10m x 10m space. This space can be imagined as an interior room, exterior environment, an abstract space beyond categorization, or a 3-dimensional visual experience. Each must include interactions or offer a unique experience for each user that questions what it means to occupy and navigate virtual space within the ontological framework of being in virtual reality.

Objectives

This course will introduce concepts necessary to build an immersive virtual environment using Unreal Engine 4. But rather than thinking about virtual reality as mimetic of the physical world, you will be challenged to think about how virtual realities are already present in our day-to-day existence with current spatial computing technology now able to bring these other aspects of reality to the fore. In other words, how might VR as a technology reveal or engage with the virtual that is already around us? Can virtual reality offer a means to reveal the truth (aletheia) about our own sense of reality or perhaps you can take on a critical approach and question how we perceive what we think is reality (doxa).

Students will use 3D modeling software to build and develop assets for Unreal Engine, which will be used to design interactions with your virtual environments through HTC Vive head mounted displays (HMD) and motion sensors or using 3rd Person Avatars. This experience may be a personal introspective exploration of space, be infused with gaming logic and graphical language, or take on the form of a non-linear narrative. While VR may initially seem like a visual medium, true immersion will require the engagement of all senses of perception, psychology, and memory.

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The Expanded Site: Digital Mapping for Urban Design and Architecture

Faculty: Andrei Harwell

Overview

This course will briefly introduce architecture students to the history, theory and practice of mapping and data visualization using Geographic Information Systems, and will explore the potentials of map-making in support of data-driven, critically engaged spatial research and architectural practice.

With the explosion of “big” data sources, the ubiquity and declining cost of data capture devices and techniques, and ever-increasing computing power, our ability to investigate and visualize spatial patterns in the environment is unprecedented. Relative to our ability as designers to understand and address major urban issues of our time, including the impacts of climate change and structural inequality in our built environment, GIS offers a way of layering and evaluating the relationships between physical, environmental, cultural, economic and social conditions in 2D, 3D, and through time in 4D, incorporating historical trajectories and modeling speculative urban futures. As architects and urban designers, geospatial data can allow us to construct a far more complex and nuanced multi-scalar and multi-temporal context for our work, expanding the notion of “site” far beyond the boundaries of a parcel or set of parcels.

Course Structure

Each class will begin with a discussion of critical themes in the history, theory and contemporary practice of cartography, in particular as they relate to the ongoing evolution of city-making and architecture, through readings, case studies, and guest presentations. From the social progressivism of Charles Booth’s 19th century poverty maps of London, to the radical community activism of William Bunge’s 1969 Detroit Geographic Expedition, to the now iconic online NOAA Sea Level Rise Viewer (see

Schedule

Week 1  Introduction: UE4 workflow & interface, vocab, asset creation, Datasmith. Virtual Ontology
Week 2  Blueprints I: Introduction to Blueprints, Materialize (desert), Packaging. Virtual Subjectivity
Week 3  World Building: Landscapes, Materials, Navigation w/ Portals. Simulacrum
Week 5  Atmosphere: Advanced Materials & Post-Processing Volumes. Simulacrum
Week 6  Final Review
image, right) we will discuss and interrogate the ideologies present in the methodologies, graphic techniques, conventions and representational hierarchies used to visualize patterns and communicate narratives.

Within this conceptual context, we will introduce basic technical concepts in digital mapmaking, ranging from types of projections to layers, to sources and types of data. A series of hands-on tutorials and exercises taught weekly by expert GIS operators will introduce the use of specific ESRI applications including ArcGIS Pro and ArcGis Urban.

Over the duration of the course, in small groups, students will develop a cumulative GIS mapping project which will examine a specific area of New Haven, developing a set of research questions, preparing a geographic database, and creating a set of visualizations to support an action-oriented argument about that place. During each class meeting, groups will meet with the instructor and GIS consultants to workshop their project and get technical assistance. GIS consultants will be available outside of class time as well, by appointment.

Work in this course will contribute to a new cumulative School of Architecture GIS database, which will become a resource for future urban research on New Haven.

By the end of this course, students be able to:
• Understand basic principles, practices, and terminology of traditional and GIS based mapping, and the construction of 2D, 3D and 4D cartographic visualizations using GIS
• Critically engage with and evaluate the content and graphic techniques present in map-images
• Use GIS workflows and applications to process and manipulate available physical, cultural, social, economic and spatial data, and capture or create new data
• Produce action-oriented spatial visualizations

Bibliography


Schedule

Week 1 Introduction to Geospatial Concepts
Week 2 Physical Mapping / 3d
Week 3 Social, Economic and Cultural Data / 4d
Week 4 Change Through Time / 4d
Week 5 Visualization and Narration
Week 6 Final presentation of projects
Intro to Revit

Faculty: Dov Feinmesser, Julie Zink

Overview

An ever-growing number of AEC firms are looking to Building Information Modeling (BIM) as the central source of communication and design management for their building projects. BIM is the process of integrating design with data to produce a complex and detailed digital representation of the built project. Revit is the primary BIM software currently in use in North America and knowledge of its capabilities and limitations is increasingly key to integrating into professional practice.

This course will focus on the BIM platform Revit. The goal of this course is for students to develop a basic understanding and skill level with Revit. Unlike most design software, in Revit, the digital model is the drawings; the drawings the data; the data the model. Moreover, Revit’s design hinges around the ability of multiple designers to work concurrently on the same digital model. Thus, the challenge with Revit is both in understanding the interrelationships of these aspects of the model and the management of work flows to maintain the model integrity and collaborate effectively.

Structure

There will be one session meeting each week for each section. Each session is 3 hours long, consisting of a tutorial followed by a short break and then group help sessions and meetings. Other course meetings will be scheduled as required. Please examine the course schedule carefully and inform your instructor of any conflicts.

This course will consist of one, continuous and developing assignment. The assignment will consist of weekly progress submissions and a final submission at the conclusion of the course. The assignment will be given during the first session each week and will consist of a combination of classroom and outside work. The assignment and supporting documents will be posted on the course Canvas website. The assignment is designed to explore all relevant skills covered in the class.

Creating deliverable products in a timely fashion is a basic principle of competent professional practice, and you will be expected to execute the weekly portion of the assignment on time. At the end of each session, the next phase of the assignment will be discussed. Your updated Revit files must be submitted digitally to the course Canvas website no later than 5:00 pm on the date indicated on the assignment.

Weekly progress submissions will be tracked and graded each week. The final submission will be submitted at the conclusion of the course.

Schedule

Week 1 Introduction to Revit and BIM, Setting up your Revit file
Week 2 Creating Geometry Part I. Submit progress model
Week 3 Creating Geometry Part II
Week 4 Schedules, Visibility & Project Settings, Using & Creating Families. Submit progress model and family
Week 5 Creating a Drawing Set
Week 6 Design Options, Presenting with Revit, File Mgmt., Work-sharing. Submit final model and drawing set
Syllabus: ARCH 1101
Adv. Studio 2019

New Tools
Faculty: Francis Kere and Martin Finio

Overview
Our studio will aim to challenge the very design strategies and architectural tropes that you have become familiar with during your previous two years at Yale. We hope to expand your understanding of who architecture can be for by highlighting the myopic vision most contemporary design has in regards to user, location, material and process. The idea is to dismantle any notion of “norm” in architecture and thus open up space for the development of new paths of design thinking and a “new” kind of architecture.

The studio will consider the informal settlement of Burkina Faso—a country in the Sahel region of Africa—as places of inquiry and inspiration. You will learn to approach a space which is unfamiliar to most contemporary architectural practices, and to understand that space—and its building practices—as having inherent design ingenuity.

In order to understand and experience the building materials and community structures available within the neighborhoods and towns of Burkina Faso, the studio will visit various settlements in Ouagadougou, the capital city, as well as the outlying villages within the country. Based on our experiences here, you will be challenged to develop architectural concepts that respond to substandard living conditions, socio-spatial exclusion and overall lack of infrastructure.

Travel week is designed for you to come face-to-face with the theoretical research you will have conducted prior. This is not only to bolster your preliminary findings but also to help identify any assumptions you may need to revise. In addition, the trip is designed for you to get your hands dirty through taking part in participative building approaches.

Upon returning from the trip, you will create a “mental map” of what you have seen as the departure point for developing an architectural response. You will be asked to respond to the settlement patterns you witnessed firsthand, and to design an individual piece of the puzzle; a building or buildings.

Some of the programs we are considering:

- Housing
- Healthcare Center
- School
- Community Center
- Market
- Sanitation Center
- Energy Plant

During this process you will be asked to construct a 1:1 scale mock-up, using whatever cheap and/or available materials are handy—to stress the idea of resourcefulness and invention in everything you do.

Course Objectives
1. Challenge “conventional” architectural design and building practices through the study of informal settlements in Ghana, utilizing travel week to bolster initial research or identify and revise assumptions.
2. Create an architectural response in the form of a building or buildings responding to research and observed settlement patterns and practices.

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to no part of their education understanding this phenomenon as one of the largest urban design challenges existing today. It is in such spaces that “architecture without architects” takes place and “habitats made by people” are created. These places are often adapted over time to meet a community’s needs in an incremental way; one that relies heavily on the participation of the very community to which these structures belong.
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Adv. Studio 2019

Cross-Border Commons: A Geography of Interdependence

Faculty: Teddy Cruz, Fonna Forman, and Marta Caldeira

Overview

From the global border to the border neighborhood.

Our research-based practice has forwarded the Tijuana-San Diego border region as a global laboratory for engaging the central challenges of urbanization today: deepening social and economic inequality, dramatic migratory shifts, urban informality, climate change, the thickening of border walls and the decline of public thinking. And now that Tijuana-San Diego has become the main site of arrival for people seeking asylum from Central American violence and poverty, and a lighting rod for American nativism and hatred, geopolitics has once more turned intensely local. We want to provoke the studio to localize the global, moving from a critical distance—the abstraction of globalization (the ‘out there,’ somewhere in the world) into the specificity of the political inscribed in the physical territory, a critical proximity (the ‘here and now,’ of our immediate social-political context).

We will layer these realities into the contextual scaffold for our work across geographic scales, from the global border to the border neighborhood:

GLOBAL:

THE POLITICAL EQUATOR: links the most contested geographies of conflict across the world between the 30-38 degrees north parallel. When this political equator is visualized alongside the climatic equator, the convergence of environmental and social injustice across the world becomes evident, as communities most affected by political marginalization likewise often bear the brunt of the accelerating impact of climate change. The collision of geo-political borders, environmental crisis, political marginalization, and human displacement is the great crisis of our age, demanding collective action.

REGIONAL:

MEXUS: investigates the ruptures and collisions between natural and political systems along the entire trajectory of the US-Mexico continental border, and imagines a new cross-border zone of interdependence—a thick, bi-regional set of social-ecologies framed by the existing structure of shared binational watersheds systems. This project, recently exhibited at the Venice Architecture Biennale, will provoke thought about the border beyond the jurisdictional line of the nation state.

LOCAL (the site of our Studio Project):

CROSS-BORDER COMMONS: As one descends in scale from MEXUS, we arrive at a specific zone of cross-border conflict between San Diego, California and Tijuana, Mexico. The Laureles Canyon is an informal settlement on the periphery of Tijuana, and home to 85,000 people. It is an important finger of the bi-national watershed system that crosses the border line, and culminates in a precious natural estuary in San Diego—the Tijuana River Estuary. The canyon sites high above the estuary; and the construction of new Homeland Security border-wall drains has accelerated the flow of wastewater, trash and sediment from the slum into the estuary. As a radical gesture of bioregional protection, we are presently advancing the Cross-Border Commons to link the Mexican slum with the estuary in the US, into a continuous political, social and ecological zone. The Cross-Border Commons operates as a transnational land conservancy, that bundles leftover slivers of land in the canyon slum (that have not yet been squatted) into an archipelago of protection, and links them with the estuary on the US side. The project is led by a cross-sector coalition that we have assembled, including universities intergovernmental grassroots organizations on both sides of the border.

Course Objectives

1. Explore issues related to the US-Mexico border in order to utilize understanding of conflict as a generative tool for design, and conflict itself as context for intervention.
2. Develop hybrid infrastructural / landscape / architectural interventions as part of a proposed Cross-Border Commons, working to design in both the built and social context.

Assessment Breakdown

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Cross-Border Commons:
A Geography of Interdependence

Studio brief: Cross-Border Commons: A Geography of Interdependence

Our studio intervenes at this site of local conflict, recognizing that the environmental ravages of border wall secularization are not only problem of Mexico, but a problem shared by the US as well. In our present geopolitical moment, how can the two border cities of San Diego and Tijuana tackle this condition collaboratively, in order to protect their shared water and environmental resources? Students will engage this urgent challenge of designing bi-national environmental cooperation and strategies of co-existence at the border, at a time of unprecedented polarization and division. Studio projects will be sited in Tijuana, inside the informal settlement of Laureles canyon. We focus on the spatial and programmatic design of several slivers of land that we have secured, that comprise the Tijuana side of the proposed Cross-Border Commons. Students will design hybrid infrastructural / landscape / architectural interventions for these sites, as well as the collaborative programmatic activity that can transform these sites into inclusive public spaces and civic / pedagogic nodes. In other words, we will ask students to design physical systems in tandem with social protocols: the programs and economies, the cross-sector collaborations and forms of governance and management that will make those spaces sustainable.

Method: Border conflict as a creative tool

Our method involves the visualization of conflict as a site of intervention. We will develop Conflict Diagrams as “scaffolds for spatial and political action”, generative tool that exposes the vectors of power and contingencies inscribed in the territory (institutions, laws, norms, practices) and through them, the propositions and opportunities for meaningful transformation. To model what we mean by designing space and protocols simultaneously, we will introduce students to our UCSD Community Stations initiative, a network of field stations located in marginalized neighborhoods on both sides of the border, where research, teaching and advocacy are conducted collaboratively between university researchers / designers and community-based nonprofit partners. We have four of these stations, one of which is located in the slum where we will be working. The Community Stations demonstrate a fundamental commitment of our practice: reimagining public space as a space of knowledge, that increases a community’s capacity for political and environmental action. Ultimately we want to demonstrate that architects can be designers of social, economic and political process.

The Trip:

We will travel to San Diego-Tijuana to visit the sites engaged in our studio brief: the city of Tijuana, the informal settlement of Laureles Canyon, the Tijuana National Estuarine Research Reserve, and our UCSD Community Station sites, located on both sides of the border. The field-trip will include presentations by regional stakeholders.

Trip date:

Monday September 30 - Friday October 4.

Arrive in San Diego no later than Monday morning, September 30.

Depart San Diego no earlier than Friday evening, October 4.
# Schedule

| Week 1 | August 29 | Lottery, Introduction |
| Week 1 | August 30 | Discussion of Deliverables |
| Week 2 | September 02 | 5ws and Diagrams of cross-border conflicts and flows |
| Week 2 | September 05 | 5ws and Diagrams of cross-border conflicts and flows |
| Week 3 | September 12 | Pin-Ups |
| Week 3 | September 13 | Team meetings w/ Teaching Fellows |
| Week 4 | September 16 | Conflict Diagram development |
| Week 4 | September 19 | Conflict Diagram development |
| Week 5 | September 23 | Conflict Diagram development |
| Week 5 | September 26 | Skype - Team check ins with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 6 | September 27 | Travel - Tijuana and San Diego |
| Week 6 | September 30 | Pin-Up: Deliverable 1 (conflict diagram and process work) |
| Week 7 | October 07 | Sliver Development |
| Week 7 | October 10 | Sliver Development |
| Week 8 | October 14 | Pin-Up: (Sliver Development) |
| Week 8 | October 17 | Team meetings with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 9 | October 21 | Sliver and protocol development |
| Week 9 | October 24 | Skype - Team check-ins with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 10 | October 28 | No Class |
| Week 10 | October 31 | No Class |
| Week 11 | November 04 | Pin-Up: Deliverable 2 (Physical Intervention and Protocol) |
| Week 11 | November 07 | Team meetings with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 12 | November 11 | Preparation for Final |
| Week 12 | November 14 | Preparation for Final |
| Week 13 | November 18 | Pin-UP: Deliverable 3 (Group-Cross-Border-System) |
| Week 13 | November 21 | Team meetings with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 14 | | Fall Break |
| Week 15 | December 02 | Skype - Team check-ins with Teaching Fellows |
| Week 16 | December 11/12 | Final Review |
Course Objectives

1. Explore the experience of darkness in a historical context through a series of case studies, eventually confronting the concepts they present through models and drawings.
2. After utilizing travel week to link preliminary research with the architectural and environmental histories of Vienna, develop a prototypical city block, using the drawing of darkness as both generative design tool and a critical strategy for heat mitigation in the modern city.

Assessment Breakdown

- Conception 30%
- Design Development 30%
- Technical Resolution 30%
- Participation 10%

Historical Background and Rationale

Most of the core architectural typologies that constitute the architecture of inner Vienna date from a period of urban expansion between the late 1700s and the early 1900s. Variations of two story Biedermeier buildings and four to five story courtyard and tenement type apartment houses spread to the outer districts in the 19th century. Many of these historical typologies were reexamined within the massive housing and infrastructural works built by the socialist government during the “Red Vienna” period (1918-34) that redefined the City's outer districts. The bulk of this latter building in Vienna revisited the architecture of the city through the mantra of “sun, light and air.” The City’s commitment to building these qualities into housing, public spaces, amenities, and services continued after World War II. It extends from the massive and verdant Alt-Erlaa housing estate (Harry Glück, 1968) to future plans to revive the building and financing models of the Red Vienna years. Today, the municipality owns over forty percent of the buildings in the City and the largest share of its rental housing market, making it Europe’s biggest landlord.

As residents of Vienna experience significantly greater spring and summer heat and much milder winters, the disconnect between the City’s historic architectural fabric and its changed climate becomes increasingly pronounced. Ironically, the latter places an increased burden on individuals to manage urban heat in a city famed for its capacity to provide a monumental architectural framework that supports its residents. Such problems are actually exacerbated due to the city’s historic ability to provide housing and public services for populations typically vulnerable to heatwaves. In particular, it is one of the few capital cities in Europe with a historically large disabled and elderly population — comprising over thirty percent of the total urban population. This latter aspect of Vienna’s history dates to World War I, when the city absorbed tens of thousands of disabled veterans, and even housed them in little-known, experimental projects by Adolf Loos, among others.
Class Organization

In our studio, we will envision another, as yet unrealized, monumental architectural framework for Vienna and that responds to the City’s populace and changing environment. As a complement to an architecture embracing “sun” and “light”, we will explore a monumental architecture engaged with a more overcast and crepuscular character. Our ultimate aim is to concoct a contemporary architecture that eclipses the primacy of “solarized” space as an unquestioned aesthetic and experiential virtue of a modernized urban environment. We will explore this historically, formally, and dialectically — avoiding a purely technological or ecological-driven approach in the studio.

To embrace an architecture that negates sun and light today will likely seem counter-modern particularly at large scales and in public contexts. We will struggle with a longer architectural history that often positions the absence of sunlight and darkness as a counter-enlightenment aesthetic — a quality found in architectural romanticisms of the late 18th and early 19th century, discussions of urban otherness and race from the late 19th to today, vernacular critiques of illumination and brightness, and dystopian projections of futuristic out-of-control urbanization. By contrast, we want to arrive at another idea of a modernized environment, but one that complements the solar visions of modernity.

To develop our concepts, design grammar and architecture projects, we will follow a structured design methodology that first looks at the problem independent of Vienna, and then in the context of Vienna more specifically.

Project 1

Our first goal is to understand both the radiant aesthetics and the marginalization of the experience of darkness that dominates most architectural visions of modernized cities. We will explore this through a materialist and historic architecture study that analyzes and models a series of representative urban projects from about 1910 to 1985. Such work includes the Tour-ville and Redent (Le Corbusier), Porte-Maillol pyramid (Henri Sauvage), Third Stage Set-Back Building (Hugh Ferriss), Stadtkrone (Bruno Taut), Chrysler Building spire (William Van Alen), the city tower (Anna Tyng), Omega Residential Bridge (Paolo Soleri), urban dome (Buckminster Fuller), solar envelope (Ralph Knowles) and glazed pyramid (I.M. Pei).

Project 2

Following our initial study (one week), we will collectively develop a range of drawings and models that confront these case-study projects’ aesthetics and forms — evident in the often pyramidal, crystalline, spherical, glazed and glowing character. In developing these counter-projects, we will discuss and debate a range of literature and concepts — from the early 20th century concept of “Raumdunkel” (coined by the Viennese art historian Alois Riegl as “spatialized darkness”) to more recent notions such as Noam Ellicot’s “artificial darkness.” We will also consider another set of precedents that complement the aesthetics of solarity. The resulting, historically informed, model experiments will create a type of library of formal strategies that will inform our future work.

Project 3

Following the above research and formal explorations (three weeks total), we will prepare for and travel to Vienna during travel week. There, we will visit a large series of works and archives. We will visit potential project sites in the City and hear from local experts on Viennese architecture history and the city’s changing climate. We will become familiar with the city’s important monuments but also more minor features of its distinct fabric — from the city’s numerous “pawlatschen” (hung outdoor passages) to its underground network of “kelleren” (vaulted brick basements from the Baroque era). Our ultimate goal here is to connect our earlier, general research with some specific qualities of this city and its history.
Project 4

Our final project for the remaining 8 weeks will be the design of a prototypical city block based on our research and studies of the city. Participants in the studio will choose from a limited range of sites found in the city — from areas of dense housing to more open plazas. Following a general strategy at the urban scale (four weeks), we will return to smaller-scale projects where participants further develop a portion of their block at a more architectural and interior scale.

The entirety of the above work — the modeling of historic precedents, the inversions of their characteristics, the block plans, and architectural studies will form the material for our final review. Our mid-review will provide an opportunity to check-in on our progress in the above work.

Project 5: Drawing Darkness

We have examined architecture “gaining darkness” primarily as an issue of confronting environmental, urban, and architectural histories and the development of architectural and urban form. Now we want to think about the problem of gaining darkness from a purely representational point of view. In other words, how can our representational strategies — literally the way we develop our designs through drawing — engage the studio themes? Often, when we draw the form of a building or its section, we utilize black lines on a white piece of paper. Such images not only represent a building and its spaces, but also evoke a particular kind of environment and with a set of assumptions. If we have any sense of the surrounding context in these drawings, then one imagines that such drawings generally portray a building during the day, versus the night; the sky is clear versus foggy, the ground is dry, etc. Of course, some drawings convey no environmental information at all and appear in a more purely representational space.

Within the parameter of your axonometrics, sections, and plans, what other representational ideas and strategies can you bring into the way you draw your project? How can it reinforce your ideas and enable you to develop the project? How might you represent the characteristics of light in ways other than drawing shadows? How might color play a role? And how can you represent notions of time, of past and future moments, of unregistered histories and unrealized potentials?

In 1992’s The Architectural Uncanny [on reserve in Haas Library], Anthony Vidler explores a number of themes concerning the decidedly “unhomely” character of architecture and architectural thought in the modern era. Among these are a variety of tropes characterized by a distinct ambivalence vis-a-vis the conditions of modernity: the haunted house, the burial/ruin, homesickness/nostalgia, bodily dismemberment, and of course darkness. Viewed in (one or more of) these terms, you might begin to understand your projects/interventions as deposits, or accretions, of history -- as both physically ingrained in the material conditions of your site, and residing, more ephemerally, in the dynamic processes of human experience, generously understood.

For Monday, begin a series of new representations of your project that develop its formal and conceptual characteristics along these lines. Your selection of which aspects of your project to emphasize - and how these are represented - should make it clear that you are considering the impact of your project on the formal characteristics of human experience, generously understood.
Syllabus: ARCH 1107a
Adv. Studio 2019

A Next Generation Resort in Gili Meno, Indonesia

Faculty: John Spence, Patrick Bellew, Henry Squire, Timothy Newton

Overview

Next Generation Tourism - Touching the Ground Lightly

“Nature is the source of all true knowledge. She has her own logic, her own laws, she has no effect without cause nor invention without necessity.”
-Léonard Da Vinci

“Every decision you make, you should think seven generations ahead.”
-Toshiko Mori

As the world comes to recognize that the notion of climate change is morphing into a full-fledged climate disaster, it increasingly falls to us as architects and designers to find ways to mitigate and minimize the impacts of the developments and buildings that we design. Every question and decision that we make, including perhaps whether to build at all, can be studied through the lens of environmental impact as we seek to go beyond merely sustainable as an ambition to “sustaining” and restorative not just less bad.

Our Studio will take us to the remote island of Gili Meno, one of the Gili Island Group located off the coast of Lombok in Indonesia. Here we will develop proposals for a new type of beach-based resort, built around the principals of sustainable development, designed to minimize environmental impact in construction and operation and to be restorative to the ecosystem and the local community.

The studio will focus on the impact of global tourism on these fragile environments and will work to develop propositions for a particular site on this tropical island. The ambition however is that your proposals could have a more universal application in other similarly threatened environments through thoughtful and provocative design. Your designs should propose new ways of thinking about this future resort typology to make resilient and renewing places that both protect the natural environment and ensure that it can survive for the enjoyment of future generations.

Sustainability is without scale but it is fundamentally a comparative term — one can make decisions that may be perceived as more or less sustainable against different objective criteria (carbon emissions, water use, material properties, toxicity etc.) but achieving an absolute state of being “sustainable” is not likely. So our language and exploration needs to target more positive absolute conditions throughout.

Introduction

The studio will focus on tourism and the growing concern at its impact on some of the most fragile ecosystems on the planet and how architecture might play its part in mitigating the impact.

Accepting that, at the moment, there is little we can do to stem the tide of global travel and man’s desire to visit remote parts of the world, how do we design sensitive, sustaining destinations that meet the needs of the modern traveler whilst also responding to the need to protect the natural environment and deal with the impending changes in climate.

Course Objectives

1. Study the island environment (natural and built) through the lens of climatic issues such as rising sea levels, extreme weather patterns, and geological disasters. Investigate bio-mimicry in design as a method of existing in harsh environments.
2. Develop a commercially viable tourist resort that is as self-sustaining as possible, as to work with and not against the surrounding land, topography, climate, geological elements, and culture.

Assessment Breakdown

- Conception 30%
- Design Development 30%
- Technical Resolution 30%
- Participation 10%
Should we just say “NO, we should not build here”? Well, maybe, and this is something we will debate. But as architects and designers we are frequently retained to take on projects where our first reaction might well be “better to do nothing”. The question then is how to take on the project and make the most of it by challenging ourselves and our client to make the most of the opportunity for the long term. Locating this project in the most precarious of places, requiring significant offshore resources to build and operate, while being exposed to the extreme threats from seismic activity and climate change, should help us to uncover what it really means to be ‘resource efficient’ while planning for the long term.

The studio will study particular climatic issues including rising sea levels, increases in extreme weather patterns and geological actions like earthquakes, volcano eruptions and the associated tsunamis. We will then seek to propose design solutions to combat the effect that these natural and (potentially!) man made phenomenal have on buildings in areas that are affected.

We will encourage investigations into Biomimicry in design where we can develop ways of existing in increasingly harsh environments by learning from the natural world. For example, how the Camel’s Nostril has informed ways of controlling temperature and water conservation in harsh climates. Or the way termites have developed ways to cool their vast nests using thermal mass, convection and evaporative cooling.

We will also be investigating ways of the development being as self-sustaining as possible, by generating power or growing food or materials (bamboo for example) to be used on site. Can the development give back more than it takes?

We will also encourage the exploration of indigenous architectural forms, structures and materials and traditional building techniques which could be adapted with modern materials from sustainable sources to make a design that refers culturally to its area and specific site location. The islands of Indonesia have a strong vernacular tradition that is rooted in an understanding of the environmental performance as well as the strong community influence, evident for example in the Balinese long-houses and the Sasak houses common on Lombok with their suspended floors and steep grass roofs. The goal is for the land, site, topography, climate, geological and cultural influences to grow the project not the other way round. It will also need to be a beautiful and well considered piece of architecture that sits well in its surroundings.

The project will need to be grounded in some form of commercial reality and an outline appraisal and cost plan along with an area schedule will need to be developed for commercial appraisal. We will also be asking you to tailor your own program based around the program below.

You will be asked to choose between two types of tourist:

1. The up-market 5-star traveler, getting away from it all with access to quiet and seclusion with associated wellness, sports and fine dining facilities
2. The mobile young/millennial/chic hippy market, also getting away from it all but seeking a more active, social and communal experience with emphasis on beach, challenging sports and a lively nightlife

The final outcome will be a resort for the future that responds to the unique topography, geology and biology of the site. It will provide a world class resort for the particular user you have identified, will have in-built resilience, be a model of sustainable design and be a beautiful timeless piece of architecture that gives a unique holiday experience.
The Site - Gili Meno - The Gili Islands

“Look deep into nature and you will understand everything better.”
-Albert Einstein

Why the Gili Islands?

Gili Meno is the middle of the three Islands that make up the Gili Islands off the northwest coast of Lombok in Indonesia. Before permanent human settlement, thought to have started in the 1970’s, the islands were pristine mangrove habitats with a rich abundance of marine life on the coral reefs. They may have been used temporarily as stop-off points for local fishermen on their way to and from Lombok.

During the Second World War Japanese forces occupied the islands and used them as lookout posts and prisoner of war camps, but life was harsh due to lack of power and fresh water.

Since the first permanent settlements in the 1970’s the islands have seen a growing rise in the tourism with travelers attracted to the remote islands, clear waters and reefs for snorkeling and diving. As tourism developed, more buildings were built and hotels and resorts were constructed.

As in so many other parts of the world, the rise in the number of tourists to the small islands have started to have damaging effects on the marine ecosystem, the land and the purity and beauty of the place. The very reason that people came to the islands is being eroded and serious thought needs to be given to how resorts of the future can preserve the natural beauty of the Islands and how man and nature can live more in harmony.

Today there are a number of resorts on the islands attracting people from all over the world. Motorized forms of transport are not allowed on the islands so people get about by bicycle, foot or on horse drawn carriages.

Earthquake

Just after 7.30pm on the 11th August 2018 two serious earthquakes on the island of Lombok shook the Gili Islands. The stronger second quake, measured 6.9 in magnitude and destroyed many of the buildings and most of the infrastructure leaving over 320 people dead, 1,000 injured and 270,000 homeless.

Thankfully there was no tsunami or it could all have been much worse.

The guests at the Karma Reef on Gili Meno were unhurt but the experience and the fear overnight with limited elevation above the ocean and no communications or power was something they will never forget.

This horrifying natural disaster gave us pause for thought as we discussed the location and context for this studio. Where better for us to go to study at the limits of sustainability than the most fragile of low lying islands, with limited resources, threats from man-made and natural disasters all around and an ever increasing demand from the outside to be one of the most idyllic and 'natural' holidays in the world.

In many ways the problems and issues that face the Gili Islands, and every other low-lying inhabited island, right now are a foretaste of the problems that bigger ‘islands’, including the USA and the UK, are destined to face in the years ahead. Everyone on the planet is effectively surrounded by water to a greater or lesser extent and enormous numbers of people will be seriously impacted by the climate emergency.

(See Buckminster Fuller Dymaxion Map over leaf, which is a flat earth map with very little distortion of any land mass and sees the world as a single island in a single ocean)

Rising sea levels and climate change will fundamentally alter the way that we need to think and act as designers. Access to resources, designing with the climate and natural systems, investment in the circular economy, resilience and efficiency are just some of the issues that we need to confront — all are to a large extent scalable and our attitudes certainly need to be.
The Site - Karma Resort - Gili Meno

The studio will work to develop propositions for the sustainable redevelopment of the Karma Reef resort on Gili Meno. Each student will develop their own proposals and will play a part in the development of their brief, working closely with John. There are a range of types of guests that visit this type of resort, but the students will need to work with one of two alternative demographics and build their designs around either:

1. The up-market 5-star traveler, getting away from it all with access to quiet and seclusion with associated wellness, sports and fine dining facilities
2. The mobile young/millennial/chic hippy market, also getting away from it all but seeking a more active, social and communal experience with emphasis on beach, challenging sports and a lively nightlife

Within these broad demographics the students will have the flexibility to select a specific type of traveler, market or theme, turning the dial up or down on different areas of the program in discussion with John and bringing in additional facilities and a building if appropriate for their chosen traveler.

Initial group work will be limited to shared research into issues of culture, resources, transport infrastructure, environment and climate and how they will impact all the projects. There will also be a shared site model that the studio members will be required to build together.

The ambition is that the proposals could have a more universal application in other similarly threatened environments through thoughtful and provocative design. Your designs should propose new ways of thinking about this future resort typology to make resilient and renewing places that both protect the natural environment and ensure that it can survive for the enjoyment of future generations.

The 4 Ha (approx) "L"-shaped development site on the East coast of Gili Meno includes Lots 1 and 2 marked in red on the aerial view below. It has approximately 180m of beach frontage and a hinterland extending 320m inland to join the access road. The site will also include an extension into the ocean of up to 200m across the width of the beach.

To the South there is a further area of 1.2Ha is community, or 'village' land and cannot be developed for resort use. However, the students will be encouraged to think about and come forward with proposals for potential investment on this tract of land to enhance community engagement and use, potentially, but not necessarily, related to the sustainable development of the adjoining resort site. This could be community-based agriculture, permaculture, sustainable manufacture or another appropriate activity that they would like to suggest and develop conceptually for the betterment of the community and population of the island. Ideally the use would be associated with, and derive income from, the adjoining touristic activities.
**The Environmental Brief**

“We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to.”

-Terry Swearingen

**Sustainability**

Should we even be traveling to the Gili Islands for leisure reasons? Should numbers be limited? The Islands of Fernando de Noronha off the North East coast of Brazil limit the number of tourists that can travel there each week to protect the Islands and the eco-systems. How can we reconcile the desire to travel and see the world with the impact that travel is having on the environment?

If we accept that we can deal with the carbon-offsetting and other issues generated by travel itself, what are we traveling to and can design limit the affect we have on its ecosystems?

Enshrined in the development of a response to the architectural program, namely the design of a resort for a specific user group, is the broader question of how this might be achieved without costing the earth. People need help to develop a more sustainable lifestyle and thus this resort must be designed in such a way as to make it easier for visitors to reduce their ecological footprint and carbon emissions.

In the background, the infrastructure at all scales also needs to be re-cast in ways that make the activities of every tourist at worst carbon neutral — at best, sustaining and renewing. Typically, these islands are supplied with diesel fuel via tankers to run generators to make electricity. This is not sustainable so what are the alternatives?

In this particular context, ‘infrastructure’ has to include transport, energy, water, materials, food supply, and waste management. Resources, and their effective deployment, thus become a key part of the puzzle. In order to better understand the opportunities that this effective deployment will bring, the early part of the studio work will involve the mapping and appreciating of these resources, with a focus on the best ways, environmentally and architecturally, that they can be leveraged. How will the resort give back more than it takes?

In this studio we are asking students to think about circular economy and the growth of bio-mimicry. What can we learn from nature that can influence a new way of designing that is more resilient and less focused on energy and fossil fuel consumption to survive.

We will look to nature and building physics to find ways of naturally cooling the buildings and spaces with the minimum of mechanical intervention? We must recognize that practically this type of development requires energy and power to function. How can we generate the necessary power in a sustainable way to minimize the overall impact of the operations, deal with the peaks and troughs of demand and provide reliable supplies that also provide autonomy and resilience in the event of natural or man-made disaster? Can we harvest rainwater to provide secure water supplies throughout the year and process waste outflows to minimize external impacts.

Enshrined within the project brief is to look in detail at ways that through design we can minimize the impact that the resort has on the environment during its construction and in operation for years to come.
**Project Program/Schedule of Accommodation**

In the first few weeks you will carry out some research to inform your project:

1. Formulate your own brief for the hotel in discussions with John and the tutors and based on the typologies suggested above.
2. You must identify one additional building/space (not listed below) on the site to compliment your chosen group. eg a star gazing platform.
3. You must also have a strong sustainability agenda to support your project proposal, both in the design of the resort and its facilities and in the development of proposals for the adjoining Village land site to the resort that will benefit the wider community on the island.

**Accommodation - Schedule of approximate areas. Apart from total developable area all areas can be changed**

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Program Notes:

Room types and sizes will vary depending on which demographic of traveler you chose. You will debate this with John in the early stage.

Common areas will also vary depending traveler demographic, but consider: Restaurant(s), resort bar, beach bar (over water?), Gym, wellness suite - spa/yoga/pilates, games room, dive center, library, entrance lobby, bike parking, doc surgery

Back of house areas to consider: Servicing area, office, luggage rooms, laundry, kitchen, food storage, other storage, doc surgery, gardener’s hut, maintenance area.

Resilience:

The requirement for resilience against natural disasters suggests that one or more of the larger spaces will need to provide refuge for guests in the event of a tsunami (for example) or earthquake — these provisions will need to be specifically identified and designed with suitable elevation, construction and resilience to ensure passive and active survivability for guests and staff.

Supporting sustainable infrastructure: Energy Centre, water center, waste recycling center to be developed.

Sustainability/community measures to consider on the additional land marked blue: Food production farm, community center (perhaps educational/manufacturing) solar farm, algae farm, wind farm, tidal energy, recycling center
Schedule

Week 1  August 29 - September 2
• Virtual site visit
• Select traveler type. Workshops to develop program: room types, numbers and sizes.
• Site Data gathering and topographical mapping. Decide on group model scale and size and other drawing data.
• Work at desks to develop brief and program.
• Present final brief and program to IS/PB/TN/HS.
• Principles of master planning workshop with HS/PB.

Week 2  September 2-7
• Site analysis. Personal brief development. Sketches of preliminary organization of site and ideas.
• Build 1:500 (or scale to be agreed) context model of Gili Meno site area. Develop 3D CAD model of site area and Gili Meno.

Week 3  September 9-14
• Masterplan Development: We are suggesting you develop 3 options for you masterplan which you will present at the trip. You might want to include a ‘totally out there’ option as one of your 3. Final masterplan will be selected on trip and developed from then.
• Things to think about: Organisation/interaction of spaces
  • Landscaping, Sustainable measures, Community interaction.
• Coloured block models to lay into 1:500 communal model.
• Prepare for individual workshops with PB/HS on 16-17 Sept.
• Develop an outline business plan for the resort.
• During this time Weeks 3-5 we would like you to divide into pairs to research the following elements for presentation in Bali: Country, landscape, geology; Nature - flora and fauna and reefs; Culture - Indonesian music, society etc.; History; Arts and Crafts; Transport and Infrastructure; Climate, tidal and solar data; Water resource data; Energy and power supply issues; Natural disaster data.
• Understanding the Vernacular: Architecture; Environment; Materials: Timber, Bamboo, Thatching, Stone, Recycled, Others

Week 4  September 16-22
• Individual tutorials/workshops with HS/PB.
• Present: Masterplan; Eco plan; Topographical sections; Site CAD 3D axo view; Concept Diagrams; Resilience ideas from natural disaster Sustainability measures and proposals.
• Renewable energy systems and opportunities. Waste water processing techniques. Benchmarking for energy and water use in other resorts.
• Data on consumption in hotels of your chosen demographics: energy, water, food, drink
Week 5  September 23-29  • Develop a typical room for your traveler group. (consider 3 types of room). Develop ideas for front of house areas and how they might look. Develop an outline business plan for your resort. Develop sustainable measures
• What are other eco-resorts doing? See list on last page for resorts to research
• Inspiration images for Architecture, materials, design, technology and sustainability.

Week 6  September 29 - October 7  • Trip to Bali/Gili Meno. Itinerary to be distributed at later stage but will include a visit to the site on Gili Meno, a study day at the Green School and tours of other resorts on Bali.
• Present research above. Test proposals and masterplans developed in the preceding 5 weeks. Present business plans for discussion

Weeks 7-8  October 7-20  • Working towards mid-terms. Pick One Masterplan – if not already done
• Review your proposal following the site visit and begin final masterplan draw-up for mid-term review.
• Begin detailed work on individual buildings.
• Develop the following for mid-term: Clear presentation of your concept and organization; Cultural references, and other background to your ideas; Plans, sections and elevations of buildings. Inspiration images; Facade ideas; Initial 3D views, can be CGI or drawings; Landscape plan; Environmental concepts; Environmental diagrams; Community engagement ideas; Resilience from natural disaster
• Compile all photos and information collected on the study trip and the previous 5 weeks of research into a single presentation or series of boards that will introduce the studio and site to rest of faculty.

Week 9  October 21-27  • Midterms. We will hope the unit will show how it has worked together to gather data and research the site and then how there are individual responses.

Week 10  October 28 - November 3  • Develop proposal in line with comments from Mid-term reviews

Week 11  November 4-10  • Commence individual models at chosen scale of whole scheme or specific parts.
• Facade study models at 1:20 or 3d CAD drawings to demonstrate facade ideas

Week 12  November 11-17  • Final designs to be completed. Final environmental, sustainable and resilience measures to be completed. Business plan to be finalized.

Week 13  November 18-24  • Begin preparing presentations for the final jury reviews.
• Complete the group presentation of all the research for the final jury
Week 14  December 2-8  •  Final presentation of all work: Research; Concept diagrams; Organizational layouts; Masterplans; Plans; Sections; Elevations; Facade studies; Materials; Models; 3D views as CGI or drawings; Business plan; Environmental proposals; Resilience proposals; Sustainability measures

Week 15  December 9-13  •  Final Review

**Bali trip Carbon - Offset**

The carbon footprint associated with the trip to this remote location will be offset by the course instructors through the purchase of carbon offsets. We recognize that offsetting in this way does not represent a solution to the global emissions problem but we intend nonetheless to mitigate the impact of the studio trip as much as we can.

**Recommended Listening**

- Karma Groove
- Scary Monsters – David Bowie
- Paradise Valley – John Mayer
- LCD Soundsystem - American Dream
- Arcade Fire - Everything Now
- War on Drugs - Lost in the Dream
- Mount Everest : The Base Camp Mix - Paul Oakenfold
- Live at Nammos beach Bali - Jon Sa Trinxa
Bibliography

Essential Online Research into the Following Resorts
Karma Resorts, Soneva Fushi, Gili Lankanafushi, Six Senses, Aman Resorts, Como Resorts, Alila Resorts.

Recommended Reading
“Hawaiian Modern — the architecture of Vladimir Ossipoff” Sakamoto and Britton Yale University Press ISBN 9780300214161
“Bali Houses” - Gianni Francione ; Periplus Editions ISBN 9780794600136
Factor 4 — doubling wealth, halving resource use — Lovins and Von Weisacker, Pub Earthscan ISBN-10: 1853834068
Into the Cool — Energy, Thermodynamics and Life — Schneider and Sagan
“Eating the sun. The everyday miracle of how plants power the planet” by Oliver Morton. 4th Estate 2009. ISBN 978-0-00-717180-4
The LifeCycle Studio
Faculty: Lisa Gray, Alan Organschi

Overview
The LifeCycle Studio explores advanced approaches to the design of sustainable buildings in the urban housing sector by posing the simple but provocative question: how will we live, design, and build for a future constrained by diminishing resources and increasing anthropogenic environmental disturbance? Guided by circular economic principles and armed with tools that include the analysis and visualization of the building lifecycle, its material and energy flows, and its potential ecological impacts, students will conduct research and develop designs for new modes and configurations of urban dwelling that incorporate materials and energy supply systems drawn from renewable sources and industrial and consumer waste streams. By considering both upstream ecological benefits and downstream improvements in public health, students will engage some of the most deeply entrenched problems of contemporary global society: housing and social equity for a rapidly expanding and urbanizing global population, the over-consumption of planetary resources, and the role of building production and operation in driving climate change. Ultimately, the studio will examine—through its own collective design work and an accompanying research program—the ways in which circular economic principles can promote a new design culture, one that leverages abundant and underutilized environmental resources as it seeks to address pressing global environmental crises.

Class Organization
The LifeCycle Studio will be conducted contemporaneously and in collaboration with an advanced Master level studio at Department of Architecture at Aalto University in Otaniemi, Finland. The theme of housing in, for, and by the circular economy will form the foundation of the Yale/Aalto studio. Both studios will work on the same architectural project—a program of new, high-density housing with a mix of supportive uses for Jätkäsaari, an urban development zone in a former industrial district on Helsinki's western waterfront. Students from both schools will share research, analytical methods, and design approaches. Yale students may choose to enter into direct design collaborations with their Finnish counterparts through a series of meetings in Helsinki during the YSOA travel week and subsequently through on-line meeting and information exchange platforms. Students from Aalto University will in turn travel to New Haven for collective final presentations during the YSOA final review week in December.

The specific building program and site that will be the focus of the work of the semester derives from an official competition and public challenge for housing reform in Helsinki to be published officially on September 3rd. Entry submissions will be due in the first week of December. Individual students and/or student teams may choose to enter officially, although it is not a requirement of the studio.

The research component of the studio will be supported by a series of interdisciplinary lectures and seminars in environmental science, silviculture, industrial ecology, environmental policy, emergent architectural practices, and circular economic manufacturing from Yale and Aalto University faculty, Finnish and US government representatives, and industry experts. In addition, student design work will be supported by quantitative analyses conducted in collaboration with graduate students at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies’ Center for Industrial Ecology and Global Institute for Sustainable Forestry.

Course Objectives
1. Design new modes and configurations of urban dwellings that incorporate sustainable material and energy flows using a variety of analysis and visualization tools and circular economic principles.
2. Collaborate with students at Aalto University in order to share research, analytical methods, and new design approaches.

Assessment Breakdown

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Urban Eco-Communities: City as a Laboratory for Sustainability

Faculty: Anupama Kundoo, Sarosh Anklesaria

Overview

Auroville, a ‘city-in-the-making’ in South India was founded in 1968 as a model city for the future where all aspects of city life could be radically rethought as an integral experiment. This project falls under the Indian Ministry of Human Resource and is supported by UNESCO.

The studio will investigate urban co-housing prototypes in a high-density context, with a focus on redefinition of private and shared spaces in the context of community living. The context of Auroville is radical in its relationship to land as a non-ownerable resource belonging to the ‘commons’. Alongside new ideas of mobility, circular economy and green infrastructure, non-ownership of land allows the development of collective living models that are not restricted by plot definitions but by land use definitions. The site lies within a compact residential area designed to house 8000 inhabitants and their related services.

Human settlements need to reorganize themselves in the interest of reducing resource consumption while enhancing the human potential to propel human society forward. Taking note of the growing imbalances in current urbanisation, the studio will use integral thinking thereby addressing environmental, social and economic impacts of development. Given the growing population on the given available land in India, it is urgent that new models be found for compact cities with a greater sense of community. The need of the hour is to design self-reliant urban communities where people can live together in a relatively small area and yet find the diversity and all the useful services that can be accessed by foot. Built environments would be primarily be built out of local materials and local skills improving thereby local economy, while reducing the environmental impact. It can be imagined that such settlements would manage water and waste water integrally and efficiently where water thus saved can be directed to growing food within the urban areas; that renewable sources of energy can reduce reliance on fossil fuels and perhaps the urban areas can be generators of energy; that air quality would improve through keeping motorized vehicles at bay, while achieving silent and healthy environments where residents feel nurtured, happier, healthier and more peaceful.

Excursion

A five-day trip to Copenhagen will include visits to Cohousing projects from 50 years ago during the inception, to contemporary examples such as 8 House, Mountain, VM Houses, Tietgen Dormitory, Christiania or Bellavista housing estate, designed by Arne Jacobsen, 1934. Copenhagen is considered to be among the world’s liveable cities and one where collective governance and new mobility, as also innovative economic strategies have taken roots.

Course Objectives

1. Rethink the labeling of private and shared spaces in community living through the exploration of urban co-housing prototypes within high-density contexts.
2. Develop new models for cohabitation in the South India city of Auroville in response to the environmental, social, and economic impacts of development.

Assessment Breakdown

- Conception: 30%
- Design Development: 30%
- Technical Resolution: 30%
- Participation: 10%
Background

Auroville’s Chief Architect, Roger Anger (1923-2008) was one of the most prolific French architects of the 50s and 60s. Sculptural plasticity and individualized timeless modernity identify his unique architectural language. This is amply demonstrated by the more than 100 housing projects designed by his office in Paris alone. His three 28 storey housing towers in Grenoble, the highest residential buildings in Europe at the time, and recipient of the Belgian Premier Prix International d’Architecture in 1967 remain today as an icon of the city and a spectacular example of his work. In 1965, Roger Anger was appointed the Chief Architect of Auroville, a laboratory city, calling for visionary planning, the site where in the last decades the essence of his work as an architect, painter and sculptor was concentrated.

The architecture of his early housing projects in Paris demonstrates a reaction against what he called the ‘dictatorship of the curtain wall’ and an overemphasis on functionalism and standardization that marked the architecture of that time. Questioning the over-simplification of modernist principles, his office devised strategies to counter the monotony and loss of human scale in the built environment.

Class Organization

Outline of Exercises: (assuming all Exercises will be done in groups of 2)

Ex1: Research Phase:
Progressive precedents of housing & Co-living
The Sharing Economy: Ownership & Finance
Site Research: History of Auroville and other
Visionary Precedents Cultural Specificities:
Climate/ Materiality/ Construct
Studio Process: Film documentation

Ex2: Project Manifesto + Narrative + Concept at 250/100 scales

Ex3: Design Development + Drawings + Models at 50 scale

Deskrits

All students will have a desk-crit or pin-up on their work at least once a week. Please have ‘new’ work to discuss at each meeting.

Documentation

In addition to a Studio Folio (see Evaluation), all students are responsible for submitting a complete record of the term’s work in digital form. High-resolution digital photos of models, drawing, videos, and layout files, and final pdfs are required (exact date and format to be announced).

Make a habit of regularly photographing and saving high-res files of your work throughout the term (color: 300 dpi at 8×10 print-size -- in non-lossy format if possible; 600 dpi for b/w). Original .dwg, .3dm, and layout files should also be saved along with embedded contents and plot or print PDFs. Purchase of an external hard drive to save backup copies is strongly recommended. Finally, consider photographic documentation at various stages as a mode of representation that requires as much creative effort as the project itself. The three most critical elements are: lighting, depth of field, image editing — and focus.
Evaluation

A high-resolution Studio Folio, and a complete digital record of the semester's work, due at the end of the semester are required for a final grade in the studio. The Studio Folio should contain all relevant work from the semester, edited and composed to elaborate the intents, investigatory processes, and final design proposal. Format: 8.5”x 11”, portrait. The digital submission should include all original .dwg, .3dm files as well as image, layout, video and PDF print files for projects during the semester, including research, Field Study, and collaborative assignments.

The following factors will be considered in project evaluations:

Inquiry

Active use of drawing and modeling to pose questions, explore relationships, and test resulting discoveries; rigor, thoroughness, depth and breadth of investigation; focus and relevance to assignment; imagination and insight of responses; clarity and relevance of conceptual (thesis) exploration of projects.

Process

Self-initiative in developing drawing and material studies, in searching out resources, and in pursuing alternative possibilities for a given hypothesis; curiosity, imagination, perseverance; contribution to group discussions and reviews.

Progress

Evidence of new work at studio meetings; weekly progress through drawing, modeling, research.

Construction

Creativity, thoughtfulness, appropriateness, and resolution of design work.

Craft

Care, quality and completeness of drawings, constructions, and research presentations; imagination, originality, and effectiveness of representational means.

Relevant NAAB Student Performance Criteria

A.1. Professional communication skills
A.2. Design thinking skills
A.3. Investigative skills
A.4. Ordering systems
A.5. Use of precedents
A.6. History and global culture
A.7. Cultural diversity and social equity
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Project Refinement: Drawings + Models
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Week 16 May 1
Final Reviews

Week 17 May 7
Studio materials shipped to Louisiana

Week 18 May 14
Exhibition opening in Louisiana
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**MAM: Women’s Museum for the Twenty-First Century**

Faculty: Cazu Zegers, Kyle Dugdale

**Overview**

ko•yaa•nис•qatsi (from the Hopi language), n.

1. crazy life.
2. life in turmoil.
3. life out of balance.
4. life disintegrating.
5. a state of life that calls for another way of living.

In the 1982 experimental documentary Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out of Balance (the first part of the Quatsi trilogy), Godfrey Reggio calls attention to what is happening today in the relationship between human beings, nature and technology.

This studio confronts the challenge of a new paradigm that is emerging with the rise of a new culture: a culture that I like to describe as the “Americanity” or the “Pacificians” or “Pacifiers.” This word-game suggests that America and the Pacific offer clues to an answer. We Americans need to reconnect with our origins, to go back to the land and understand it as sacred. The human species belongs to the earth: we cannot develop life separated from her, as we are part of the land in a face-to-face process. This means that the territory where we are born shapes our being.

We face the urgency of reconnecting in order to open a new narrative over the territory, which will in turn allow us to build healthy cities, rebalancing life in a post-technological world.

**Course Objectives**

1. Reconnect with the origins of the Americas through the design of a museum meant to explore, recreate, and activate the objects, practices, and ideals of feminine and indigenous communities.
2. Through the development of this museum, contemplate and begin to form a new narrative for the territory which can be applied to present and future healthy cities in the post-technological world.

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As a consequence of the process of suppressing the attributes of the feminine in the last 3000 years with the heyday of patriarchy, and the ensuing process of industrialization and technology of the last 200 years, the human being’s link to the naturally sacred has been lost, with a consequent loss of the wisdom and beauty that gives an intimate understanding of nature and its regenerating cycles of life.

Humanity has expanded its access to knowledge, extended its life expectancy, established its cities, and diversified its technologies; but it has also moved away from a sacred, ceremonial and ritual communion with itself, its peers, the community of its ecosystem, and the stars.

The Women’s Museum is therefore more than a collection of objects. It seeks to remember, recreate and activate the sacred spaces of archetypal woman, for the exercise of the word, wisdom, power and rituality that are linked to the force of the feminine in the universe. Its intent is to acknowledge the force of equilibrium and balance that is critical to the great challenges that humanity must face at the dawn of the 21st century.

These issues are part of architecture’s challenge in offering a right and meaningful response to the problem. More than a technique for the production of objects, architecture becomes a technique for the construction of relationships in space.

1. In 2000 the film was deemed “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant” by the Library of Congress, and selected for preservation in the National Film Registry.
2. Ricardo Rozzi, Chilean ecologist, philosopher, and father of biocultural ethics.
3. Aleka Vial de Grenade, extract from proposal.
Class Organization

Site

The territory is to America as monuments are to Europe.

As the Chilean anti-poet Nicanor Parra has said, “We believe we are a country and the truth is that we are just landscape.” This speaks to the condition of this country: because of its long and narrow shape, compressed between the Andes and the Pacific, the richness of the country is its natural beauty, given by climatic variation from the driest desert in the north to the unexplored glaciers in the south. For the fifth consecutive year, Chile has been named South America’s Best Adventure Travel Destination by the World Travel Awards. From the northern to the southern end of the country, from sea to mountain range, Chile has a natural strength and diversity that makes it unique on the planet. Deserts, volcanoes, glaciers, lakes, mountain ranges, ancient forests and ice fields invite to unforgettable adrenaline-filled experiences.

Santiago is a modern city located in the center of Chile, between the Andes range and the coastal range—a unique territorial settlement, with Cerro El Plomo at a height of 5430 m. This tight relationship between the Andes and the city gives Santiago a unique territorial relationship with its environment. This condition will inform the design of the museum, located at one of the city’s several Island Hills.

Travel and Andes Workshop

The studio will travel to Santiago de Chile during travel week, to visit the project site and collect information for the final design.

We will also live the experience of the Andes Workshop, in order to understand the place where the project will be settled and live the territorial experience at the far end of the American continent, so as to be able to recognize, from here, our own territory. The Workshop will allow us to live a transdisciplinary experience and to understand how technology develops from common sense and local process. We will attend several classes: “Cuerpo y Espacio” (Body and Space) with the Chilean choreographer Francisca Sazié, “Campo Grabado” (Engraved Field) with the artist and designer Teresa Montero, “Materia” (Material) with the sculptor Vicente Gajardo, “Narrativa” (Narrative) with the journalist and museum curator Aleka Vial, “Registro” (Script) with Ces Serra, a site visit with the naturalist Sergio Elótegui, and a class on architecture with GrupoTalca (Rodrigo Sheward, Martín del Solar) and Cazú Zegers. At the end of the workshop we will perform a piece at the site in order to mark the opening ceremony for these new possibilities. The work will be recorded with audiovisual media and will form part of the final project.
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Kitchen Sink Realism

Faculty: Pier Vittorio Aureli, Emily Abruzzo

Overview

Introduction

As a specific mode of dwelling, the house originates—at least in part—with a desire for stability. For this reason, we can argue that the invention of the house as an architectural apparatus is motivated not only by the need for protection from a hostile territory but also by a desire to settle and to give life a ritual form. The emergence of the home as a stable structure provided security, but it also enhanced a sense of possession, which gradually expanded from the house to its surrounding environment. It is for this reason that we could trace back to the home the rise of the idea of property, a concept which, up until the present day, remains the most important spatial and political datum of our society. While today there is much discussion on issues such as climate change and the housing crisis, seldom these issues are understood as structural consequences of a society based on property relationships. With the rise of capitalism the tyrannical relationships at work in the home were expanded to the totality of urban life and thus property has become the main template for both human and non-human forms of life.

This year’s studio challenges students to be bold in rethinking what urban life could be if we conceive it beyond the idea of property. Focusing on the relationship between the home and the settlement, students will be encouraged to imagine what it would mean to experiment with the possibility of commoning. Going beyond the problematic trope of the ‘sharing economy,’ practices of commoning demand direct commitment from the dwellers in taking care of their environment and their peers. Commoning is a practice that emerges out of the effort of a community to pool its resources and share them equitably. Although much has been written about the emancipatory potential of commoning at a political level, this practice presents another crucial aspect: namely, the need for ‘commoners’ not only to share but also to govern common resources in a way that ensures their reproduction or renewal. Because resources are not owned but are a common wealth that should survive into the future, commoning implies an idea of stewardship and care that is foreign to the reality of private property and that often becomes too abstract when it comes to state-based systems. The commoners are directly called to take care of the commons—for themselves, for their peers, and for future generations. They can use resources for their well-being, but must make sure those resources will be maintained and replenished, thus establishing a relationship between land and man that is conceptually very different from the modern attitude of property.

The main question of the studio is, therefore, what kind of architecture could both enable and represent practices of commoning. If subdivisions, villas, detached homes, apartments, parks, roads, and the separation between public and private sphere have successfully embodied the spatial logic of property, what kind of programs, typologies, archetypes, and spatial arrangements can inspire and enable principles of commoning? As a preliminary framework for action, we propose the concept of the ‘dispersed home’: an idea of domesticity and a way of settling that has gradually emerged from projects developed by your colleagues in the previous iterations of this studio. The concept of the ‘dispersed home’ addresses the gradual redistribution of domestic spaces such as kitchens, gardens, and living rooms in patterns that break the mold of the traditional household. It is important to remark that the dispersed home is not a ‘collective house,’ but a step-by-step devolution of the household property towards the possibility of commoning.

Course Objectives

1. Rethink the concept of urban life by moving beyond the conventional attitudes of one’s life being determined by property.
2. Imagine a type of architecture that could both enable and represent practices of commoning.

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Important references for the idea of the dispersed home are nineteenth and twentieth-century material feminism, Russian disurbanisms, Aboriginal architecture in Australia, 1980’s work from OMA and Kazuyo Sejima. The logic that informs the dispersed home is the possibility of socializing domestic labor as a way to catalyze wider forms of commoning that includes both reproduction but also production in general.

In order to avoid the conventional—and often empty—rhetoric of sharing and collectivity, we will approach commoning in the spirit of ‘kitchen-sink realism,’ which means that we will confront everyday life in all its political and economic implications. We should constantly keep in mind that commoning is not easy: it requires a lot of commitment and organization and also a long-term vision in order to be properly supported.

**Ager Tusculanus**

Following the previous two studios, we will continue to work on the Roman Agro, the region that surrounds the city of Rome. The form of the Agro is defined towards the west by the Tyrrhenian coastline, and towards the east by an arch of volcanic mountains that embrace the flat area of the Agro in the manner of a theatre. Despite its clearly discernible topographic form, which has defined the landscape of Rome for millennia, the Agro is a vast suburban area where growth over the last century has been propelled mostly by appropriation and building speculation.

In both ancient and early modern times, the Agro was dominated by powerful estate owners who built impressive villas both to exercise and represent their power over the land, staging it through the use of architecture and landscape design. This situation was particularly evident in the case of the eastern Agro which stretches beyond the Grande Raccordo Anulare until the Alban Hills. Until the 19th century, this area was known as the Ager Tuscolanus as it hinged on the Via Tuscolana, an ancient consular road connecting Rome to Tusculum, a very important hilltop town that predated Rome. Ager Tusculanus is today one of the most populous and problematic suburbs of Rome, and its present condition casts a very long shadow back on the ‘colonial’ history of the Urbe itself.

The rise of Rome as capital of Italy caused massive waves of immigration to the city in the 20th century, pushing Roman land owners to transform some of their landholdings into subdivisions in order to sell plots of land to the new settlers. This phenomenon gave root to the urbanization of the so-called ‘Zone O’: a bureaucratic term that identifies illegal settlements that were legalized a posteriori. It was precisely the practice of ex-post regularization that encouraged landowners and settlers to build without formal permits; such settlements are referred to as toponimi (literally ‘place-names’): illegal settlements awaiting official recognition—and an official name—from the municipality. Yet once these settlements are legalized, the municipality struggles to provide them with necessary infrastructure such as roads, sewage, and public facilities. Due to their sprawling logic, both ‘Zone O’ and toponimi settlements are very hard to reconcile within the regulatory framework of the city’s masterplan. Today, the Roman Agro, especially in its eastern portions corresponding to the Ager Tusculanus, can be considered an archipelago of settlements deprived of any form of infrastructure and social welfare. These settlements are the bare embodiment of the logic of private property as the only ‘right’ left to people, after the state and the city refuse to guarantee any other form of social protection or welfare.
Commoning

The studio’s approach to commoning will find its basis in Massimo De Angelis’s theoretical work. Going against mainstream discourses on the commons, De Angelis argues that commons are not simply resources we share, but rather, should be conceived as the interaction between three factors: the pooling of resources understood as a non-commodified means of fulfilling people’s needs, the commoners who share these resources and who define for themselves the rules according to which they are accessed and used, and finally the verb ‘to common’: the social process that creates and reproduces the commons. As De Angelis noted, the concept of commoning as a process was reevaluated by the historian Peter Linebaugh in his study of the thirteenth-century Magna Carta Libertatum, a charter of rights written by the Archbishop of Canterbury and presented to King John of England in 1215. According to Linebaugh, this charter of bills presents the basic principles of commoning, explaining how the English commoners took their lives into their own hands. “The Commoners — explains De Angelis — were able to maintain and develop certain customs in common—collecting wood in the forest, or setting up villages on the king’s land—which, in turn, forced the king to recognize these as rights. The important thing here is to stress that these rights were not ‘granted’ by the sovereign, but that already-existing common customs were rather acknowledged as de facto rights.” Following this definition of commons we can argue that commoning is cooperation based on customary rights rather than state law. Yet commoning is not autarkic, or being off-grid from society. Unlike their medieval predecessors, contemporary commoners have to negotiate their practices within both state and market conditions.

After carefully studying the political economy of commoning, each student or group of students will select a specific settlement within the Ager Tusculanus and propose a strategy of gradual transformation based on the principle of the ‘dispersed home’ and processes of commoning. This gradual transformation will involve both the house and the settlement, spaces for production, and spaces for reproduction. It is important to emphasize that this project does not seek ‘improvement’ per se, but, rather, to allow future inhabitants to live in these settlements in a way that is radically different from the way they are lived today. This means that we should avoid the usual tropes of urban renewal that have become the purpose of much urban design produced today.

The transformation of toponimi from speculative subdivisions to commoning communities will entail adaptations, demolitions, additions, and subtractions—from small scale to large, from the scale of the settlement to the architecture of the house or the allotment. In short, each project will offer possible reinvention of the settlement form from the present regime of land use to a situation in which land will be used in common and ownership will be limited to the minimum indispensable. A crucial issue that the studio will confront is the agency of urban and architectural form in enabling processes of commoning. As noted earlier, exactly like capital, the common is not a ‘thing,’ but a system of relationships and set of values. Yet, in order to function, these relationships are often enabled, if not solicited by, the physical spaces in which they take place.

The question posed by the studio is: What kind of urban figure can embody the possibility of commoning not as an episodic gesture, but as a stable form of settling? In other words, we will explore spatial principles of settling that can challenge the urban subdivision of private and public space; we will also experiment with forms of land tenure in which confrontation and negotiation among communities are not subsumed within a totalizing urban framework, but acknowledged as principles of coexistence. The studio will travel to Rome, where it will engage in extensive field-work on site, studying both city and countryside in their most salient historical episodes by extensively walking and driving through the Roman landscape. We will also meet local inhabitants and colleagues who are and have been working on the same territory, and will share with us their insights and observations.
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From Domesticity to Commons

Faculty: Tatiana Bilbao, Andrei Harwell

Overview

We live in a moment of increasing pressure on cities as urbanization drives large populations into more and more densely populated areas. More than 70 percent of the world’s population lives in urban areas.1 Contemporary life is in a state of constant evolution as cities try and accommodate these new populations, and as sharing economies disperse ownership of resources such as cars, access to nature and technology. Contemporary life is blurring the line between what happens in a home and in the public sphere. This studio will study the concept of the commons as a tool to apply to new housing typologies. The commons can be defined as a shared resource that is sustained, supported and improved on by participants that contribute to its maintenance. Applied to housing, it creates the arena for collective living dependent on success through social contracts and the flexibility to evolve with shifting needs. We will study the viability of collective housing through a series of precedents. Examples such as the modernist development of a shared kitchen in multifamily housing in Sweden in the 1950s draws together both architectural innovation and the sociological phenomenon of releasing women from domestic duties empowering them to join the workforce.

Using the research on commons, this studio will propose new ways of living. Proposals will expand the dictionary of housing typologies to integrate the unique and particular needs of people, a critical reality to engage with. Reimagining domestic spaces as productive areas of life can be used to empower social and economic minorities such as women, the disenfranchised or the elderly. Frequently urban and architectural plans ignore these people groups, or attempt enforce conformity. This studio will engage with other fields of study to encourage diverse thinking and support architecture proposals. Shared, collective and flexible housing has the capacity to make spaces in cities for alternate needs of different people. It questions the traditional family unit and opens up social engagement and redefinitions of households, such as those composed of working youths, single parent families, multigenerational households etc.

“The living space of new generations is declining. Each person living in the private rented sector now has on average eight square meters less space than they did in 1996”.2

This studio will ask, How can collective spaces enhance living conditions and allow for more area for individuality. Redistributing space has the potential to relieve the demand on private spaces. Examples such as work-live housing, communal kitchens and community gardens add a dimension of productivity. Increasing the housing stock is not enough, we need to redefine the metrics by which we measure the livability with a home.

Course Objectives

1. Create new housing typologies for urban areas through the exploration of the commons as a shared resource that both supports and is sustained by a collective.
2. Utilize the commons’ inherent flexibility and ability to change and adapt as a means to develop projects with increased longevity that will continually adjust to and grow with their communities.

Assessment Breakdown

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Class Organization

Site

Students will select a site to locate their projects in the neighborhood of Santa Maria de la Ribera in the center of Mexico City. Designated a Barrio Mágico, or enchanted neighborhood, in 2011, Santa Maria represents a microcosm of development in the capital of Mexico. Originally developed with Beaux Arts mansions for wealthy families in the late 19th and early 20th century, the neighborhood has undergone many transformations reflecting urban, social and ecological shifts in the nation.

Method

Students will study the trajectory of rhetoric surround the commons, beginning with the seminal Tragedy of the Commons by Garret Hardin text which promoted a neo-liberal and capitalist agenda while becoming the touchstone for dismantling sustainable collective activity in regards to resource sharing. Since its publication in 1968, the commons have been debated, and even proven to be viable through extensive economic and sociological studies. In addition, students will study global examples of collective living, unpacking their urban and interpersonal impact.

Travel to Mexico City will provide the foundation for site specific study in Santa Maria de la Ribera. The trip will acclimatize students to urban and smaller scale living conditions in the context of Mexico. The trip will include visiting sites of seminal architecture, housing projects and a work shop in the office of Tatiana Bilbao ESTUDIO.

Students will create a housing proposal for 10-20 ‘family’ units using their research on the commons and needs identified in contextual analysis.
Schedule

Week 1  January 9  Studio lottery, studio meeting in the afternoon
         January 10  Studio meeting

Week 2  January 13  Group meeting, discussion of model. Harwell
         January 16  Online meeting. Bilbao/Harwell

Week 3  January 20  No class, MLK holiday
         January 23  No class

Week 4  January 27  Desk crits. Bilbao/Harwell
         January 28  Desk crits continued. Bilbao/Harwell
         January 30  Pin up of commons premises. Bilbao/Harwell

Week 5  February 3  Desk crits. Harwell
         February 6  Desk crits, final prep for trip. Harwell

Week 6  February 8 - 15  Field trip to CDMX, pin up of design concept. Bilbao/Harwell/others

Week 7  February 17  No class
         February 20  Desk crits. Harwell

Week 8  February 24  Desk crits, prep for midterm. Bilbao/Harwell
         February 25  Desk crits, prep for midterm. Bilbao/Harwell
         February 27  Desk crits. Harwell

Week 9  March 2  Desk crits. Bilbao/Harwell
         March 5  Midterm reviews. Bilbao/Harwell/others

Week 10  March 23  Desk crits. Harwell
         March 26  Desk crits. Harwell

Week 11  March 30  Desk crits. Harwell
         April 2  Pin up. Bilbao/Harwell

Week 12  April 6  Desk crits. Harwell
         April 9  Desk crits. Harwell

Week 13  April 13  Desk crits. Harwell
         April 16  Desk crits. Bilbao/Harwell

Week 14  April 20  Desk crits. Harwell
         April 23  Dress rehearsal for final review. Bilbao/Harwell

Week 15  April 27  Desk crits, prep for final review. Bilbao/Harwell
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Ladeira da Misericórdia – Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

Faculty: Norma Barbacci, Sunil Bald

Overview

The Studio explores the relationship between cultural heritage and the richness of contemporary urban life through imagining the restoration and future possibilities for the Ladeira da Misericórdia, a steep street that connects the upper and lower areas of the Historic Center of Salvador da Bahia, Brazil. The site includes Baroque fabric, open areas, and deteriorated works of architect Lina Bo Bardi, who spent many years working in Salvador. Students will propose new architectural interventions that engage the city’s rich socio-cultural context. We will travel to Brazil, making a brief stop in São Paulo to visit some of Bardi’s seminal works, and then to Salvador to get to know the site, the city, and region, and to meet with academic and governmental agencies presently working on the site’s rehabilitation.

Background

The Ladeira da Misericórdia is a steep street that historically connected the upper and lower areas of the Historic Center of Salvador da Bahia, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which suffered progressive physical and social deterioration throughout the 20th century. Between 1986-90, the Municipality of Salvador commissioned Italian architect Lina Bo Bardi, who had been the first Director of the Museum of Modern Art of Bahia (1958-64), to develop a social housing and commercial development pilot project for the rehabilitation of the ladeira (hill) that included several historic houses in ruins. Bo, in collaboration with Brazilian architect João Filgueiras Lima, known as Lelé, restored three of the houses for residential use without displacement of the existing occupants, designed an outdoor bar within a stabilized ruin and introduced a new concrete structure that spiraled around an existing mango tree which became the Coaty Restaurant. Due to lack of political support, the social experiment that Lina and Lelé tried in the ladeira failed, the site became abandoned and the pilot project was not replicated as originally intended. The current government of Bahia decided to redevelop this area of the city as part of the Participatory Redevelopment Plan for the City of Salvador (2010), developed through public consultation involving the local community. The Plan envisions the social and physical rehabilitation of the Ladeira da Misericordia as an important historic and cultural landmark for the city of Salvador. This initiative could offer an opportunity to reactivate the historic site in a way that somehow realizes Lina Bo Bardi and Lelé’s unfulfilled vision.

Studio

The Studio will be examining the restoration and future possibilities for the Ladeira da Misericórdia in Salvador de Bahia and will provide an opportunity to explore the relationship between cultural heritage and the richness of contemporary urban life.

One important challenge will be to explore and understand the complexity of the superimposition of historical layers accumulated at the site and propose a new architectural intervention that not only addresses a specific program proposed for the site but also the socio-cultural context of the community of Salvador de Bahia. Solutions should balance surgical scale architectural interventions within the physical boundaries of the site with their impact on the larger context of the upper and lower city of Salvador, in particular the Historic Center (Centro Antigo). The concepts of historic preservation, conservation, sustainability, authenticity and integrity will be explored as well as the cultural legacy of Lina Bo Bardi in Salvador de Bahia.

Course Objectives

1. Renew and restore a historical urban area through present-day architectural intervention.
2. Explore the relationships between cultural heritage, urban life, and future urban and cultural possibilities, including both the challenges and opportunities that these relationships present in the context of restoration and intervention.

Assessment Breakdown

- Conception: 30%
- Design Development: 30%
- Technical Resolution: 30%
- Participation: 10%
Travel

During travel week, the studio will go to both Sao Paulo and Salvador de Bahia. In Salvador, we will visit the Ladeira da Misericórdia and the specific area of study which includes the Restaurante Coaty and several historic houses rehabilitated in the 1980s by Lina Bo Bardi. The visits will also include examples of Bo’s work in Brazil, such as the Museu de Arte da Sao Paulo (MASP), the Museu de Arte Moderno da Bahia in the Unhão complex (MAM), Casa do Benin, Casa do Olodum and Teatro Gregório de Mattos in Salvador, as well as other sites that would help the students understand the cultural heritage, material and immaterial, of Bahia. If time permits, we will organize a short visit to the town of Cachoeira in the Recôncavo of Bahia, a region whose architecture and nature influenced the work of Lina Bo in Salvador.

While in Salvador, students will present their initial work to a panel that includes local authorities, professionals working on the project, as well as prominent figures from the cultural and architectural communities.

Preservation

Preservation goes beyond the conservation of the object or historic fabric to focus on the holistic recycling of the site including introducing a sustainable new use if its original function became obsolete. In that sense the proposed program as well as the physical intervention should fully address social needs, the environment, and the economic realities of the community where the site is located.

Preservation and especially its adaptive reuse aspect, is a supremely creative activity that requires a more profound level of site analysis than a new construction project. Successful preservation interventions demand a measure of humility from the part of the architect (which may be hard in some cases) but no less creativity and technical expertise than a ground up architectural intervention.

Furthermore, by recycling or providing a new life for obsolete structures, we automatically engage in environmental conservation and sustainability. The energy embodied in the already built object continues paying off dividends instead of using more energy and non-renewable resources in the process of removal and disposal.

Class Organization

The 2010 Plano de Reabilitação Participativo do Centro Antigo de Salvador (Participatory Rehabilitation Plan for the Old Centre of Salvador) developed by the Bahia State Government, aims to address the economic, social, environmental and urbanistic issues that were inadequately addressed in previous rehabilitation programs. The Plan seeks to reverse the process of housing depletion and degradation of Salvador’s historic center, change the urbanization model based on the continuous expansion of urban boundaries, and follows the guidelines of the Ministry of Culture regarding the preservation of cultural heritage and understanding of the strategic role of culture for development.

As a studio, we will develop an architectural program and design intervention for the adaptive reuse of a group of historic structures located in the Ladeira da Misericordia which address the general objectives outlined in the Rehabilitation Plan as well as the more specific goals of improving the slope between the Upper and Lower Cities as an open public space offering views of the bay and encouraging residential and institutional uses within the historic center of Salvador.

Students will develop individual proposals for “Ladeira da Misericórdia Creative Industries and Artists Residence Complex” that will explore the contemporary potential of Lina Bo Bardi’s belief that art can give agency to the multicultural population of the historic center of Salvador. The 15,000sf project will have to engage the site’s historic houses, Bardi’s interventions, and the sectionally-challenging slope of the site each focused on a different cultural expression representative of the Brazilian Northeast.
Part I: Concept and Method Exercise (ends January 16)
A short design exercise to develop initial conceptual and methodological design approaches using the
technique of Kintsugi as an analogue of working with site and historic fragments.

Part II: Research and Initial Site/Project Strategies (ends February 10)
Supplemented by a series of lectures and readings about Methods and Concepts of Preservation, the
city and culture of Salvador, and Lina Bo Bardi, students will develop initial proposals for working with
the existing site. Students will also refine individual building programs based on research into their
chosen cultural frameworks for their projects. This will be presented to a design and municipal panel in
Salvador for feedback.

Part III: Midterm Presentation (ends March 5 or 6)
Each student must present a clear architectural strategy integrating site, program, and building
strategies. In addition to design work, students will prepare and present a preservation report that
includes their existing site documentation and proposal for rehabilitation and renewal.

Part IV: Final Proposal (April 30 or May 1)
Students will be responsible for their own projects that integrate site, tectonic, new construction,
preservation, and program.

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Syllabus: ARCH 1221a Architectural Foundations 2020
Faculty: Nikole Bouchard, Miroslava Brooks

Overview

For architects, the ability to critically observe, understand, transform, and communicate complex spatial and visual ideas is essential. Most architects today operate across multiple media, using various tools, techniques, software, and devices. They work with texts, sketches, drawings, photographs, collages, physical models, GIFs, videos, simulations and buildings—all of which are considered invaluable methods of the creative design process. There is no longer a clear distinction between them and no single tool or medium takes precedence when it comes to architectural ideation, production, and representation. As many have pointed out in the past, architects do not make buildings. Architects make representations—images, drawings, models, simulations—which then lead to buildings through various processes of translation.

Architectural Foundations introduces incoming students with limited architectural background to the fundamentals of architectural language and representation, providing them with several opportunities to discover and develop their own unique design process. Students are introduced to techniques and conventions used to describe the space and substance of designed objects, buildings and environments. Weekly Explorations encourage students to practice the techniques of observing, conceptualizing, constructing and communicating their design ideas. The skills explored require a constant back-and-forth translation between 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional architectural artifacts, incorporating sketching, architectural diagramming, orthographic drawing, constructed axonometrics, perspective projections, digital and physical modeling, photography, image-making, animation and video. Extensive examples from various creatives who span a variety of backgrounds, time periods, and geographic locations will be presented weekly to provide a point of reference and inspiration.

Course Objectives

- Obtain skills in understanding composition, form, space, and structure.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the use of various design conventions and methods of making.
- Gain the ability to depict space and form through a broad variety of representational techniques (drawing projections, modelling, rendering, etc).
- Work fluidly between analog and digital methods and between multiple types of media.
- Develop proficiency to comprehend, analyze, synthesize and transform complex given conditions.
- Learn to work iteratively by testing design ideas through multiple sketches, diagrams, drawings, models, images, and videos.
- Develop a heightened sense of close and critical observation of the surrounding context and environment.
- Build an understanding of the relationship between design ideas and their most effective forms of exploration and communication.
- Develop the ability to create coherent graphic and verbal presentations of design work, effectively communicating ideas and work to a larger audience.

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Exercises include sketching objects and spaces in one’s immediate environment; constructing precise measured drawings; translating 2-Dimensional compositions into 3-Dimensional forms; drawing from observation, memory, and imagination; physically and digitally modeling objects, forms, and spaces; and studying art, architecture and design precedents from the past and present. Throughout the course, students work with analog and digital methods to create images, drawings, and models. Supplemental workshops introduce students to a variety of digital software and fabrication techniques. Please note, this course includes some digital tutorials; however, this is not a software class. Students have access to excellent online tutorials to make use of and learn from on their own time.

Course Objectives

- Obtain skills in understanding composition, form, space, and structure.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the use of various design conventions and methods of making.
- Gain the ability to critically observe, understand, transform, and communicate complex spatial and visual ideas.
- Develop proficiency to comprehend, analyze, synthesize and transform complex given conditions.
- Learn to work iteratively by testing design ideas through multiple sketches, diagrams, drawings, models, images, and videos.
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• Develop the ability to create coherent graphic and verbal presentations of design work, effectively communicating ideas and work to a larger audience.

PLAYthings

The sub-theme for the class is PLAY. This does not mean the class will be frivolous, quite the contrary. We will approach play with the seriousness it deserves, allowing it to expand our capacity for creativity, innovation, and invention. Each Exploration will encourage students to develop their own design methodology to explore and test new and meaningful design strategies. Play encourages curiosity and learning through trial and error, rather than a narrowly defined set of working methodologies. Play asks us to take risks, to test possibilities, and ultimately to develop imaginative strategies of comprehending and designing the world around us.

Architecture is continually confronted with a myriad of rules related to clients, budget, site, program, codes, schedule, structure, etc. How can play influence rules, such that the latter operate as part of a speculative enterprise that manifest new forms of expression? Rather than limiting what we can do, how might rules be rewritten or recast to generate new possibilities for architectural production?

With this in mind, Architectural Foundations—A.K.A. PLAYthings— will focus on the role PLAY can have in architectural ideation, development, design, and production. Throughout the semester students will explore a variety of methods used by designers who have embraced the spirit of whimsy and know how to seriously play! As Charles and Ray Eames once said:

“Toys are not really as innocent as they look. Toys are preludes to serious ideas.”

Class Organization

Course Schedule & Format

PLAYthings will meet once a week on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:50PM in the 4th Floor Pit of Rudolph Hall unless otherwise noted. This class time will be dedicated to presenting and discussing the work in addition to reviewing the upcoming weekly Exploration and materials related to it. Discussions about the work produced will take place in varying group sizes, depending on the week.

Wednesday Class

Weekly presentations will touch upon the history, theory, approaches, and applications of design techniques that are specific to the Exploration at hand. Students are encouraged to do further research on the topics, artists, architects, and projects that are presented in class. These presentations will cover a range of content that students should use as inspiration when working on all of their Explorations, including other seminars and studios.

Weekend Workshop

This course intends to guide students in developing a productive design process; it is not a course that teaches software via step-by-step tutorials! However, it is recognized that students will require introductory proficiency with various software to complete some Explorations. These questions will be addressed during the weekly Workshops with the TFs. The Workshops provide an opportunity to work on the Explorations and discuss the students’ ideas among their peers and the TFs. It is expected that students independently expand their software skills via self-guided, online tutorials at LinkedIn Learning, and the like.
Participation & Work Submission

Participation in class discussions, pin-ups and presentations is mandatory. It's imperative that each student engages not only in their own project discussion, but in the provocations and discussions of their peers' work as well.

Weekly Explorations are due in-person at the start of each class by 4PM. Late work will unacceptable, with the exception of extenuating circumstances.

Instagram is an accessible and easy platform to document, share and receive feedback on your work. It also allows you to browse and comment on the work of your classmates. For these reasons, we ask that you post 1-10 images per week of your PLAYthings Explorations with the hashtags #YSoA, #YSoA_ARCH1221a, #PLAYthings and #IMadeThat. These images can show process work and/or final products. Pay attention to the types of images you’re carefully crafting and curating and be sure to provide productive and thoughtful feedback on your classmates’ posts.

Evaluation

Intellectual Clarity

Students must be able to clearly articulate their design ambitions, intellectual underpinnings and all design work in discussions, crits, pin-ups and presentations.

Independent Inquiry

Students are expected to demonstrate an awareness of the greater context, evidence of a wider reading of the issues at hand and an understanding of the course material(s), background texts and other relevant information.

Technique

All work must be executed with care, precision and intent. Quality and craft of the production will factor into performance evaluations.

Attendance

Attendance for the entirety of the scheduled course time is mandatory, and includes prompt (no excuses) and active participation in class, discussions, pin-ups and reviews.

Completion

Timely completion of Explorations and consistent development of concise concepts over the course of the semester will be required to maintain the rigorous pace of the course. All deadlines are non-flexible and materials must be completed by the specified date and time.
Schedule

Week 1  EXPLORATION 01: OBJECT ANALYSIS
September 2  Close and critical reading of an Object as described through the careful measurement and construction of orthographic drawings: Plans, Sections + Elevations.

Skill Sets: Construction Lines, Line Weights, Line Types, Rhinoceros, Illustrator
Readings:
Working by Stan Allen
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 008-036 / Representation + Analysis

Week 2  EXPLORATION 02 EXQUISITE CORPSE
September 9  Imaginative 2D transformation of orthographic drawings going from the mundane to the magnificent.

Skill Sets: Construction Lines, Line Weights, Line Types, Rhinoceros, Illustrator
Readings:
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 164-196 / Datum, Order, Grid + Geometry Pgs. 144-156 / Defamiliarization + Transformation

Week 3  EXPLORATION 03a PLAYspace (Digital Model)
September 16  Using a 2D composition to construct 3D digital space with an emphasis on “PLAY” using a series of operative terms like pile, peel, slice, striate, sheer, superimpose, rotate, etc.

Skill Sets: Rhinoceros, Laser Cutting, 3D Printing, Model Materials + Methods
Readings:
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 018-026 / Concept Pgs. 100-108 / Space

Week 4  EXPLORATION 03b PLAYspace (Physical Model)
September 23  Using a 3D digital model to construct a 3D physical model using a combination of digital fabrication techniques, model materials and analog methods.

Skill Sets: Rhinoceros, Laser Cutting, 3D Printing, Model Materials + Methods
Readings:
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 088-100 / Materials
Week 5
EXPLORATION 04 PLAYset
September 30
Development of 3D space and further understanding of part-to-whole relationships explored via axonometric projection and consideration of movement in space.

Skill Sets: Axonometric Projection, Line Weights + Types, Rhinoceros, Illustrator
Readings:
Axonometrie by Jean Aubert Architectural Representation ... by A.Perez-Gomez + L.Pelletier Pgs. 307-329

Week 6
EXPLORATION 05 LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!
October 7
Using the camera to explore and discover the spaces and experiences that have been constructed as a result of the creative process thus far in Explorations 01-04.

Skill Sets: Digital Photography, Lightroom, Photoshop, After Effects
Readings:
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 108-132 / Scale, Light + Movement

Week 7
STUDIO MIDTERM WEEK: REVISE + REFINE
October 14
Use this time to revise work based on feedback that has been provided thus far in the semester.

Week 8
EXPLORATION 06 PLAYstuff
October 21
Development of a Catalog of Possibilities to demonstrate all of the ways to PLAY around, in, on and under the PLAY Space that has been created.

Skill Sets: Diagramming, Line Weights / Types / Colors, Typography, Illustrator
Readings:
Per Diem: Graphics in Time by Sonnenzimmer
Data Flow: Visualizing Information in Graphic Design by R. Klanten, N. Bourquin, S. Ehmman & F. van Heerden

Week 9
EXPLORATION 07 PLAYmates
October 28
Development of a “PLAYer”: a persona who uses the PLAYstuff. This character development considers narrative, color, image, space, atmosphere and experience.

Skill Sets: Rhinoceros, Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom, After Effects
Films:
Gregory Crewdson Brief Encounters by Ben Shapiro
The Darjeeling Limited by Wes Anderson
The Science of Sleep by Michel Gondry
EXPLORATION 08 PLAYtimes

November 4
Mapping of the PLAYer and their PLAYpals as they play in the PLAY Space over a period of time. Carefully consider the movement of bodies in space and time.

Skill Sets: Line Weights + Types, Combining Lines + Images, Rhinoceros, Illustrator
Readings:
The Agency of Mapping by James Corner
Eidetic Operations by James Corner
SOAK: Mumbai in an Estuary by Anuradha Mathur and Dilip da Cunha

EXPLORATION 09 PLAYscapes

November 11
Imagining the PLAYer and the PLAYpals occupying the PLAY Space from various viewpoints and during different times of the diurnal cycle.

Skill Sets: Rhinoceros, VRay, Lumion 3D, Cinema 4D, Photoshop, After Effects
Readings:
The Language of Architecture by Andrea Simitch + Val Warke Pgs. 036-048 / Program Pgs. 132-142 / Dialogue + Tropes

EXPLORATION 10 PLAYbooks

November 18
Creating a carefully curated and crafted publication of the comprehensive body of work that has been produced throughout the entire semester.

Skill Sets: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Printing Options, Binding Techniques
Readings:
The Vignelli Canon by Massimo Vignelli Didactics by Sonnenzimmer

EXPLORATION 10 PLAYbooks W.I.P.

December 2
Feedback on PLAYbooks W.I.P. will be provided remotely.

Skill Sets: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Printing Options, Binding Techniques
Readings:
The Vignelli Canon by Massimo Vignelli Didactics by Sonnenzimmer

FINAL REVIEW PLAYthings

December 16

DOCUMENTATION + ARCHIVING OF WORK

December 21
Reference

The following recommended reading list provides references for the various topics that we will cover this semester. This list is not exhaustive. Students are expected to independently research (and share!) additional and/or alternative approaches to the creative design process throughout the course.

PRIMARY SOURCES

The Language of Architecture: 26 Principles Every Architect Should Know (2014) By Andrea Simitch & Val Warke

PDFs of each weekly reading from this book will be uploaded to Canvas in advance of the Exploration.

SECONDARY SOURCES

Architectural Representation and the Perspective Hinge (2000) By Alberto Perez-Gomez and Louise Pelletier
Projective Cast (2000) By Robin Evans
The Vignelli Canon (2010) By Massimo Vignelli

PLAY


DIAGRAMS


PLANS, SECTIONS & ELEVATIONS


AXONOMETRICS

PERSPECTIVES


INVENTORY & ANALYSIS


MAPS & AERIALS


DATA & INFOGRAPHICS


COLOR


MEDIUM IN ARCHITECTURE

Syllabus: ARCH 1223a
Formal Analysis 2020

Faculty: Peter Eisenman

Overview

Recently, it has been speculated that we are reaching the end of the hegemony of Western humanism. This speculation includes the demise of the Neo-liberal capitalist democracy. Among its most problematic questions is the continued existence of the discipline of architecture as it has been known since the mid 15th century. This questioning goes to the basis of the dialectical strategies that have dominated Western architecture since that time. In order to understand this problem it is perhaps necessary to go back to the beginnings of architecture in the Western cosmology and trace its development to the dawn of another cosmology, the Enlightenment in the mid-18th century.

In order to do this, this course proposes a weekly reading, lecture, and drawing review of the major architectural ideas and their proponents from Brunelleschi to Piranesi. These figures and their ideas can be seen as central to the humanist project. Through careful study and analysis of the evolution of that work, the several transformations from humanism, to the Enlightenment, to the modern project, to the age of the digital today can be better understood.

Class Organization

Method

The goal of this class is to learn to see and read as an architect, through a weekly series of texts and comparative analyses, which move from the theocentric late-medieval, to humanism and the anthropocentric of the early renaissance, to the beginning of the enlightenment of the late 18th century. This survey is not intended historically but as an introduction to the seeing and reading of architecture through time. An architect must learn to see beyond the facts of perception and must see, different from the average user. This implies being able to see, as a form of close reading, that which is not present - the unseen.

To do so, we will look at architects that have animated discourse — spanning from Brunelleschi to Piranesi - providing an example of disciplinary change over time. Each week there will be an illustrated lecture and a drawing review. The purpose of the drawing each week will be to see if you can conceptualize in drawing what has been presented in your reading and the lecture. Seeing, therefore, becomes a way of thinking, and drawing as a way of reading. Thus, each week there will be three aspects to your work: assigned reading, assigned drawing, and attendance at the lecture and drawing review.

The class will be divided into three sections, each of which will meet on Tuesday nights with an assigned TF for drawing instruction and reading discussion. Weekly paragraphs (no more than 300 words) must be submitted to assigned TFs Monday evening before individual meetings on Tuesday. The paragraph should outline an idea for the drawing or put forth a critique of the readings/lecture that may in turn inform the drawing. All drawings must be turned in to your section Teaching Fellows (TFs) by 9:00 PM on Thursday night before the corresponding Friday lecture. Late drawings will not be accepted; see Policy on Late Drawings and Absences. The “pencils down” rule has been instituted in order to better coordinate assignment deadlines between the design studio, the history/theory sequence, and the visualization curriculum.

The schedule for Friday class is as follows:

The lectures will take place from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM online and drawing reviews will take place from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM online.

Review of Work

In an attempt to ameliorate past complaints, the TFs will determine, after collection of the work, which two or three drawings from their sections will be critiqued during the drawing review. While every attempt will be made to review each students’ work at least twice in the semester, only work which raises subjects related to the problematics of the course will be discussed.

Course Objectives

1. Learn to read and see as an architect through the analysis of historical architecture.
2. Learn to draw as a way of conceptualizing topics presented in lectures and readings. Utilize drawing as a way of reading.

Assessment Breakdown

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Syllabi
**Schedule**

**Week 1**

**September 4**
Dialectics as a Critical Pedagogical Model

**Introductory Lecture:** no drawing assignment

**Required readings:**

**Week 2**
Brunelleschi—Humanist Origins

**September 11**
Topic: San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito — Florence, Italy

**Required readings:**

**Drawing #1:**
Draw ‘what cannot be seen’ — the critical difference between Brunelleschi’s Church of San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito in Florence.

*Drawing #1 is to be drawn by hand. All drawings throughout the semester should be done in ink on 11” x 17” Mylar sheets. They should be saved, along with the paragraphs, in a bound portfolio for evaluation at the end of the semester and a digital copy should be saved on Yale Box.*

**Week 3**
Alberti—The Definition of Space as the Production of What is Not Seen

**September 18**
Topic: Tempio Malatestiano — Rimini, Italy

**Required readings:**

**Drawing #2:**
Draw the critical relationships between the inner and outer facades of Tempio Malatestiano.
Week 4
Bramante -- The Definition of the Organism

September 25

Required reading:

Drawing #3:
Analyze the difference between the corners at Bramante’s Santa Maria della Pace in Rome and Laurana’s Palazzo Ducale in Urbino as they define the space of the cortile.

Week 5
Raffaello — The Rational Extension of Bramante

October 2
Topics: Vatican Stanze — Rome, Palazzo Caprini — Rome, Palazzo Branconio dell Aquila Villa Madama — Rome

Required reading:

Drawing #4
Make an analytic drawing of the space seen in Raphael's painting of the Expulsion of Heliodorus

Week 6
Michelangelo — The Subjective Extension of Bramante

October 9
Topics: San Giovanni dei Fiorentini Laurentian Library

Required reading:

Drawing #5:
Analyze Michelangelo’s ricetto of the Laurentian Library

Week 7
Serlio — A First Critique of Homogeneous Space

October 16
Topic: The inventions of Sebastiano Serlio

Required readings:

Drawing #6:
Analyze one of Serlio’s palazzo inventions.
Week 8  
Palladio — The Continuity from Raphael  
October 23  
Topic: San Giorgio Maggiore and Il Redentore — Venice, Italy  
Required readings:  
Drawing #7:  
Compare the compositional elements of the plan and facades of Il Redentore and San Giorgio Maggiore.

Week 9  
Vignola — The Continuity from Michelangelo  
October 30  
Topic: Villa Giulia — Rome, Italy  
Required readings:  
Drawing #8:  
Analyze the Villa Giulia in Rome.

Week 10  
Borromini—Surface As Space  
November 6  
Topic: Sant’ Ivo and San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane — Rome, Italy  
Required readings:  
Wölfflin, Heinrich. Renaissance and Baroque, p. 44-70.  
Drawing #9:  
Analyze the difference in the underlying geometries of Sant’ Ivo and San Carlo.

Week 11  
Bernini and Rainaldi—Baroque Heterogeneity  
November 13  
Topic: Sta. Maria in Montesanto (Bernini) and Sta. Maria dei Miracoli (Rainaldi) — Piazza del Popolo, Rome  
Required readings:  
Drawing #10:  
Draw the critical differences between the two churches at the Piazza del Popolo in Rome.
Week 12
November 20
Nolli and Piranesi—Figural Space as Ground
Topics: Nolli: Map of Rome — Rome, Italy 1748 / Piranesi: Campo Marzio — Rome, Italy 1762
Required readings:
Drawing #11:
Analyze the critical differences between Nolli’s Map of Rome and Piranesi’s Campo Marzio.
A one-page précis of the final project is due at the beginning of the class.

Week 13
December 4
TBA

Week 14
Drawing Portfolio Due
TBD
Overview

This seminar addresses issues of architectural composition and form as the translation of ideas into three dimensions in four exercises each of three weeks duration: Project 1, Building Assemblies, Partis and Form; Project 2, Section and Form; Project 3, Structure and Form; Project 4, Elevation. Leaving aside demands of program and site in order to concentrate on formal relationships at multiple scales, these exercises are intended to develop strategies by which ideas, words, briefs, written descriptions or requirements, can be translated into 3 dimensions. Each subject is introduced by a lecture on organizational paradigms in works of architecture from various periods and cultures. The medium is sketches as well as 3D models both physical and digital. Multiple iterations emerging from the first week’s sketches and finalized in the following week are the basis for the generation of multiple, radically differing strategies each with their own unique possibilities and consequences. The required final report, containing drawings, model photos and narrative, is intended to be a manual of organizational strategies and principles for your continuing use. It is to be a focused edited summary of the projects with the students’ commentary.

Class Organization

A detailed handout will be the guide for each Project. For Pinups examples selected from the introduction are to be analyzed although the emphasis is on original proposals. You are to define and develop strategies to be presented in two and three dimensional sketches. For the Reviews you are to present only original concepts with the addition of a physical models. Some preliminary concepts for each project are given with the listing that follows.

Course Objectives

1. Translate ideas into three dimensions through projections addressing building assemblies, partis, and form; section and form; structure and form; and elevation.
2. Complete projects independent of program and site to focus on formal relationships at multiple scales in order to develop strategies for the translation of ideas into form.

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Project 1: Building Assemblies, Partis and Form, scale 1”=16’

1. Organization/Elements
2. Exterior/Interior
3. Expressed/Discovered
4. Form/Program
5. Movement(circulation)/Place(room)
6. Repetitive/Idiosyncratic

Terms of characterization and manipulation

1. Geometric/Irregular/Topographic
2. Urban/Rural
3. Inward/Outward
4. Subtractive/Additive
5. Asymmetry/Symmetry/Adjusted Symmetry

Project 2: Sections, scale 1/8”

1. Solid/void/solid
2. Layered
3. Inside-out/Outside-In
4. Center Void
5. Shaped
6. Assembled
7. Stepped
8. Void/solid/void
9. Extrusion

Project 3: Structure and Form

1. Short span/long span
2. Simple Grid/Complex Grid
3. Regular/Random
4. Exo/Endo Skeletal

Project 4: Building Elevations, scale 1”=8’

1. Wall/Depth
2. Measure/Proportion
3. Frame/Surface
4. Influence/Reference/Meaning
5. Context: Culture/Climate
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Final report to be uploaded to class folder
Bibliography


From the above and other sources some short reading assignments related to each project will be assigned.

* In architecture, composition refers to the conception of a building according to principles of regularity and hierarchy, or according to the principles of obtaining equilibrium. However, it is not until the beginning of the nineteenth century that the notion of composition becomes truly associated with architectural conception, notably under the influence of Jean-Nicolas-Louis Durand and his statement on the Marche à suivre dans la composition d’un project quelconque [Procedure to be followed in the composition of any project]. The concept quickly erodes during the twentieth century, with the adoption of neutral architectural devices, the use of aggregative processes, and the adoption of “objective” operations, all of which can be understood as an attempt to move beyond compositional principles.

In Composition, Non-Composition, Jacques Lucan invites his readers to consider this novel historical perspective of architectural theory. The author describes the interaction of ideas that often clash with one another, with some that fade away as others emerge, thus offering invaluable keys to understanding contemporary architecture. Although this book is primarily addressed to students of architecture, it will also appeal to architects, historians of architecture, as well as to the interested public.
Syllabus: ARCH 1289  
Space-Time-Form  
2020

Faculty: Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen

Overview

Life today is very bewildering. We have no picture of it which is all-inclusive, such as former times may have had. We have to make a choice between concepts of great diversity. And as a common ground is wanting, we are baffled by them. We must find our way back to simplicity of conception in order to find ourselves. For only by simplicity can we experience meaning, and only by experiencing meaning can we become qualified for independent comprehension.

- Anni Albers, “Working with Material (1938)

“Space, Time, Form” is centered around formal, material, and spatial ideas and techniques, which have governed how modern art and architecture have been conceived, discussed, and ultimately experienced during the past century. The course is organized around a series of readings and experiments based on the Preliminary Course, offered at the legendary German art school Bauhaus, which was founded in 1919 and was closed by the Nazis in 1933. Special attention given to the idea that art and architecture can expand and transform human experience of the so-called real world -- even counter its dominant economic and political forces -- through design. The class tests the relevance of this proposition in the light of contemporary challenges; Life is certainly a bit bewildering today.

The seminar is organized in three segments: “seeing,” “interacting,” and “immersion.”

The course will serve as a fulfillment of the visualization elective credit. Enrollment limited to 12.

Course Objectives

1. Using a series of readings and exercises based on the Bauhaus Preliminary Course, explore the ways in which art and architecture can alter human experience through design.
2. Sharpen the observational skills of “seeing,” “interacting,” and “immersion.”

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Each class session is organized around a single concept, technique or media and require both a visual/material exercise and close reading of a related text. Design is conceived as an iterative process that involves all human faculties -- perception, thinking, imagination, emotion, and instinct -- is highlighted. Particular attention is paid to working through questions within and across different mediums and cognitive registers as a means to realize how art and architecture mediates and manipulates our experience of physical and optical phenomena. The ultimate goal the seminar aims at “ripening sense, feeling, and thought” (Laszlo Moholy-Nagy) through observation and registering of physical and visual phenomena.

We will conduct virtual trips to the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation in Bethany, CT, the Yale Art Gallery, the Beinecke Rare Books Library, and hopefully a in-person session at the Haas Special Collections, as well as host special study session with an expert from the Museum of Modern Art.

The seminar is organized in three segments: “seeing,” “interacting,” and “immersion,” which represent three ways of knowing the world around us. The experiments in the first section focus on the way we register and responds to visual phenomena using lines and forms as a tool; The second segment explores the two-way “interaction” with three elusive media: color, material, and light. The third, and final segment sensitizes students to experience of being

embedded in the multi-sensory environment within the complex and ever-changing space-time continuum.
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Review: Typography
In-Class Lab: Virtual Beinecke Visit
Take Home Experiment: Color

Week 8  October 21  Interaction III: Color (Josef Albers)
Review: Color
Read: Josef Albers, Interaction with Color (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1963)
In-Class: Haas Library Visit with Mar Gonzalez-Palacios
Take Home Experiment: Wearable Quote

Week 9  October 28  Interaction IV: Materials (Anni Albers)
Review: Wearable Quote
In-Class: Weaving with Karis Medina from Josef and Anni Foundation
Take Home Experiment: Curate

Week 10  November 4  Review: Interaction
Review: Curate
In-house: Introduction to Space-Time
Take Home Experiment: Excavated Environment

Week 11  November 11  Space-Time I: Vision In Motion (Laszlo Moholy-Nagy)
Review: Excavated Environment
Read: Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, Painting, Photography, Film (extract, German original 1925)
In-Class: Visit to MoMA with Sarah Meister (MoMA)
Take Home Experiment: Notation

Week 12  November 18  Space Time II: Movement (Oscar Schlemmer)
Review: Spatial Notation
In-Class: Dance
Take Home Experiment: Sensuation
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An ecosystems approach views bioclimatic flows (e.g., vegetation, light, humidity, temperature, etc., or anything with an energy gradient and thus potential) as significant resources that are encouraged to flow through the building systems matrix. To effectively engage these bioclimatic flows with the constant and fluctuating nature of occupant desires, future building systems will be required to be both adaptive and capable of controlling the multiple energetic resources at a variety of scales across the building systems matrix.

In this course, we study the bioclimatic energy flows (e.g., light, humidity, thermal) through built ecologies—the matrix of coupled built and natural systems, both designed and emergent. These systems are studied across physical, social, technological, and psychological dimensions. To explore the implications of emerging technologies and strategies such as dynamic fenestration, phytoremediation of airborne contaminants, or facade-integrated energy transformation, multiple criteria are investigated concurrently.

Course Objectives

1. Advance into focused areas of specific material systems within the Built Environment and analyze how they shape energy flows.
2. Further an understanding and consideration of the role of current building practices in the degradation of the environment.
3. Develop an ecological design research project in a chosen subject area to be refined as a component of the design studio project.

Assessment Breakdown

Research Project 100%
(Poster and Paper)
Disciplinary Context - The building envelope

Prior to the industrial era, with its inherent connection to the protection and defense of the collective, the making of architecture and urbanism constituted the principal arena for technological innovation across cultures. As it concretized the organizing effects of social relationships, the built environment infused the collective body politic with its energetic and symbolic identity. However, the advent of manufacturing incited the center of technological innovation to steadily shift toward the instrumental creation and fulfillment of increasingly specialized niches of consumption, whose relationship to place and notions of permanence quickly evaporated. With a spiraling exclusivity of the ownership and means of production in late capitalist culture, these pockets became increasingly divested of connection to socially negotiated goals for material culture.

Throughout the latter twentieth century, despite the early modern creative explosion induced by mass production and new materials, architects consistently failed to fully implicate themselves in the development and culture of material innovation in manufacturing, save for a few stellar exceptions. Whether or not it was an inevitable rift, this growing lack of engagement on the part of architects with the corporate engines of technological innovation exacerbated their marginalization from social and political agency within the ascendant ‘economy of production’, which continued to diverge from the phenomenon of the one-off. However, there is currently enormous opportunity for massive shifts to occur as a result of the synergistic possibilities suggested by the convergence of advances in Information technology and (bio) materials, with the increasingly undeniable ecological imperative. The inevitable disengagement of the economy of architecture within a ‘throughput’ material economy could recede with the emergence of a ‘cyclical’ material economy, as the ‘negotiating’ scale of the built environment starts to become instrumental in the reassessment of material value. Numerous theories and analysis methods exist which aim to promote awareness of the impact of different design options through a biophysically based ecological accounting method in the early stages of design-development. Socio-ecological analysis methods, which aim to consider both the energy, material, and information flows of a system, such as a built ecology, and to understand both the work of the techno-sphere in constructing our urban environments and that of the geo-biosphere in sustaining such development. Such analysis in the early stages of architectural design, may thereby allow queries regarding material and energy flows to be addressed in conjunction with design choices at the initial design stage. A socio-ecological analysis approach can lead to an understanding of the value and impact of speculative buildings towards sustainable design development.

Within the contemporary context of the architectural profession, there has been mounting concern surrounding the discipline’s decreasing capacity to effectively influence many of the critical factors informing the design of our built environments. The increasingly generic and materially impoverished culture of building throughout the rising global cities provides ample evidence that within the context of phenomenal scientific breakthroughs in many fields, the environmental performance of buildings has previously ranked extremely low in the socially constructed hierarchy of priorities for technological innovation. However, politically infused value structures are also clearly shifting across every field as a result of the ecological imperative. Within Architecture, although societal pressures placed on the organizational means of production must be acknowledged, it is rather surprising that theoretical discourse (in this country) has often avoided focusing on the pressing ecological issues that could, ironically, place architectural concerns at the center of an inclusive and compelling social and technological agenda. It is hard to deny the massive role that current building practices assume in contributing to the increasing degradation of the environment. Yet unlike industrial concerns, the architectural profession has little stake in protecting the norms.
This course is geared towards graduate students in Architecture who already have an advanced background in bioclimatic analysis and design and who wish to pursue an area of design research in conjunction with their studio projects. The core content of the course is a hybrid lecture/seminar format that will focus on an overview of emerging critical theory and technology in the areas of environmental and energy systems. The deliverable will be a design research project, with a ‘conference poster’ and a ten page essay with references. The goal of the research project is to support the design studio project and considers an aspect of the studio project that gets pushed in a highly developed and experimental direction towards new methods of metabolizing energy, water, air or living systems through the building envelope. It can either run parallel to the studio or be integrated into the design project, depending on the goals of the students and their discussions with the studio critic. In exceptional cases, it may be appropriate to use another design project as the case study for the research.

Based on their declared area of interest, each student will be paired with a PhD student or Post Doctoral Associate, who is an expert in the chosen field of inquiry. They will meet with their research partner on a bi-weekly basis. Through the research, we will reconsider fundamentally novel ways of redirecting energy and water flows, towards the fulfillment of various social mandates to transform the relationship between the built environment and extended ecosystems.
Schedule

Week 1 Course Introduction
August 31 Introduce first drawing assignment —
- site visits — choose 1 site and study building from:
  - Kroon Hall,
  - Ezra Stiles College
  - Rudolph Hall
- bioclimatic investigations — global geometries, context and site placement, orientation, solar, water, air flow, incorporation of non-human living systems

Reading Assignment:

Lecture I: MULTISCALAR PRINCIPLES I

With this introduction, we will delve into some fundamental concepts regarding the accumulated historical methods that we have deployed to shape material and energy flows in our built environment. In particular, we will focus on the transition from ‘throughput material economies’ to concepts for ‘circular material economies across scales.

September 4 Lecture II: MULTISCALAR PRINCIPLES II
Air Flow Dynamics — Multi-scalar Determinants of Air Quality and Shaping From Global to Local

In the context of a global pandemic that has highlighted the complex relationship between human health and our current methods for shaping air flow through buildings and cities, we will focus with this lecture and discussion section on the social and biophysical components that determine the quality of our air streams, how we have historically shaped those streams through architecture and urbanism, and we will ultimately take a look at some emerging methods for radically reimagining the design of air flow through building envelopes and urban districts.

Week 2 Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas

September 7 Reading Assignment:
Ibid. Morphological Persistence: Lazy Forms and Obstinate Time — The consistence of form / Homeostasis and hysteresis pp 62-94
September 11  **Lecture III: ENERGY**

Physics of Energy I

This lecture and discussion section will examine the core first principals of energy physics can be leveraged in the design process to significantly impact the environmental performance of built elements.

**BIOCLIMATE AND MATERIAL CULTURE**

Vernacular Climate Types - Introduction and Details, Climate Classifications, Behaviors and Bioclimatic Design

This lecture and discussion section will probe the relationship between bioclimatic conditions around the globe and the diversity of architectural form and culture that emerges from the transformation of ambient energy flows through vastly divergent material techniques and methods.

**Week 2**  **Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas**

September 14  **Reading Assignment:**

September 18  **Lecture IV: CIRCULAR DESIGN**

Material Lifecycles and Socio-Ecological Analysis

One primary theme of this lecture is broadening the space and time upon which we consider architectural design, thereby understanding both the work of the technosphere in constructing our urban environments and that of the geo-biosphere in sustaining such development. It will introduce ecosystems design thinking (influenced by ecological methodologies) and a taking life cycle approach towards reversing the effects of climate change in the design of our urban environments. Through the lens of ecosystem design thinking, it will focus on a building, not in abstraction fixed solely in the operational phase, but rather as a circular system which undergoes multiple journeys of energy and material transformation in its initial construction and future dismantle.

**Week 3**  **Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas**

September 21  **Reading Assignment:**
Ibid. Paradigms of Life and Thermodynamic Architectures / Heliotechnology, Bioclimatism, Rehabilitation: Between Energy and Entropy - Environment and Form / between tabula rasa and the memory of place. pp -173
September 25  **Lecture V: SUN**  
Sun Geometries I  
This lecture will focus on how dynamic solar trajectories interface with atmospheric weather conditions alongside building and material morphologies to have the greatest impact on environmental performance of both individual buildings and urban districts.  

**Guest Presentation:** Kroon Hall, Hopkins Partnership/Centerbrook Yale School of Environment  

**Week 4**  
Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas  

September 28  
**Reading Assignment:**  

October 2  **Lecture VI: SUN II**  
Solar Geometries II and Daylighting  
This lecture will focus on the shaping of solar energy towards daylighting conditions and active energy collection parameters.  

**Guest Presentation:** Ezra Stiles College  

**Week 5**  
Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas  

October 5  
**Reading Assignment:**  

October 9  **Lecture VII: Air Flow II**  
This lecture will focus on the relationship between active and passive techniques for controlling air flow and delivering health air streams to occupants.  

**Guest Presentation:** Rudolph Hall, Paul Rudolph  

**Week 6**  
Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas  

October 12  
October 16  **Lecture VIII: Psychrometrics/Thermal Comfort**  
With this lecture and discussion, we will investigate the ‘condition of mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment’. According to our existing regulatory bodies such as ASHRAE and ANSI, this is still considered and assessed as a subjective evaluation. We will review the emerging evidence for the major physiological and psychological impacts of thermal comfort.
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November 13  Lecture: INTERFACE

Dynamic Building Envelopes: Transitioning from Barriers to Transformations

In this lecture and discussion section we will question the conventional approach to building envelopes as barriers and review a range of emerging technologies that seek to transform and conflate the dynamic between energy and information flows.

Ecological Living Modules / Socio-Ecological Visual Analytics

Week 11  Research Meetings — Sign up through Canvas

November 16

November 20  Lecture: WATER

An introduction to historic and contemporary water management in buildings will lead into a discussion of water’s treatment within architecture and building systems. We will review how principles of vapor and moisture transport have influenced the design of building enclosures as barrier systems, the relationship between humidity and air-conditioning, and the dominance of centralized water supply and wastewater management shaping human engagement with water.

Week 12  Online ‘Review’ of Research Poster Assignment

November 30

December 4  Lecture: WATER II

Integrated Hydronic Systems

Following on from the introduction to water in buildings, this presentation will delve deeper into integrated ecosystemic approaches to the shaping of water flows in buildings. Precedents of emerging research and novel applications will be evaluated according to heterogenous design criteria which places goals for system performance and efficiency on equal footing with human health, social value and aesthetic adoption.

Week 13  Final Poster and accompanying Ten Page Research Paper with references due Dec 16 submission via Canvas

December 16
Syllabus: ARCH 2222
The Mechanical Eye
2020

Faculty: Dana Karwas

Overview

This course explores how machines see our environment, with emphasis on the role of human subjectivity. With their ability to see at resolutions, scales, and spectrums outside of the human eye, mechanical eyes can open new ways of inscribing information into our material world and also reveal our own biases and habits. We will examine the human relationship to mechanized perception in art and architecture as well as the current digital world.

In "Las Meninas," a painting by Diego Velázquez from 1656, the uncertain relationship between the viewer and the painting raises questions about reality, direct observation, and an automatic, defined perception. It also invites questions into the artist's motives and world.

Today, mechanical eyes, such as satellites, rovers, and autonomous sensing devices, give us unprecedented access to non-human and superhuman views into known and unknown environments. But the technology of automatic observation alienates the human observer and fools them into thinking that this is an unemotional, inhuman point of view due to its existence in a numeric or technological domain. The observer is looking at seemingly trustworthy data that has been "flattened" or distilled from the real world. But this face-value acceptance should be rejected; interpreters of this device data should interrogate the motives, biases, or perspectives informing the "artist" in this case (that is, the developer/programmer/ engineer who created the devices), in the same way that Velázquez invites the observer to interrogate his painting and the conventions of portraiture.

Despite the displacement outside of direct human observation, mechanical eyes present in remote sensing, LiDAR scanning, photogrammetry, trail-cams, metagenomic sequencing, and hyperspectral imaging have become fundamental to spatial analysis — but as these become standard practice, observers should also be trained in cracking open the data to understand the human perspective that originally informed it.

The course is inspired by the ethnographic work of Janet Vertesi and her book, Seeing Like a Rover, and the process by which scientific collaborators around the world work together to create images of Mars. Vertesi refers to different modes of seeing the environment through collective perception as “seeing as." In her account, of scientists working on the mars rover there were times when the imaging instruments on the rover were used to create "art" images of a kind, without scientific purpose.

In this course, students will investigate the impact of the mechanical eye on cultural and aesthetic inquiry into a specific site. Using methods in experimental technik, a hands-on project development method developed specifically for this course, students will complete weekly mechanical eye studies with their site across a range of mediums and disciplines. The studies will be based on themes of inversion, mirroring, portraiture, memory, calibration, embodiment, and foregrounding to “unflatten” data into structure and form. Students will also be expected to write about the human/machine relationship. The final project will question the human perspective behind the machine and challenge the students notion of technology; the project will help serve as a lesson, fable, or experience for interpreting the seemingly plein air landscape of machine data while at the same time allowing students to expand their technical knowledge and intuition; supporting a type of thinking for technical competencies that have become increasingly more demanding in the fields of art and architecture.

Course Objectives

1. Examine the relationships between human and machine and between space and autonomous sensing through a series of weekly studies designed to “unflatten” data into structure and form.
2. Develop a final project questioning the human role and perspective behind machines and technology, while simultaneously working to expand technical knowledge in the realm of art and architecture.

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Syllabus: ARCH 2222: The Mechanical Eye 2020
Class Organization

The course is connected to CCAM, the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media at Yale. Students will engage (remotely) with the center as an art and technology laboratory for experimental technik and have access to the CCAM Satellite Lab for remote computing.

Students are expected to attend the weekly Zoom sessions, be active in discussion, and complete the weekly readings and case study experiments. A collection of readings will illuminate the material discussed in class. Students will present and discuss their case study progress each week and are expected to incorporate the concepts from the readings and lecture into their weekly studies.

Note: This course requires students to step outside of their technological comfort zone and into the wilderness of the technological unknown. The project is designed to unfold over time and in many cases you will not know what your next step is going to be, until you complete the current step-- taking on the true nature of experimentation.

Grades and Evaluation

40% Project Development Actions - these will typically be assigned on a weekly basis and will be due the following week. Students will receive credit based on level of completion. Readings will be included as part of the studies.

20% Class contribution - participation in class discussion and overall class contribution

40% Final Project Presentation and Booklet

Final Project Deliverables

1. High Resolution Images of your final project.
2. A PDF booklet explaining the details of your entire process. The booklet will include narrative, images, and diagrams.
3. A video showing the final project in relationship to time and movement.
4. Final presentation of your work to be given on Zoom.
Schedule

Week 1  September 2  **Seeing As, What do you see?**
Janet Vertesi, Seeing like a Rover: How Robots, Teams, and Images Craft Knowledge of Mars.

Week 2  September 9  **Objectivity and Image Gravity**
Lorraine Daston and Peter Galison, Objectivity (section) Bruno Latour, Visualization and Cognition
The Perspectival Eye

Week 3  September 16  **Shifting POV’s**
Roland Barthes, Camera Lucida

Week 4  September 23  **Technical Knowledge Experimental Technik**
Discussion of Project site possibilities. Discussion of Readings

**Read/Watch/Listen:**
Vilem Flusser, Into the Universe of Technical Images (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2010, orig. 1985). Available electronically through ORBIS. (Selected Chapters)
Kevin Kelly - What Technology Wants
Rem Koolhaas, The Technology of the Fantastic

Week 5  September 30  **Spatial Morphologies, Isovists, and Optical Departures**
First Project Case Studies

**Read/Watch/Listen:**
Sarah Oppenheimer GSD-Rouse Visiting Artist Lecture: Sarah Oppenheimer, “FE_20180201”

**Tutorial:**
“Capture” with Rishab Jain

**Techniks:** Photogrammetry, Isovist site analysis, Capture, Inversion, Re-Orietnation
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Overview

This course explores computation through the history and culture of drawing in the discipline of architecture. On one hand the goal is for students to learn on a technical level, while on the other the course is framed to remove the aesthetic tropes of design computation as an alibi for complexity and/or precision.

The main platforms we will be using are Processing and Grasshopper for Rhino along with cameras, sensors, and other devices as new instruments of measure and/or drawing tools. The course will start with a brief intro to Processing and Grasshopper and end with student driven projects. These projects will act as proof of concepts that explore how the digital and physical worlds can interact and comingle in unexpected ways.

Computation is simply the act of executing a mathematical equation. Regarding computation, computers are great at two things 1. Executing complex calculations almost instantaneously and 2. Executing those calculations many times over without error. These are also two things people are inherently bad at. While computers are great at being discrete, we (and the physical world) are great at introducing idiosyncratic and unpredictable conditions into discrete processes. Rather than try to overcome these shortcomings and differences, this course leverages them to provide a critical introduction to computation.

Drawing can be considered the analog to computation in the discipline of architecture. In Alberti’s treatise, De pictura outlines the first mathematical solution to the problem of drawing a tiled floor in perspective. A century later engineers and architects began pioneering the techniques of descriptive geometry which outlined the various methods of constructing precise planar projections of three-dimensional objects and spaces.

Measure is an integral part of drawing, typically representing linear distance. A range of instruments are used depending on the complexity of the object or space. The precision of measure is determined by the various subdivisions of units Using transdisciplinary instruments of measure to construct a drawing might have a direct corollary to these units, for instance the RGB value of an image can be directly translated into the XYZ coordinate system. But other measures, such as speed, temperature, or touch would require more creative translations to implement them in the various methods of descriptive geometry or constructing a drawing. Or a depth camera might be used an instrument of measure to record the geometry of a sheet blowing the wind as a surface to construct a non-planar section through a virtual sphere.
Class Organization

Methods & Techniques

The class will focus on a quick introduction to Processing through a series of quick assignments for the first third of the semester. Through Processing students will be exposed to basic programming and how data can be passed between software and various inputs. The final project will be a research-based prototype or proof of concept that utilizes some form of tangible interaction to drive a digital process or vice versa. Students can work individually or in pairs to develop the assignments.

Assignments

This course will be a research based technical seminar. Students will be exposed to the use of scripting and coding within various workflows to customize interactions and outcomes. Students can work in pairs or as individuals for each of these assignments. The deliverables will be broken up into two assignments:

1. Generative Sketch/Drawing

   A processing sketch that takes one or more types of input and retranslates that input through a particular system of measure, projection in an X,Y coordinates, programmed behavior, etc.

   Deliverables:
   A. Screen capture video of the sketch running
   B. A set of drawings showing the range of the outcomes.

2. Final Project

   A student driven proof of concept that explores links between physical and digital spaces through creative systems of measure, sensing, and “drawing.”

   Deliverables:
   A. Project proposal 3/24: PDF of sketches, references, etc.
   B. Final proof of concept 6/12: PDF and video of the final project as well as the development and tests.
# Schedule

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Syllabus: ARCH 2229
Regenerative Building 2021
Faculty: Alan Organschi

Overview
The Regenerative Building seminar explores design and building techniques that seek to reduce environmental impacts across the building lifecycle and promote metabolic, non-mechanistic approaches to the production of the built environment. By engaging renewable material supply chains and energy systems that minimize the destruction and instead promote the eco-systemic health of source landscapes, by tapping industrial waste streams as sources of raw material, by detailing building assemblies for durability, reparability and, ultimately, ease of disassembly, regenerative techniques in building attempt to avoid the conventions of our current linear, extractive systems of resource consumption and the extensive, often unseen and unacknowledged ecological impacts created by the building sector. A sequence of short lectures, focused readings, and associated research questions challenge students from the disciplines of design and environmental management to posit and test means to mitigate the significant ecological and climatic impacts of those building sector activities. Semester projects in writing, visualization, or material and assembly experimentation, sponsor an interdisciplinary process of fact-finding and approach-crafting in the following topics:

• the ecological vulnerabilities of the building site and its immediate environs;
• the potential utility of ecosystem services of both the site and the region;
• the feasibility of engaging regional consumer and industrial waste-streams for material reuse (as well as manufactured post-consumer products) in order to supplant the consumption of materials and products drawn from non-renewable sources;
• the mitigation of carbon emissions and the management of carbon storages through potential synergies in regional silviculture and the implementation of timber- and other bio-based structural assemblies;
• regional climatic forces as well as the immediate environmental and physical conditions of the site and construction methods, building assemblies, and energy systems that respond to and optimize those conditions.
• techniques of building design for disassembly and material reuse in order to meet “end-of-waste” criteria and transform buildings from waste generators into material banks at the end of their lifecycles.

Background
The term regenerative building posits an approach to the conception, design, and technical specification of the built environment and its process of construction, one that seeks radical reductions in the consumption of raw material and non-renewable energy and the generation of waste throughout the building lifecycle. The seminar considers and tests the means by which we might reshape design practice to ameliorate the current degradation of global environmental health.

At a moment in geologic history in which building sector activity, through its dependence on linear and finite processes of resource extraction and waste generation, has contributed to the disturbance of nearly every geo-biological, -chemical, and -physical system on the planet, the analytical frameworks, tools, and techniques of architectural design seem worthy of re-evaluation and re-invention. Past paradigms of “sustainable design,” that focused primarily on energy-efficiency but that continued to rely on materially and technologically intensive industrial processes throughout the production, operation and, ultimately, disposal of buildings, have produced only marginal reductions in overall environmental impact. As global populations continue to grow, increasing demands on planetary resources, and the rates of greenhouse gas emission and solid waste generation rise correspondingly, how will
architects reformulate their practice in order to mitigate—rather than simply adapt to—our unfolding environmental crisis?

Drawing on theories and systems of circular economic material and energy flows as well as their own process of research, analysis, and visualization, students will explore the architectural ramifications of tapping unconventional material flows, drawing on post-consumer and industrial waste streams, and utilizing biologically renewable material supply chains as a means to reconstitute the building lifecycle. As a complement to this retrospective consideration of the origins of building matter, design investigations will also challenge seminar students to predict and plan for a building’s material and energy future. Technical systems and details designed to anticipate the end of a building’s life; to futureproof it from demolition and landfill; to promote the reuse, reconfiguration, or the dismantling and ultimate redistribution of its constituent assemblies as new raw material for product manufacturing: all are strategies that seek to amortize the environmental debt accrued in the original process of extraction and production of a building, effectively extending the useful life of its component parts. These strategies seek to engender an “end-of-waste” status for future building. Rather than simply reducing a building’s environmental footprint, students will instead consider the building handprint: the capacity of their building to actually improve the existing state of the site and environment, to mitigate impacts—whether remote and unseen or immediate and visible, and to reinforce the capacity of the earth’s systems to rebalance themselves. By considering both upstream ecological benefits and downstream improvements in building quality and public health, students will engage some of the most deeply entrenched problems of contemporary global society: the inequitable distribution of resources for a rapidly expanding and urbanizing global population, the over-consumption of planetary resources, and the role of building production and operation in driving climate change.

Objectives

The ultimate objective of the semester’s curriculum of research, analysis, and design experimentation is to expose the challenges of transforming the construction sector through the building design process to leverage the enormous demand for material and energy the process anticipates and inevitably generates as a means to address what has become an existential question: how do we build in a world of increasing resource scarcity and geosystemic imbalance?

Research conducted in last year’s Regenerative Building Seminar laid the conceptual and organizational groundwork for the design and construction of a building: the Horse Island Coastal Research Station for Yale’s Peabody Museum. This year the seminar will focus on the philosophical and curricular formation of an institution: YSoA’s newly inaugurated Building LAB. Working within the conceptual framework of regenerative design and building practice, the consultation of the seminar’s faculty and guest lecturers, students will conduct as individuals or in teams a semester-long research project resulting in a submission of that project to any of the following:

- an academic journal for publication
- a conference for presentation (and potential subsequent publication)
- a public exhibition

With the aid of the faculty and seminar guests, students will be responsible for identifying potential venues and the feasibility of working within required submission formats and associated timeframes and deadline.
Bibliography

The following readings and reference texts offer a conceptual framework for the analysis, research, and design experimentation to be undertaken by the seminar. Supplemental readings will be made available throughout the course of the semester. Excerpted readings will be posted to the seminar 2229b Yale Canvas Resources folder.

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On the Anthropocene

Bonneuil, Christophe and Fressoz, Jean-Baptiste, “ch. 1, Welcome to the Anthropocene” in The Earth, History and Us (New York, Verso, 2016)


Kuittinen, Matti, Architecture for the Anthropocene: How to Build for a Future? (Unpublished)


On the Circular Economy and Design


McDonough, William and Braungart, Michael, Ch. 2: “Why Being ‘Less Bad’ Is No Good” and Ch. 4: Waste Equals Food” in Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things (New York: North Point Press, 2002)


https://www.sitra.fi/en/topics/a-circular-economy/

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http://www.c2c-centre.com/

On the Building Lifecycle


Simonen, Kathrina, Life Cycle Assessment (New York: Routledge, 2014)


On Material Resources and Lifecycles


On Carbon Management

Organschi, Alan, “The Carbon Transect” in Wood Urbanism: From the Molecular to the Territorial, Kiel Moe, Jane Hutton, Daniel Ibañez, eds. (Barcelona, Actar, 2019)
www.decarbonizedesign.com

On the Building Assemblies


Detail: Review of Architecture

Syllabus: ARCH 2230b Exploring New Value for Design Practice 2021

Faculty: Phil Bernstein, Brittany Olivari

Overview

Architects work hard and contribute widely to the built environment. Is this contribution acknowledged and appreciated? Why don’t architects make better salaries? Or, how do we make design a more profitable practice?

Design practice has traditionally positioned building as a commodity in the delivery supply chain, valued by clients like other products and services purchased at lowest first cost. Intense market competition, sole focus on differentiation by design quality, and lack of innovation in project delivery and business models have resulted in a profession that is grossly underpaid and marginally profitable, despite the fact the building sector in its entirety operates in large capital pools where significant value is created.

Innovation in practice is largely deployed in the service of traditional design objectives rather than value generation opportunities. The profession must explore new techniques for correlating the real value of an architect’s services to clients and thereby break the downward pressure on design compensation.

This course will reimagine and re-design the value proposition of architecture practice, explore strategies used by better compensated adjacent professions and markets, and investigate methods and models by which architects can deliver—and be paid for—the value they bring to the building industry. Using the platform of business plans—where value generation is defined through specific business parameters—we will compare and contrast value generation strategies. Students will form firms and propose new practice paradigms as a final project.

The course is designed achieve the following outcomes:

1. Understand the relationship of the architect to the economic systems of building.
2. Understand the role of the architect in various models of building delivery.
3. Define value creation challenges inherent in the current architect’s role and speculate on future options.
4. Understand and be able to deploy essential principles of strategic and business planning in defining value propositions and how they are instantiated, including financial analysis and business planning.
5. Understand and be able to manipulate operating models of practice and the relationship of those models to money, risk and value.
6. Create a viable business plan for an alternative value practice.

The course is designed for students with either substantial office experience or nearing graduation who want to understand more specifically how architects practice might change in the future. The course is open to M.Arch students with either three or more years of office experience or those who successfully completed 2031a/Architectural Practice. The course is open to all M.Arch II students, but please note that an appropriate background in professional practice will be necessary in order to understand and execute the class requirements. Others may be admitted by permission of the instructors.

Course Objectives

1. Understand and evaluate how the architect fits into the building industry from economic, practical, and value-generating perspectives.
2. Evaluate and critique the opportunities and risks of current practice, with particular focus on business outcomes.
3. Understand business principles of practice and the architecture value chain, and apply that understanding to evaluate alternative models of delivery and practice.
4. Develop, evaluate, and select new alternative forms of value generation by architects and translate value propositions into business models.

Assessment Breakdown

Assignments 45%
Preliminary Project Submission 5%
Final Project Submission 50%
Class Organization

Class Design / Structure

Class will meet twice weekly: Tuesday lectures from 4:00 – 5:00 PM and Wednesday section/guest discussions from 4:00 – 5:30 in the Second Floor Gallery classroom, when possible, otherwise remotely. Selected sessions may be extended by 30 minutes. Most Tuesday lectures will be accompanied the following day by an interactive discussion with a guest who will join the class for a relevant discussion about the weekly topic. Topics will cover one or more of three course components:

1. Context: what is the environment in which architects currently work, and what are the structural challenges? Why are new value propositions necessary?
2. Tools: what are the technical characteristics of business planning and generation? What is a business plan, a strategy, a firm financial model, a compensation method?
3. Strategies: what approaches do other innovative value generators use? How do new ventures start? What is happening in other parts of the building industry supply chain and with other professions and what strategies are instructive to architects?

Requirements

Requirements include participation in weekly lectures and section meetings, preparation of eight various assignments given during the term and a final project in which teams of students will propose next-generation firm designs. Grades will be awarded based on total points accumulated on these assignments on the following scale:

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Semester assignments comprise 45% of this grade, and the final project 55% (5% for the preliminary submission and 50% for the final submission). Final projects will be presented in jury format during Final Exam period.

As participation is a critical component of the success of this class, only one unexcused absence from a lecture and one unexcused absence from a discussion meeting will be permitted per student during the semester in order to pass this course.
Syllabus: ARCH 2230 Exploring New Value for Design Practice 2021

Schedule

Week 1 February 2
   Introduction - Value Challenge
   Mapping Value Challenges
   Assignment: Provocation Response - Describe the fundamental value challenges to design practice and speculate on future opportunities for new forms of practice

Week 2 February 9
   Supply Chain Dynamics and Economics
   Guest: Alan Organschi / Gray Organschi Architecture
   Value Generation in the Supply Chain
   Assignment: Fee Opportunities - Diagram and evaluate the fee structure of a typical project and identify key variables and opportunities.

Week 3 February 16
   Firm Operating Models
   Managing firm financial dynamics
   Guest: Brian Kenet - Anchin
   Assignment: Firm Financial Model Spreadsheet - Describe the key characteristics of a firm business model and demonstrate an understanding of its performance.

Week 4 February 23
   Strategy and Business Models
   Running a Smart Practice Principles
   Guest: Ken Boroson - Boroson Architects + Jose Hernandez
   Assignment: Practice Business Plan - Using the Business Model Canvas, reverse engineer a business plan for a firm you worked for previously.

Week 5 March 2
   Innovation as a Technique
   Guest: Laura Weiss - Design Diplomacy
   Assignment: Prepare for the ideation workshop

Week 6 March 23
   Risk and Value

   Ideation Workshop - Team Formation
   Guests: Laura Weiss / Nancy Alexander
   Assignment: Form teams and preliminary proposals
March 24  **Risk Opportunities**

Guest: Leslie King - Murtha Colina Attorneys

Assignment: Risk Opportunity Analysis - Describe the risks of practice and evaluate what could be mitigated or assumed to increase value.

March 27  **Workshop - Strat Plan/Biz Models**

Guest: Nancy Alexander - LUMENANCE Consulting

Assignment: Team/Concept Options - Prepare for the workshop

Week 7  March 30  **Start-ups + AEC Innovation**

Guest: Jesse Devitte, Borealis Ventures

Week 7  March 31  **Exemplary AEC Start-Ups**

Guest: Havard Hauleland, CEO - Spacemaker

Assignment: Start-Up Business Plan - Create a preliminary list of possible new value scenarios to be refined for the final project and begin a Business Model Canvas with your team

Week 8  April 6  **Architect as Builder**

Week 8  April 7  **Architect-led Design Build**

Guests: Adam Hopfner - HOPFNER and Noah Bilken, DBP

Assignment: Strategy for Architects as Builder - Reflect on the relationship between construction and design and speculate on the most interesting possibilities.

Week 9  April 13  **Film Production or Gaming**

Week 9  April 14  **Small practice development**

Guest: Rob Zirkle / BRICK

Assignment: Development Value Options - Consider strategies for the architect's relationship to development by running a SWOT analysis.

Week 10  April 20  **Performance-Based Practice - Principles**

Week 10  April 21  **PRELIMINARY REVIEW**

Week 11  April 28  **Research as a Value Proposition**

Guest: Renee Cheng, University of Washington
April 28  Performance-Based Practice
Guests: Violet / Sidewalk Labs

April 29  Integrated Delivery Models
Guest: Markku Allison, Chandos Construction

Assignment: Outcome-Based Value Generation - Continue to develop final projects as teams

Week 12  Week of May 10  Pecha Kucha Business Pitches
Assignment: New Value Model Proposition - New Practice Paradigm (Final Project)

Bibliography
Syllabus: ARCH 2234a Material Case Studies 2019

Faculty: Emily Abruzzo

Overview

In this course, which culminates in a design-build spatial proposal, students will build their intuition for material use in both the execution and generation of design. Part lecture, part research lab, and part field work, this intensive research seminar will expose students to a broad overview of the role of materials in the formation and execution of a spatial concept, as well as provide a venue for intensive work with specific materials.

Investigation into the relationship between a material’s substance and its performance metrics and qualities will develop understanding of the inherent tectonic qualities of materials from the structural to the decorative, and possible applications for each. Materials to be studied will include wood / grasses, masonry, concrete, stone, glass, metals, textiles, plastics, and “smart” materials; in each category the role of processes such as lamination, packing, annealing, plating, etc. and the making of composites will be explored.

The course will be structured along lines of research, experimentation (testing: often to failure), and design, augmented with weekly readings. Students will be responsible for researching given materials’ physical properties and capacities, the processes required to translate from a raw to a usable state, and exemplary environments that deploy the materials. They will then test physical samples of the material in order to develop an intuition as to its potential; finally, students will develop a spatial proposal using the material. Final proposals, which students will fabricate at least in part, will be sited within the School of Architecture Building.

Throughout the course, research and discussions will focus on developing a reasonable sensibility about the way in which material decisions effect the environment, human health, and the performance of spaces, objects, and buildings.

Course Objectives

1. Examine the role of materials in the formation and construction of spatial concepts through the design and installation of a project.
2. Experiment with and research specific materials for the installation over the course of the semester in order to understand their specific qualities, weaknesses, potentials, and compatibility with various methods and processes. Understand the steps required to take these materials from their raw states to finished forms.

Assessment Breakdown

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Physical material samples will be used throughout; guest speakers (experts working with specific materials) will augment the course material over the semester.

In addition to looking at materials typically used in the production of built space, we will ask, how can the investigation of materials not traditionally used in architecture further the profession?
Class Organization

The course is structured around three assignments, described in detail below. In addition, there will be readings relating to each week’s coursework as well as to the overall goals of the course. The readings will be posted as PDFs on Canvas, and in addition to the three assignments, students are asked to contribute to written discourse in response to the readings, via Canvas, no later than 6pm the day before the class meets.

We will build specific knowledge about and informed intuition for materials through three lines of investigation:

1. Research

In the first half of the semester, students will conduct individual research into a variety of material categories, noted below, and will present this research to the class on the dates noted in the schedule on the following pages. Class discussion will be supplemented by physical samples brought in by the Instructor as well as the students. Material Categories to be studied include: wood, grasses, stone, masonry units, plaster, ceramics, concrete, metals, glass, plastics, textiles/fibers, and smart composites.

Research should be specific and rigorous. No one presentation will be able to cover the entire body of knowledge around any one of these material categories, so each student will have to find an appropriate structure for communicating, at a minimum: what a specific material’s raw state is, how the material goes from a raw state to a consumable; what forms of consumables are made and how are they used differently; how the material is disposed (life cycle assessment), how the material relates to human health. Each presentation should include at least three divergent examples of the material’s use in the built environment.

2. Testing

Each student should obtain physical materials that stem from their research. Over the course of three weeks, they will test and experiment openly with those materials, and they should present conclusions and artifacts from that experimentation.

Testing can be related to effect, strength, bending, temperature, etc., and should be iterative, building on the knowledge of one experiment to inform the next. Research should be conducted using the scientific method: hypotheses should be developed and tested using rigorous means that produce measurable results.

3. Site-Specific Proposal

Working in groups of about three, students will find a specific site within the School of Architecture for the design and temporary fabrication of a site-specific installation. For the final review, guest critics and students will walk between the sites as a group.

Each site will have its own specific rules for engagement (e.g. avoiding attaching to walls, avoiding being in the way of foot traffic, not leaving a mark, etc.), and its own characteristics in regards to light, temperature, humidity, material specificity, use, etc. Installations should use one material primarily, and should relate specifically to their siting. The material used need not be one studied earlier in the semester; the instructor will work through the proposals with each team via desk crits leading up to the installation.

While each site will be available to be documented throughout the semester, the final installation may exist in that space only for the day of the review; as such, fabrication might have to occur, at least partially, off-site. Logistics are just as important as concept and detailing in this final assignment.

A stipend will be available to each group to defer material costs for this project.
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Life Cycle Assessment

Life Cycle Assessment is a technique to assess each and every impact associated with all the stages of a process from cradle-to-grave (i.e., from raw materials through materials processing, manufacture, distribution, use, repair and maintenance, and disposal or recycling). LCA’s can help avoid a narrow outlook on environmental, social and economic concerns. This is achieved by (1) Compiling an inventory of relevant energy and material inputs and environmental releases; (2) Evaluating the potential impacts associated with identified inputs and releases; (3) Interpreting the results to help you make a more informed decision.

Reference

Healthy Materials Lab
Healthy building Network
Eco-Building Supply
Cornell Center for Materials Research
Perkins & Will Transparency List
Pharos: Material chemical makeup database
Green Spec:Database
Material ConneXion
Materials Council

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

healhymaterialslab.org
http://www.healthybuilding.net/
http://ecobuildingsupply.net/
http://www.ccmr.cornell.edu/
http://transparency.perkinswill.com/
www.pharosproject.net
www.greenspec.buildinggreen.com
www.materialconnexion.com
www.materialscouncil.com
Overview

This seminar will operationalize recent statutory and regulatory changes in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia that extend enforcement of laws against forced and child labor into company’s supply chains. Drawing on law, design, construction business, and sustainability practices, we will seek to for the first time incorporate an anti-slavery ethos into the architectural design process. Multidisciplinary teams of students from across Yale's professional and graduate schools will “slavery-proof” a particular input or process in projects that are the subject of current design studio development.

We will explore issues around LAW (policy, regulatory, standards that could constrain or eliminate slavery); SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (structural, operational and financial aspects of supply and demand that can be leveraged for control); DESIGN DECISIONS: (how design strategy and approach can direct/redirect/refocus demand for non-slavery-produced products) and PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION EXECUTION (how a design is translated from intention through procurement of material and labor that is instantiated into a finished building).

Examining these questions in concert will yield insight into the relationships between policy, law, enforcement and design/construction practice necessary to eliminate forced labor from the built environment.

The seminar has several LEARNING OBJECTIVES. Students will contextualize slavery and forced labor in the modern and historical practice, and understand slavery’s relationship to the building materials supply chain. Students will define the levels of influence possible to reform the supply chain (such as information, policy, funding, enforcement, design standards, material protocols and specifications, and purchasing). Students will analyze design projects for potential slavery-produced material flows and thereby will develop new tools for fighting slavery in the supply chain.

This seminar is an opportunity to build useful and practical skills embraced by architects, lawyers, businesses, and environmental activists. It will introduce students to the basics in legal argument and analysis of an applied human rights concept, identifying and using industrial and logistics processes that effectuate a workers’ rights ethos, and the incorporation of ethical sourcing and social sustainability into the design process. It will draw connections between labor policy, design strategy, and construction processes. It is our hope that the class will advance the practice of their various professions not only with practical tools and move us toward an aesthetics of freedom.

A note on terminology. This seminar will explore materials and conditions on construction sites in relation to the persistence of slavery and involuntary servitude -- terms set forth in the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution. In the last twenty years, the term “human trafficking” or “trafficking in persons” have become dominant, with a recent resurgence of “slavery” or “modern slavery,” especially in the Commonwealth Countries. For this seminar the many ways of naming compelled service will be used as being roughly synonymous; throughout the course we expect to discuss different terms (and the tensions and structures that they reflect), definitional trade-offs, and assessments of such issues as race, gender, citizenship, rule of law, worker’s rights, victims’ rights, colonialism, globalization, and federalism.

Course Objectives

1. Explore and develop an understanding of issues related to law, supply-chain management, design decisions, and procurement and construction execution within the built environment to yield the insights necessary to remove forced labor from the industry.
2. Understand the history of forced labor in the creation of the built environment, and the role of memorialization in the creation of public space and policy.
3. Develop and apply legal and architectural strategies to research and discover possible forced-labor-yielding material flows in various architectural projects, and develop new tools for fighting slavery within the material supply chain.

Assessment Breakdown

| Readings and Participation | 30% |
| Class Project              | 70% |
Class Organization

This will be a hands-on seminar, complementing studio practice in the School of Architecture. The course participants will optimally be from the Schools of Architecture, Management, and the Environment, as well as the Law School, plus one undergraduate, for a total of 12-14 students. The class will be organized into multidisciplinary teams by assignment.

The 13 weekly sessions (2 hours apiece) will unfold in a roughly hourglass manner, with the first part of the class devoted to problem definition. By week 6, teams will choose a topic, and sessions 7-13 will involve additional materials and project refinement building to a final examination session in which the teams will present their final projects.

The class as a whole will examine a particular project—New Haven’s COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL, designed by Yale School of Architecture’s senior lecturer Alan Organschi and constructed by Newfield Construction, Inc., as a way to collectively understand the design/build process, regulatory and contractual pressure points, and the interplay between social sustainability (such as anti-slavery) and environmental sustainability (carbon capture, energy efficiency, green-ness in general). Working closely with the team at FRDM, whose technology tool allows companies to model supply chain dynamics and assess their forced labor risk within their own procurement data, the teams will assess a product or process for how it might be “cleaned” of modern slavery. This is the first time a class like this has ever been taught, so identifying limitations will be as important as achieving breakthroughs (and possibly more likely).

Course Requirements

Readings and Class Participation (30%)

As this class is applied, it is important that each student regularly attend the course and is prepared to participate every day. Rather than legal texts, the readings are largely journal articles, reports, industry publications, transcripts, press accounts, images, video, and documents, as well as some caselaw and legislation. You will need to carefully consider the context that shaped each reading and understand the social, legal, and regulatory regimes in which they occurred.

Each week you will be required to submit a question created to prompt class discussion or a short paragraph of analysis. These will be due at midnight the night before our class meets and will serve as a foundation for our class discussions.

Each of you will be assigned a class for which you will be the lead discussant, launching the topic and working with me to bring out the themes for the class session.

Class Project: (70%)

Each team will formulate a project by mid-terms, honing in on a product or process in the design/build process and analyzing how it can be “slavery proofed.”

Your active participation in every class meeting is the most important component of the course. We expect you to read the assigned works, submit discussion questions, and arrive in class with questions, comments, and opinions about what you read and what you think. Everybody needs to participate in the conversation. Students are required to attend every class meeting, with the exception of illness or personal emergency. Please contact us as soon as possible if you will need to miss class.
Schedule and Bibliography

Materials For Use Throughout the Course:

- U.S. Constitution, Amdt. XIII
- 18 U.S.C., Chapter 77 “Peonage, Slavery, and Trafficking in Persons”
- Executive Order 13126, Prohibition of Acquisition of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor (June 12, 1999)
- Executive Order 13627, Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking In Persons In Federal Contracts (September 25, 2012)
- Federal Acquisition Regulation, subpart 22.17 Combatting Trafficking in Persons, and associated clause at FAR 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons
- Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, P.L. 114-125 (February 24, 2016) United Kingdom
- Modern Slavery Act of 2015
- Australia Modern Slavery Act of 2019

Week I: August 26
Introduction To The Course. What Is Slavery?

This class will serve as an introduction to the courses, defining terms, concepts, and organizing questions.

Assignment: prior to class, take the survey at the website slaveryfootprint.org. Please come to class prepared to discuss your results and your views regarding the survey.

Modern Slavery, introduced:

In Class Film: National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, “Journey to Freedom” (2012)

The class project, introduced:

We will take a virtual tour of the site that we will be using for the project: Gray/Organschi’s Common Ground High School, 358 Springside Ave, New Haven, CT. For the project, teams will identify a unique component of Common Ground that likely has a slavery component, whether historical or contemporary, and propose how to confront that.

Readings:

Week 2: September 2
What is Architecture?

This week we will explore the concept of architecture as not just design instructions and aesthetics, but as a transmitter of values and how building reifies the policies, standards and biases of a society. We will look at architects and slavery, including architecture and construction in support of the antebellum chattel slavery system and architects as commemorators (monuments, projects, etc) and unpack the idea of the built environment as a moral location. If every project can be read as a manifestation of larger context, existing assumptions about the built environment and the legal, business, and social realities around projects, must be interrogated around then-existing and ongoing legacies of slavery.

Readings:

Rebekah Yousaf, Examining Slavery’s Architectural Finishes: The Importance of Interdisciplinary Investigations of Humble Spaces (2018), available online at https://repository.upenn.edu/hp_theses/655


Guest: Alan Ricks, MASS re the National Memorial for Peace & Justice, or Rodney Leon re The Ark of Return and the African Burial Ground National Monument (or perhaps them both, in dialogue)

Week 3: September 9
How Do Buildings Get Built?

Design and construction are traditionally defined as the creation of intent (by a designer) translated into physical form in construction (execution). In the bridge between these strategies lie a series of inter-related decisions that are ultimately manifest physically by the operationalization of construction, combining logics, labor, and materials. That process occurs in a hierarchy of decisions, contractual arrangements, procurement strategies, market contexts, and the global supply chain for materials. Decisions made early in a design process may have far-reaching implications for slavery: a concrete frame building might include aggregate processed by children in India.

A fundamental principle of American construction, memorialized by standard form contracts extensively used in the construction industry, is that the architect is not responsible for the “means and methods” of construction, in theory creating a clean break between intent and execution. But the dividing line is, in actuality, not nearly so clean, as the architect provides the contractor, through the contract for construction with the owner, detailed instructions and specifications describing the final building. Into this ambiguous breach is thrown questions of the responsibility for provenance of materials and the proper treatment of the labor force.

Not all such decisions are explicit, nor controlled by the primary players of designer and contractor. A builder might contract for a building component (like the exterior enclosure) and then assemble a hierarchy of sub-contracts and bills of materials, often never knowing the ultimate provenance of the materials that arrive on a job site. This class will examine the overall supply chain dynamics of design-to-construction, and define inflection points where decisions that insatiate slavery may occur. What are the responsibilities of the players, and how do their processes and obligations change to eliminate slavery from the building supply chain? Does the architect have such responsibilities?
Readings:


Week 4: September 16
What is Sustainability?

There are many regulatory expressions of sustainability, whether environmental or social. In the built environment, as in most parts of the economy, the environmental aspect of sustainability has received the lion’s share of attention. The Green Building Council’s LEED regime is now very much incorporated into architects, builders, and construction lawyers. Worthy efforts are sometimes given a boost by local or national regulations/incentives, such as [need e.g. of green building incentives] or the U.S. Government’s requirements for federal contractors. So too, we see investor decision making through Environmental, Sustainability, and Governance (ESG) analysis, and global governance through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Increased attention to the “circular economy” may be a means by which to assess social, as well as environmental, impacts.

The US Green Building Council is largely responsible for the first mover, wholesale change in green attitudes across the disaggregated building supply chain. What lessons might be learned from their strategy with regard to eliminating slave labor in building?

How do such goals trickle down to projects? What does that mean for a professional? A client? A firm? A regulator? What lessons can we draw from other attempts to interrogate supply chain, community awareness, and creation of technical standards?

Readings:


Week 5: September 23
How is a Freedom Ethos Being Actualized?

It is not sufficient to recoil from slavery and other forms of exploitation in the built environment, or to virtue signal with public announcements. The professions and industries involved need practical ways to approach the issue in their daily work. Throughout the course, we will work with one of the few tools to have been developed to date: FRDM – which you may recognize as an outgrowth of the consumer advocacy Slavery Footprint tool that you used in Class One. FRDM allows an understanding of one’s supply chain, so that one can impact it. In the modern age, the new adage might be “you can’t fix what you can’t model.” Where are the levers of change in the building supply chain?
In Class Video Presentation: Masterminds of Construction (5 minutes)

Readings:

- Relevant provisions of UK Modern Slavery Act and Australian Modern Slavery Act

Guest: Justin Dillon, FRDM

**Week 6: September 30**
Supply Chain Activism, and End-User Liability, Generally

Modern activists are using not just the symbolic aspect of the 13th Amendment but are replicating and updating means of engagement that would have been familiar to pre-Civil War abolitionists in the US and the UK in order to move the issue closer to consumers and to hold end-users accountable. Enforcement is giving teeth to what might otherwise be an empty exercise in virtue-signalling.

Readings:


Guest: Rod Khattabi, Grace Farms Foundation

**Week 7: October 7**
A Cautionary Tale: The Trouble with Auditing

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Multi-stakeholder Initiatives (MSIs) are a common response to business and human rights issues. At what point does cross-sectoral collaboration become a captive private regulatory scheme, especially in commodity or manufacturing supply chains that are non-transparent, corrupt, and rent-seeking?

Readings:

- Genevieve LaBaron, Global Business of Forced Labor (study of certification schemes and their shortcomings) http://globalbusinessofforcedlabour.ac.uk/report/

Guest: Amelia Evans, MSI Integrity

Due: Project proposals

**Week 8: October 21**

Building, Construction, Projects Mega and Smaller

Large construction companies have been on the leading edge of both criticism and response for slavery/trafficking on their jobsites, often in the Arab Gulf countries. As a result, different industry groups, often in association with the non-profit sector, have been formed to address the issue. In light of Week Six’s questioning of the non-threatening nature of multi-stakeholder initiatives, we will engage some of these working groups.

Readings:

- The Building Responsibly Principles and Guidance Notes, available online at https://www.building-responsibly.org/resources

Guests: Tawny Critten, Jacobs; Mabel O. Wilson, architect and professor, Columbia University, GSAPP

**Week 9: October 28**

Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives, Revisited

The Building Responsibly project from Week Eight, and the Stronger Together project are two multi-stakeholder initiatives in the building industry. The Forestry Stewardship Council is the dominant MSI in timber. This week, we will examine their responses in greater detail, along with the activities of the dominant MSI in a non-construction sector, the cocoa industry, which has been addressing the issue (due to scandals) for longer than most other market sectors.

Readings:

Review the materials available on the Stronger Together and Forest Stewardship Council websites. What are the dominant models of engagement set forth by the initiatives?

- https://www.stronger2gether.org/construction/
- Brendan Montague, Forestry sector ‘failing’ to combat forced labour (13th November 2019), available online at https://theecologist.org/2019/nov/13/forestry-sector-failing-combat-forced-labour

Guest: Aiden McQuade, former Executive Director, Anti-Slavery International
**Week 10: November 4**

Worker-Led Social Responsibility (WSR)

An emerging best practice in the anti-slavery field that stands in counterpoint to Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives, is the practice of Worker-led Social Responsibility (WSR). This approach, which harnesses the power of the workers to lead as standard-setters and auditors, is starting to move out of the location and industry of its initial development.

Readings:

- Fair Food Program, Annual Report 2017 (April 2018), available online at http://www.fairfoodstandards.org/reports/
- “Understanding Remediation” briefing paper, ISEAL

Guest: Judge Laura Safer Rodriguez, Fair Food Program

**Week 11: November 11**

Labor Rights at Work - Unions and Litigation

Responses to forced labor are not just coming from governments, businesses, and local worker organizations. Formal labor unions can play an important role in advocating for workers’ rights policies and protecting workers on the job, but have at times had trouble confronting forced labor because the exploitable communities might not be member of the union and might be seen as foreign and therefore a threat to local workers. Another pressure point — civil litigation — is increasingly filling the gap in legal responses to forced labor, as law enforcement resources flow to sex trafficking.

Readings:

- Alexandra F. Levy, “Federal Human Trafficking Civil Litigation: 15 Years of the Private Right of Action,” The Human Trafficking Legal Center (December 2018)

Guest: Neha Misra, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO

**Week 12: November 18**

Transparency, and Human Rights Due Diligence

Modern Slavery laws in the United Kingdom and Australia build on the California Supply Chain Transparency Act and are for the moment driving business engagement more than U.S. enforcement efforts. All are predicated on having firms disclose what they are doing to confront slavery/trafficking in their supply chains and business activities, but have been criticized for focusing more on the problem of reporting than on the underlying human rights violations themselves. An alternative approach, the Human Rights Due Diligence law, is being seen by many as a model with more potential, as abused workers will be able to seek remedy for their exploitation, which is seen as the company’s failure to meet their duty to avoid forced labor. Such laws will increasingly be applicable to U.S. firms with an international presence.
In class presentations: Interim Progress Reviews

Readings:


Guest: Alison Keihl Friedman, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable

Week 13: December 2
Prison Labor, Prison Buildings

As addressed earlier in the class, inputs such as gypsum, potash, and other imported materials may have been made using prison labor. But as this course has suggested, the problem of slavery in the built environment cannot be limited to an overseas supply chain, building materials, or even the jobsites where workers are abused. Much of America was built by, or built with materials produced by, enslaved people under the legal system of chattel slavery. After Emancipation, systems of peonage and prison labor were used to exploit loopholes in the 13th Amendment, in order to “re-enslave” Black people in the American South. Convict labor even in states that did not have Jim Crow laws has been a common element of American penology, and often a flashpoint for controversy. Architects and builders are increasingly called upon to confront the uses to which their work will be put, including in detention settings.

Readings:

Jacobs, Karrie, Should Architects Design Prisons?, ARCHITECT, December 3, 2012 online at https://www.architectmagazine.com/article/should-architects-design-prisons_o

Guest: Raphael Sperry, Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility

Exam Week: December 14-18 (to be scheduled)
Final Review and Presentation of Projects
Syllabus: ARCH 3211 Abstraction and Architecture 2020

Faculty: Pier Vittorio Aureli

Overview

Abstraction passes for 'absence' — as distinct from the concrete 'presence' of objects, of things. Nothing could be more false. For Abstraction's modus operandi is devastation, destruction (even if such destruction may sometimes herald creation). Signs have something lethal about them — not by virtue of 'latent' or so-called unconscious forces, but on the contrary, by virtue of the forced introduction of abstraction into nature.

-Henri Lefebvre, The Production of Space, 1974

In his essay “Abstraction and Culture” the American painter Peter Halley lamented the persistent belief that abstraction is a stylistic device or invention, born out of the artist's formal concerns. For Halley, abstraction unfortunately continues to be seen as a free play of form that is completely self-referential vis-à-vis social and political issues. “In thinking about this most rarefied of visual languages,” Halley writes, “it seems we intellectually retreat into the cloister of high culture; we deny that abstraction is a reflection of larger historical and cultural forces. We deny that the phenomenon of abstraction only gains meaning to the extent to which it does reflect larger forces and is embedded with their history”. This understanding of abstraction as a retreat from the world is dominant within the discipline of architecture, where it is associated with modernist formal simplicity and the reduction of architecture to platonc object. The term ‘abstraction’ evokes an aesthetic of formal restraint, reduction to essentials. The course aims to overcome the stylistic interpretation of abstraction and introduce students to a more complex and nuanced reading of this fundamental condition in the history of human civilization.

Course Objectives

1. Develop an understanding of how abstraction as a concept originated, and has both shaped and been shaped by cultural, political, and economic forces throughout history.
2. Explore the role of abstraction within the lens of architecture and how it has changed over time.

Assessment Breakdown

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“To abstract” comes from the Latin verb trahere, which means to draw an essential part out from a whole. Abstraction is a process through which man seeks to reach generic frameworks rather than specific solutions. With the rise of early states and complex societies, abstraction became the condition sine qua non of government. Large quantities of people, goods, and agricultural produce could effectively be governed only by reducing them to abstract signs to be computed. Yet this process of abstracting reality into signs impacted reality itself, as the abstractions of calculus and economic rationality ordered and formalized physical space.

An important example of how abstraction became concrete within urban form is the rise of geometry as a method to measure the land. Herodotus narrates the origin of geometry in ancient Egypt, with the professional practice of the “stretcher of the rope.” This practice, in which rope was used to make the measurements necessary for building temples and granaries, found a significant application in parceling out the soil when it reemerged after the yearly Nile floods. It is within this context that the fundamental problems of geometry were defined, such as the trisection of angles and the magnification and diminution of volumes, including the doubling of cubes. Even the use of meticulous calendars or even astronomy is stripped of its religious aura when we understand how it was instrumental in empowering the prerogatives of the ruling class of state functionaries and priests. The abstractness of calculus became a ubiquitous social force with the rise of private property and the possibility of exchanging products for money. While in antiquity this social force was limited to the exchange of commodities as objects, with the rise of modernity the abstraction of exchange and the equivalence of value begin to include human labor. With modernity, human labor was no longer slave labor devoid of wage, but became sold and purchased as a commodity among “free” citizens. Here, labor is no longer based on direct material interchange; it depends on capital. It is at this point that labor becomes what Marx defined...
as abstract labor. It is precisely the rise of abstract labor as a fundamental datum of modern political economy that gave rise of the abstract space of the factory as a generic built framework and the industrialization of building techniques that proliferated into any aspect of the built environment—from housing to infrastructure, to landscape design.

Within an urban space increasingly governed by financial capital and its algorithms, abstraction is everywhere hypostatized into the material and immaterial spaces of our daily existence. Piet Mondrian’s utopian vision of a world ruled by the aesthetics of abstraction is now finally realized. The course will trace the history of abstraction in architecture from the advent of sedentary societies to today by focusing on pivotal moments: the rise of calculus, geometry and architectural drawing, the building of large-scale structures such as Egyptian Pyramids and European Cathedrals, the planning of monasteries and the engineering of infrastructure, the building of houses, glasshouses, factories and data centers.

Schedule and Bibliography

General Readings


Week 1, January 10th
What is Abstraction?
A Very Short History of an Idea

This lecture focuses on the rise of the idea of abstraction between 17th and 20th century. We will briefly analyze how abstraction emerged in the arts, in aesthetic theory and in philosophy. Special emphasis will be given to the theories of John Locke, Karl Marx and Piet Mondrian.

Piet Mondrian, New Design. Neoplasticism Nieuwe Beelding (Basel: Lars Muller Publisher).

Week 2, January 23rd
From Points to Surfaces
Domestication and the rise of Early States in the Near East.

One of abstraction’s point of origin is located in the process of the human species’ domestication. The emphasis will be on the organization of the house floor plan through which sedentary dwellers organize their own daily rituals and habits.
This session will follow the management of surplus production, the building of intricate and monumental architecture, and the division and measuring of land. It will focus on the emergence of agriculture, complex societies, and mathematics and geometry as tools of governance and social organization.


Week 3, Friday 24th
The Pyramid and the Temple
Geometry, Design and Labor Organization in Ancient Building Sites.

This session focuses on the rise of abstraction brought by the division of labor necessary at the building site of monumental architecture in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece. Special attention will be given to the relationship between the exactitude of Templar architecture and the invention of coinage and its social consequences in Ancient Greece.


Week 4, February 6th
Patriarchy and Abstraction
Geometry, Survey and Land Property in Ancient Rome

This session will focus on the art of survey the land and how this practice is linked to the ‘concrete abstraction’ of private property. The main thesis put forward here is that in Ancient Rome the abstraction of property was rooted in the patriarchal organization of society whose core was the supreme legal power of the pater familias.

**Week 5, February 7th**
Abstraction and Sameness in Medieval Times

This session focuses on the 'promise of sameness' in architecture and urban space brought by the mercantilist ethos of medieval society. Special attention will be devoted to the labor organization in the building of monasteries and cathedrals.


**Week 6, February 27th**
Abstraction and Disegno
From the Architecture of the Orders to Descriptive Geometry

This session focuses on the split between architect and master-mason and how the use of disegno contributed to the rise of the architect as the main responsible of architectural design.


**Week 7, February 28th**
Architecture Without Quality
From Sebastiano Serlio’s Temperate Classicism to the English Terraced House.

This session looks at the increasing standardization of housing design and how both the rise of the bourgeoisie and financial considerations put forward a kind of ‘mediocre’ language of architecture that became paramount in the architecture of housing.

Week 8, March 26th
‘Free’ Plan
Commodity Exchange, Abstract Labor and the Rise of Industrial Architecture

This session considers the spread of abstraction as a ‘social force’ by considering the relationship between what in modern Political Economy is called ‘abstract labor’ and the rise of industrial architecture between the 19th and 20th century.


Week 9, March 27th
 Territory and Abstraction
Tracing the Urban Grid from Colonialism to Urbanization

This session will look at the spread of the grid as urban system from antiquity to modern times. The main thesis is that rectangular subdivision of land is related to colonial appropriation and imposition of law as a precondition for ‘primitive accumulation’.

Pier Vittorio Aureli, “Appropriation, Subdivision, Abstraction: A Political History of the Urban Grid”. In Log 44 (Fall 2018): 139-167.

Week 10, April 9th
 Architectural form and Economy
The legacy of Jean-Louis-Nicolas Durand’s Precis

This lecture focuses on the teaching of Durand as paradigmatic of an architecture driven by the concrete abstraction of economy.

**Week 11, April 10th**  
**Metropolis and Abstraction**  
From Ludwig Hilberseimer’s Metropolis Architecture to Archizoom’s No Stop City, to Rem Koolhaas’s Generic City.

This lecture focuses on 20th century ‘modern’ architecture through the lens of abstraction. While many architects try to save architecture from the reifying forces of the metropolis by insisting on the importance of craft and style, few architects accepted the generic character of modern life and attempted to render it through their speculative projects.


**Week 12, April 23rd**  
**The Return of the Factory**  
From Cedric Price to Data Centers

This session will look at the spread of abstraction through the ubiquity of algorithmic governance, tracing a genealogy that goes from the cybernetic architecture imagined by Cedric Price to the development of data centers and the architecture of fulfillment.

- Pier Vittorio Aureli “Labor and Architecture: Revisiting Cedric Price’s Potteries Thinkbelt”. In Log 23 (Fall 2011): 97-118.

**Week 13, April 24th**  
**Conclusions and Discussion**
Syllabus: ARCH 3229 Sustainability: A Critical View from the Urban History of Amazonia 2020
Faculty: Ana María Durán Calisto

Overview
Amazonia is experiencing rapid urban growth. Its urban frontier is one of the fastest growing in the world: 80% of it is self-built (informal) in nature. Under export oriented and neo-extractivist policies, dependency of Latin American economies on raw materials and agro-products is unlikely to revert in the up-coming decades. Nevertheless, scarce research efforts have focused on the urban phenomenon in Amazonia. How could forest cities be designed and constructed, if at all? Can the forest be harvested sustainably and sustain its cities, many of which currently depend on imports? Could urbanization be allied with productive forest resurgence in the region? Could urban research focused on Amazonia inform environmental approaches to city making elsewhere? Can environmental history and archaeology influence the way in which we approach Amazonian settlements today? How could forest cities be designed and constructed, if at all? Can the forest be harvested sustainably and sustain its cities, many of which currently depend on imports? Could urbanization be allied with productive forest resurgence in the region? Could urban research focused on Amazonia inform environmental approaches to city making elsewhere? Can environmental history and archaeology influence the way in which we approach Amazonian settlements today? Considering the complexity and asymmetry of “Global North” - “Global South” relationships within the context of the Amazon River basin. We will engage theories that attempt to explain the underlying mechanisms of these relationships: Dependency Theory (Center — Periphery), Central Place Theory, Development Pole, Export-based regional planning, Import Substitution, Political Economy, Neoliberalism, post-Colonialism, and so forth. We will do so questioning binaries such as north-south, dependence-independence, center-periphery, developed-underdeveloped, left-right. None of these binaries provide satisfactory frameworks to discuss Amazonia today.

Central Ideas and Learning Goals
- Become acquainted with alternative approaches to agriculture, remediation, and forest resurgence.
- Become acquainted with the role played by indigenous communities and their practices in the actual design and ecological construction of the forest.
- Understand the complexity and asymmetry of “Global North” - “Global South” relationships within the context of the Amazon River basin.
- Appreciate and understand the (climatic, medicinal, cultural, biotic, etc.) value of tropical rain forests (as living forests).
- Incorporate existing cities into the Amazonian imaginary.
-Trace relationships between our eating habits and our transportation methods with the future of tropical rain forests.
- Critically rethink technology: panacea or problem? Which/Whose technology?
- Critically rethink the concept of colonization and deconstruct the shapes it takes in the contemporary world.
- Embrace complexity and transdisciplinarity

Course Objectives
1. Develop an understanding of alternative approaches to city making (urban ecology), urban agriculture, forest remediation, and forest resurgence, through an understanding of Amazonian territorial practices.
2. Provide an overview of the genesis and evolution of Amazonian forest cities since pre-Columbian until current times.
3. Explore the physical, economic, and cultural relationships and dependencies between the “Global North” and “Global South” with respect to the Amazon River basin.
4. Explore the relationships between sourcing of raw materials and urban metabolism/construction.

Assessment Breakdown
- Oral Proposal/Bibliography 15%
- Midterm Paper Draft 20%
- Final Paper 25%
- Final Presentation 15%
- Attendance/Participation 25%
Theoretical Frameworks

Urban Amazonia has received meager research attention from the design fields, even though, since the 1970s, it displays the fastest growing urban frontier in South America, and one of the fastest growing in the world. Brazilian geographer Bertha Becker was the first social scientist to note the demographic explosion in the region, and the first one to call for a revision of urban categories. Amazonia was an “urban forest” she stated. Several geographers, notably Browder and Godfrey in the 1980s, followed the pathway opened by Becker and continued to document and update her first forays into what they referred to as “rainforest cities.” Currently, multi-disciplinary and collaborative teams, among whose members we could cite Brondizio and Padoch, undertake incursions, both through satellite and on the ground, of a complex web of informal settlements that comprise 80% of Amazonian urbanization. Architects and urban designers have probably neglected this vast territory precisely because it is perceived as non-urban, as a contested ground between extractive enterprises, agri-businesses (particularly soy bean and palm oil mono-cultures) and ranching. Even though these are indeed the main economic forces driving the advance of frontiers into Amazonia (variously referred to as “resource frontiers,” “economic frontiers,” “poverty frontiers,” “urban frontiers,” “corporatists frontiers,” “populist frontiers,” and so forth), informal urbanization, particularly along the high-ways of developmentalism promoted as arteries for colonization and escape valves for other poverty-striken regions in South America, has become the main expression of such frontiers. Student acquaintance with theoretical urban models will be complemented by studies related to “informal” urbanization and its causes. This focus will not neglect a critical analysis of formal -state or market driven- projects within the Amazon river basin, particularly company towns. In order to critically analyze urbanization in the Amazon from a historical perspective we will study the emergence of urban forms from pre-Colonial times until the Modern era.

Required Texts


Films

Aguirre: Der Zorn Gottes (Aguirre: The Wrath of God), Werner Herzog, 1972 (1’35’’)
When Two Worlds Collide, Heidi Brandenburg and Matthew Orzel, 2016 (1’ 43’’)
Lost City of Z (Kuhikugu), James Gray, 2016 (2’21’’)
— Available on Amazon Prime and in Yale Film Study Center, https://www.amazon.com/Lost-City-Z-Charlie-Hunnam/dp/B06XY8L2DB.
Avatar, James Cameron, 2009 (2’42’’)
— Available on Amazon Prime, https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B003EVWDR0/ref=atv_dl_rdr
Embrace of the Serpent, Ciro Guerra, 2016 (2’5’’)
— Available on Amazon Prime and Yale Film Study Center, https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B01E9ACOQE/ref=atv_dl_rdr
Serra Pelada, Heitor Dhalia, 2013 (2’)
— Netflix, https://www.netflix.com/Title/80114112
First Contact: Lost Tribe of the Amazon, Angus McQueen, 2016 (48’’) — Available in Netflix
Trash, Christian Duurvoort and Stephen Daldry, 2014 (1’54’’) — Amazon
The Salt of the Earth, Juliano Ribeiro Salgado and Wim Wenders, 2014 (1’50’’) — Yale Library
The Killing of Chico Mendes, Adrian Cowell, 1990 (50’’), http://docuseek2.com/cart/product/663
The Biggest Little Farm, Molly and John Chester, 2018 (1’30’’).

Visual Arts
• Juan Downey
• Alfredo Jaar
• Sebastião Salgado
• Fabiano Kueva
• Tuca Vieira

Class Organization
The seminar will meet for 110 minutes per week, and will be structured as a combination of lecture and discussion session. Throughout the semester, students are expected to prepare for class by reading assigned texts and watching assigned films. Please do come prepared for each session: discussions will be lively and engaging if we do our work in advance. Each student will research an Amazonian city, settlement or system of settlements (and their infrastructural supports) throughout the semester; and will be expected to analyze urban performance from the point of view of (energetic, land, water, economic, cultural, resource) sustainability. A structural analysis of each Amazonian city will also allow students to describe the relationship established by the culture who designed it and its environment. Theoretical works on the ontology of nature among diverse cultures will be useful in this regard. Students will have the opportunity to present the results of their research at the end of the semester. Students are expected to incorporate knowledge derived from the lectures, papers, films, and visual arts into their urban analysis. They are also expected to address the environmental history of selected cities/urban systems; and their socio-political and cultural context. The use of maps, (satellite/aerial) images, diagrams, photographs, and drawings is highly encouraged.

Evaluation/Assessment
15% - Oral proposal/annotated bibliography (Due on week 3)
20% - Mid-term paper Draft (app. 3,000 words, due on week 11)
25% - Final Paper (Due on week 16, May 6 at midnight)
15% - Final Presentation (Due on weeks 15 and 16)
25% - Attendance and Participation

Note: Sources must be cited. You are free to use any citation style as long as it is consistent throughout the paper. Please number the pages. Assignments are due by midnight (11:59 pm) on the due date.
Schedule and Bibliography

**Week 1 (January 15)**
Ideas about Nature and Cities — Part I

We can infer the ontology of nature in the way in which a society builds its environment. Examining the relationship established between “culture” (should we use “ontology”) and “nature” (should we use “surroundings”/“environment”) will be central to this course. The issue of ontology is not to be underestimated, for the way in which we define the essence or being of what we name reveals how we relate to that which we define depending on how we define it. Different cultures approach concepts in very different ways. Languages remain an important doorway into ontology and, as anthropologist Philippe Descola would say, the “ecology of others.” Linguistic structures, nevertheless, pose limitations when it comes to transmitting the way in which Amazonian cultures establish spiritual relationships with other beings and the forest, as Eduardo Kohn argues in “How Forests Think: Toward an Anthropology beyond the Human.” Nature means very different things for different cultures. In most Amazonian languages, a word for “nature” does not even exist as we know it. In this first phase of the course, we will delve into the genesis and evolution of the concept of Nature in Western thought, and will contrast this ontological history with a radically different one: the “Amazonian” (in spite of the heterogeneity of cultures in the basin, animism remains a common thread). A very brief historical overview of ideas about nature will be complemented by a reflection on how they influence the construction of human-nature relationships, and particularly, city-nature relationships. Nature, in this course, will be understood not just as a biophysical entity, but as a social construct. Epistemology and the history of ideas are important to architects and urbanists because cities are simultaneously constructed natures and subject to natural forces and laws.

Coates, P. (1998). Nature Chapters 1, 2

Assignment: Bring three images to class: one which symbolizes “nature,” another one which symbolizes “city,” and a third one which symbolizes “rural” or “agriculture.”

Watch: Avatar

**Week 2 (January 22)**
Ideas about Nature and Cities — Part II


Week 3 (January 29)
Ideas about Nature and Cities — Part III
Due: Oral proposal (5 min. per student) and annotated bibliography

Invited lecturer: Susannah Sayler or Edward Morris, who are visually documenting/interpreting the effects of climate change in diverse ecologies, including Amazonia. https://www.sayler-morris.com/
Exact date to be determined

The rise and evolution of environmentalism. The environment in our everyday life, architectural design, urban design, and popular culture.


Watch:
Drexler, E. (2013). TED talk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S3Dn8OquIM
Kurzweil, R. (2013). CTT interview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCbpaapq_vRI

Week 4 (February 5)
Political Economy, Political Ecology, Extraction, and the Rise of China
Cities: Serra do Navio, Lago Agrio, Pucallpa.

Invited lecturer: Susannah Sayler or Edward Morris, who are visually documenting/interpreting the effects of climate change in diverse ecologies, including Amazonia. https://www.sayler-morris.com/
Exact date to be determined

This week we will plunge into the particular issues posed by urban growth in Amazonia, where the majority of the population lives in cities. Urbanization in tropical America has taken place, since the Conquest, through a series of historical interventions that have attempted to transplant urban and agricultural models developed for temperate areas to the tropics. Periods of intense urbanization have corresponded to extraction booms or state-driven occupation (whether colonial or national), or both. Currently, the rise of China and its demand for raw materials and agricultural products, particularly soy beans, is driving a new wave of boom economies and the often-unstable urbanisms that accompany them. It will be important to place this discussion in the context of climate change, for deforestation in the tropics can release carbon dioxide in quantities that compete with the vehicular park of the global north. Issues of social and environmental justice will also be central to this discussion: how are the globalization of the economy, and the commodification of nature and culture, related to environmental and social justice?

Ceballos et al. (2015). Accelerated modern human—induced species losses: Entering the sixth mass
extinction. Science Advances, 1 (5).

How China Plans to Feed 1.4 Billion Growing Appetites


IPCC 5th Assessment (Executive Summary). Available online.


Watch:

Yasuní ITT, a Post Oil Initiative, infographic film by Santiago del Hierro, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wuxpTj7534

Crude, by Joe Berlinger, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fB9jQryg6aQ

Week 5 (February 12) – Studio Travel Week
Favelization of the Amazon River basin
Cities: Rolim de Moura, Carajás, Parauapebas, Marabá, Shushufindi, Coca.

Approximately seventy percent of contemporary urbanization in the Amazon is “informal” in nature; therefore, our class lecture and discussion will focus on developing the concepts of “formal” and “informal,” as well as “peri-urban.” We will try to understand the forces behind current socio-spatial configurations in South America in general and the Amazon in particular, taking into account that dichotomies such as “rural” and “urban;” “natural” and “artificial;” “formal” and “informal;” “forest” and “field” segregate phenomena that are intricately intertwined and interrelated. The notion of “remittance urbanisms” and an understanding of migration flows at a global scale will be central to this discussion.


Watch:

When Two Worlds Collide, by Heidi Brandenburg and Matthew Orzel.
Trash, by Christian Duurvoort and Stephen Daldry
Week 6 (February 19)
The Archaeology of Amazonian Urbanism — Lessons from the Deep Past
Cities: Arawak settlements, Kukukugu, Huaoarani settlements, Yanomamo settlements, Llanos de Mojos, other settlements documented by archaeology or ethnography.

This seminar must take into account the magnitude and character of pre-colonial settlements in the Amazon, a field of study that is being understood with greater clarity by archeology, as satellite imagery and remote sensing (Lidar, spectral footprints) unveil the extent to which the Amazon basin was intervened by human cultures before the arrival of the Europeans. A survey of pre-Hispanic settlements and agricultural/resource management practices (terra preta do indio, agroforestry, elevated fields, fish weirs, etc.) is critical to any future projection of the Amazon, for ancestral technologies were developed within the logic of the forest as a productive habitat, and may provide models capable of merging development with sustainability.


Watch:
The Secret of El Dorado by BBC.
The Lost City of Z by James Gray.

Week 7 (February 26)
Colonialism of Extraction and Catholic Missions
Cities: Iquitos: The Floating City, Bora Bora settlements, Belém do Pará, Manaus, Jesuit reductions, Llanos de Mojos.

Different European groups colonized the Americas in different ways. We will focus on analyzing two models that were central to Western occupation of Latin America: the Portuguese forts, ports, border towns and aviamentos; as well as the Laws of Indies and the encomiendas/obrajes laid out by the Spanish crown to appropriate land, labor and resources, as well as manage extraction nodes in the territories it controlled. We will marginally look at colonization models laid out by the French, the Dutch, and the English, since they occupied lands in North Eastern South America and the Caribbean. In this seminal process of Western colonization lies the root of the dual spatiality that characterizes cities and hinterlands in the region to this day.

Mann, C. C. (2011). 1493: Uncovering the new world Columbus created. Vintage. Prologue; Chapter 1: Two Monuments; Chapter 4: Shiploads of Money; Chapter 5: Lovesick Grass, Foreign Tubers, and Jade Rice.

Watch: Aguirre — The Wrath of God by Werner Herzog.
Week 8 (March 4) - MID-TERM WEEK
African imprints: Quilombos, Mocambos, Palenques and the Urbanisms of Freedom
Cities/Settlements: Palmares, list of Amazonian quilombos will be provided.

The contribution of African models to the reshaping of the Americas cannot be underestimated, least of all in Amazonia, whose forests provided a space for freedom where run-away slaves who escaped from their bonds in coastal cities intermingled with native Amazonians in a unique process of miscegenation, which is expressed as novel spatiality in the quilombos and mocambos of the jungle.


Week 9 (March 25) - Paper Draft is due
The Rubber Boom Regional System
Cities/infrastructures: Belem do Pará, Manaus, Iquitos, Santarém, Porto Velho, the Madeira-Mamoré railway

The rubber boom decanted in the most solid urban network of Amazonia since pre-Colonial times, and it was marked by a human catastrophe in the regional hinterlands. Small pox and other diseases introduced by the Europeans had decimated pre-colonial populations in the region. The rubber boom truncated their recovery by exploiting indigenous labor.

Even though the urbanisms structured around the highway networks of Modernity have established new constellations where small and intermediate cities play a central role, the rubber regional network of primate cities (Iquitos, Manaus, Santarém, Belém do Pará, Porto Velho), intermediate entrepôts, and extraction trails with collection points still composes the primary structure of the riverine urban system, and the relationship between rubber boom cities and their regional hinterlands is still active. For two weeks, we will analyze how the rubber extraction network came into being and the shape it took at multiple scales.


Watch: Fitzcarraldo by Werner Herzog.

Week 10 (April 1)
The Rubber Boom Regional System
Syllabus: ARCH 3229 Sustainability: History of Amazonia 2020

After endemic Hevea Brasiliensis (latex) was bio-pirated towards Asia, and plantations prospered devoid of natural pests across the Pacific, the rubber boom urban system collapsed. The glory of rubber barons like Arana and Fitzcarraldo faded under the patina that covers boom towns during ghastly phases of unintended de-growth. A second rubber boom, much weaker than the first, was to revisit the Amazon during the II World War, when the tensions between Japan and the US, led the latter to reestablish latex trade for its war industry with Brazil. Fordlandia resulted from these efforts. This week we will study the city in detail and analyze the causes for its downfall.


Watch: Embrace of the Serpent by Ciro Guerra

Suggested Artist: Humboldt’s Diary, Fabiano Kueva

Week II (April 8)
A History of Scientific Narratives, the Modern City and Developmentalism in Amazonia
Cities and infrastructures: The Trans-Amazonian highway and its urban network; the Ecuadorean oil axis; the Pucallpa constellation; other highway networks; border towns; Cargill’s infrastructure in Amazonia.

Invited lecturer: Judith Kimerling, environmental and human rights lawyer, professor of law at CUNY, author of Amazon Crude and other pivotal writings on Ecuadorian environmental history and justice.

This week we will study Brazilian desarollismo and modernism, as well as its geopolitical pursuit of integration and colonization of Amazonia under the leadership of a Cold War military dictatorship which supported rational planning. We will briefly discuss the Brazilian seeds of this brand of regional development as they were planted in Pombal’s era, within the framework of positivism. We will also analyze its contemporary inheritor: IIRSA-COSIPLAN, a continental integration project developed by the IDB, a prime example of “financial planning.” The latter extends the modern Brazilian impulse to integrate and nationalize its interior to the totality of the South American continent. It is a project of infrastructural integration whose main aim is to link ports in the Pacific to agri-business (particularly the soy complex), mining and fossil fuel distribution nodes. The necessity to trace and build bi-oceanic corridors grew as China became the main commercial partner of Brazil and most other nations in South America. We will become acquainted with Brazilian modes of planning and their precedents by discussing the Garden City, Modernism, Urbanismo Rural, Company Towns, and conceptualization of infrastructures as mono-functional, neutral and conducive to development.


Watch: The Salt of the Earth by Juliano Ribeiro Salgado and Wim Wenders.
Suggested Artist: Sebastião Salgado

**Week 12 (April 15)**

Contemporary Paradigms of Design, the Future and Indigenous Knowledge

Cities throughout the world aspire to become more sustainable. How are they achieving such a lofty goal; through which specific strategies? Which are the theories behind “urban sustainability?” Can cities be designed to be more sustainable in the midst of a general disregard for what is happening in the hinterlands? What is a blue-green infrastructure and which are the governance systems and legal frameworks that make its design and implementation feasible? What can we learn from ethnography and archaeology in the specific case of urban Amazonia and its future projection?


Watch:
The Biggest Little Farm, documentary by Molly and John Chester.
First Contact: Lost Tribe of the Amazon

Suggested Artists: Juan Downey and Alfredo Jaar

**Week 13 (April 22) — Final Presentations**

Indigenous Communes and Reservas Extrativistas

After having studied colonial, republican, modernist, and informal models of urbanization in Amazonia, we will focus on the notion of hybrid models and the value of the commune. Both indigenous communes, highly adapted to contemporary times, and Brazilian Reservas Extrativistas, provide alternate, working settlement modes in Amazonia. Do they hold keys to its future sustainability? We will wrap up the week and the seminar with the question: How would you design architecture or the city in Amazonia? Does your response to this question alter in any way the response you would provide for the general question: How would you design architecture and the city?


Watch: The Killing of Chico Mendes by Adrian Cowell.

**Week 16 — FINAL REVIEWS / Week 17 (May 6)**

Final Paper due on May 6 at midnight / Final Presentations
Syllabus: ARCH 3232 Politics of Space 2019

Faculty: Mary McLeod

Overview

This seminar explores the relation between space, power, and politics in the urban environment from the Enlightenment period to the present. In contrast to some Marxist approaches that see architecture primarily as an ideological reflection of dominant economic forces, this seminar investigates how power is actually produced and embodied in the physical environment. In other words, space and architecture are seen as active participants in the structuring of our daily lives and relations, not merely as passive reflections of political and economic institutions. Two theorists will be critical to this exploration: the philosopher and sociologist Henri Lefebvre and the philosopher/historian Michel Foucault. Lefebvre's work, which draws heavily on both Marxism (especially Marx's early writings on alienation) and existentialism, introduced the notion of daily life as a critical political construct. Lefebvre saw the city and architecture as integrally contributing to power relations, and viewed the urban festival as an important strategy in overcoming the monotony of what he called “the bureaucratic society of controlled consumption.” Foucault, on the other hand, rejects Lefebvre's humanism and emphasis on subjectivity in his analysis of the relation between space, power, and social institutions. Both theorists, however, share a skepticism towards Enlightenment rationality, and both attempt to counter the traditional Marxist/Hegelian emphasis on historical time by placing a new importance on space. The writings of more recent theorists (such as Marshall Berman, Michel de Certeau, Teresa Caldeira, Mike Davis, Guy Debord, Andreas Huyssen, Rem Koolhaas, Elizabeth Wilson, and Douglas Spencer) will also be examined with regard to issues concerning the politics of space.

Course Objectives

1. Develop a general understanding of the general theories and schools of thought with respect to space, power, and politics within the urban environment.
2. Utilize this understanding to analyze various case studies of urban spaces throughout history.

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Class Organization

The first three sessions of the class will be devoted to a general theoretical introduction. The following ten classes will examine specific aspects of the urban environment—institutions, public/private dichotomies, urban monuments, events—to consider the relation between space and power in actual situations. These case studies will be roughly chronological, moving from those institutions that gained identity in the eighteenth century—prisons, asylums, clinics—to contemporary situations of spectacle and consumption. The final class will be devoted to contemporary debates about urban development.

Course Requirements

The class will be organized somewhat like a reading/study group. All assigned readings are to be completed before class. In addition, each student will be asked to lead the discussion of approximately three or four readings in the course of the term (these can be very short, 5-10 minute, presentations). The written requirements include two short essays approximately 3 typed pages, on themes raised by the readings, as well as one longer essay/paper, approximately 5-8 typed pages. This essay can either be an extended book review (critical rather than descriptive comparative reviews are generally easier in this regard) or else a research essay exploring a theme, space, or institution suggested by the readings. A version of this paper is to be given to the instructor ideally before a related class presentation. A final version of this paper incorporating revisions is due at the end of the semester.
Syllabus: ARCH 3232 Politics of Space 2019

Seminar Topics

1. Space/Power: Introduction
2. The Politics of Everyday Life: Lefebvre
3. The Production of Space
4. The Clinic/the Asylum/the Enlightenment City of Control
5. Prisons
6. The Public and Private Spheres: “The Fall of Public Man”
7. Monument and Memory
8. Spectacle and Its Critique: Debord and the Situationists, Cedric Price
9. Massculture, Women, and the City of Everyday Life
10. Fortress Cities: Los Angeles and Sao Paulo
11. Spectacle and Entertainment: Las Vegas and Times Square
12. Case Study: Rem Koolhaas’s Urbanism: Delirium, Sobriety, Cynicism
13. Architecture and Neo-Liberalism: Hudson Yards and Other Case Studies
Syllabus: ARCH 3239
Launch: Architecture/Entrepreneurialism 2018

Faculty: Keller Easterling

Overview

Launch studies the designer as activist, agent and entrepreneur. The seminar argues that entrepreneurial practices can renovate architectural practice, but it also argues that prevailing models of the entrepreneur need to be renovated to consider spatial variables and urban strategies.

The aesthetic practices of the architect are often entirely different from that of the entrepreneur. While the architect frequently wishes to make a singular, autonomous, object as expression of self or client, the entrepreneur wants to introduce into culture multiple objects and aesthetic regimes. This kind of agency measures its progress by how environments are reconditioned with active forms and population effects. The architecture profession is under-rehearsed in these artistic practices.

But this kind of architectural agency might also renovate some stubborn cultural clichés related to entrepreneurialism in general. Within the architecture profession, one default assumption is that an alternative role for the architect is that of a developer. But in a broader culture, there are other defaults related to startup culture. “Entrepreneur” is associated with products or intellectual properties. Digital devices are also treated as a primary medium of innovation. But there are many urban strategies, spatial variables and other innovations to space that not only restructure architectural practice but also introduce another sort of spatial invention in culture. Even at a moment of digital ubiquity, the seminar will consider space itself as an underexploited medium of information and innovation with special aesthetic and political capacities.

As crucial as designing a good idea is designing the advent of that idea—the introduction of the idea into culture. The Launch seminar has been organized differently over the years. Sometimes it has moved slowly toward individual projects, but that sequence allows for little time to rehearse ways in which the idea might gain traction in culture. Last year the entire group worked on one project in order to be able to rehearse its presentation to many audiences, get press attention and go to the next level of support. This year, groups of 3 or 4 will work within 4 general areas that resist the usual clichés of entrepreneurialism. The four areas are Land Use, Health, Energy/Environment, and Mobility, but a project may incorporate more than one category. Each group has the option of working independently or contributing a new idea to an existing project. This way project can take advantage of and learn from existing launching networks and incubators. This year the seminar is teaming up with Origami Innovations https://origamiinnovations.com/, and a Yale consortium working on issues of mobility. But if possible additional groups may be engaged to team up with individual projects.

Class Organization

To apply to the seminar, please write a note about: an idea you are working on or a desire to work within one of the options above.

Soon after the first meeting, projects will share their bibliography for inclusion in the article compendiums.

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Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1 (January 18)

Introduction: IIRS

“Lifetime earnings of architects [are not only] below those of lawyers and physicians [but also] below those of university teachers and engineers involved in construction.”

“Making money is art and working is art and good business is the best art.”—Andy Warhol

“I consider it unlikely that architecture and planning will match the contribution HushPuppies have made to society today, let alone approach the transistor or loop, until a total reappraisal of its particular expertise is self-imposed, or inflicted from outside.”
—Cedric Price

“What, in the end, makes advertising so superior to criticism? Not what the moving red neon says—but the fiery pool reflecting it in the asphalt.”
—Walter Benjamin

This term a longer introductory lecture covers material usually covered in the introduction and first three weeks of class. The first part of the lecture explores the distinction between entrepreneurialism and the self-construction of career. Beyond the pursuit of signature styles, celebrity, and client mimicry, are the roles of inventor, producer, and activist.


Week 2 (January 25)

Working Session: Land Use

Article Compendium:

https://lawnislandfarms.com/

Recommended:


Week 3 (February 1)
Working Session: Health
Guest: Matthew Erlendson

Article Compendium:


Week 4 (February 8)
Working Session: Mobility and Migration

Article Compendium:

Indexing related to location: http://htaindex.org/about/
http://www.locationaffordability.info/
Suzanne Hall, City, Street and Citizen (London: Routledge, 2012).
Keller Easterling, “The One, the Binary, the One-to-One, and the Many in After Belonging: Objects, Spaces, and Territories of the Ways We Stay in Transit, Lars Muller, 2016; http://oslotiennale.no/en/

**Week 5 (February 15)**
Travel Week

**Week 6 (February 22)**
Working Session: Energy/Environment

Article Compendium:
Matthew Huber, Lifeblood: Oil, Freedom and the Forces of Capital (University of Minnesota, 2014).
Mazen Labban, Space, Oil and Capital (New York: Routledge, 2008).
http://www.rmi.org/Transportation (all reports)
Hawken, Paul, Amory B. Lovins, and Hunter Lovins. Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial
Myriam Alexander-Kears, Miranda Peterson, and Alison Cassady The Impact of Vehicle Automation on Carbon Emissions (Center for American Progress, 18 November 2016) https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2016/11/18/292588/the-impact-

**Week 7 (March 1)**
Presentation Design Proposals

**Week 8 (March 8)**
Midterm. Project Tutorials

**Week 9 (March 29)**
Project Specific Readings

**Week 10 (April 5)**
Presentations

**Week 11 (April 12)**
Presentations

**Week 12 (April 19)**
Presentations

**Week 13 (April 26)**
Presentations
Reference

General

Michelle Addington and Daniel Schodek, Smart Materials and Technologies: for the architecture and design professions (New York: Elsevier, 2005).
Design for the Other 90% (Smithsonian/Cooper Hewitt, 2007).
Janine M. Benyus, Biomimicry (First Quill Editions, 1998).
Keller Easterling, Call it Home. Laserdisc.
Dolores Hayden, “Model Houses for the Millions” also in Blueprints, 196-211.


Andres Lepik, Small Scale Big Change: New Architectures of Social Engagement (MoMA, 2010).


Solution 9: The Great Pyramid by Ingo Niermann & Jens Thiel


Martin Pawley, Garbage Housing (New York: Wiley and Sons, 1975).


Perspecta 37 Famous. Entire journal on reserve.

Positioning Practice: The U.S. Pavilion for La Biennale di Venezia 11th International Architecture Exhibition: http://positioningpractice.us/


Solution 168-185: America by Tirdad Zolghadr

Articles

Links
https://a-d-o.com/
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http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/tech/making-stuff.html
http://superflux.in/blog/nid-and-the-eames-report
http://observatory.designobserver.com/article/entry?entry=7277
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http://cityform.mit.edu/projects/urban-network-analysis.html
http://www.achimmenges.net/?cat=286
http://www.howtomakeanything.com/
Whole Earth Catalog,
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http://massdesigngroup.org/team/michael-murphy/
http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/esther_duflo_social_experiments_to_fight_poverty.html
http://extreme.stanford.edu/
http://www.superflux.in/blog/newnormal-revisited
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http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/esther_duflo_social_experiments_to_fight_poverty.html; and
Ian Parker, Profiles, "The Poverty Lab," The New Yorker, May 17, 2010, p. 79

Additional Material Science Resources

azom.com
mrso.org
nisenet.org
www2.dupont.com/Kevlar/en_US
earthlife.net/chelicerata/silk.html
web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2009/virus-battery-0402.html
bpf.co.uk/plastipedia/plastics_history/default.aspx
philipball.co.uk/m02_01.php
biomimicryinstitute.org/home-page-content/home-page-content/
biomimicking-sharks.html

Social Entrepreneurs

The Center for Land Use Interpretation (CLUI), http://www.clui.org
The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP). http://anothercupdevelopment.org
Estudio Teddy Cruz (ETC), http://www.politicalequator.org
Design Corps, http://www.designcorps.org
Detroit Collaborative Design Center, http://architecture.udmercy.edu/dcdc.htm
The Heidelberg Project, http://www.heidelberg.org
International Center for Urban Ecology (ICUE), http://www.shrinkingcities.com
Rebar, http://www.rebargroup.org
Rural Studio, http://cadc.auburn.edu/soa/rural%2Dstudio/
Spatial Information Design Lab/Laura Kurgan, heep://www.spatialinformationdesignlab.org
Studio 804,http://www.studio804.com/
Smith and Others
Syllabus: ARCH 3240
Spatial Concepts of Japan 2020

Faculty: Yoko Kawai

Overview

The seminar explores the origins and developments of Japanese spatial concepts and surveys how they help form the contemporary architecture, ways of life, and cities of the country. The class is unique in offering non-Western perspectives of space and their contemporary application. It also aims to understand Japanese concepts not only as ethnic culture, but as potential contributing principals to respond to the universal issues we currently face, especially that of our mental and physical well-being.

Many Japanese spatial concepts, such as MA, are about time-space distances and ephemeral relationship between objects, people, space, and experiences. They are also sensuous/emotional from the first-person perspectives, rather than logical/intellectual from the third-person perspectives. The unique combination of these characteristics allows us to see and design the space in which the human body and mind are not objects but something that live with the space, inevitably connecting human-beings, architecture, landscape, and city.

Each class is designed around a few Japanese words that signify certain spatial concepts. Every week, a lecture is given on the words with its design features, background, historical examples, and contemporary application. This is accompanied by the discussion lead by assigned group of students.

Contemporary works studied include those by Maki, Isozaki, Ando, Ito, SANAA, and Fujimoto. The urbanism of Tokyo and Kyoto are discussed. Students also carry on independent researches on a topic of their choice as related to the theme of this course. This year, the class also starts building a novel bibliography on Japanese space and human body/mind.

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Lectures are given asynchronously in early semester, and may be synchronously later. The discussions are synchronous by combining in-person and Zoom interactions.

Texts

I recommend you to purchase the following two text books, although all the required readings are available on the Course Reserve section on Canvas.

- Isozaki, Arata, Japan-ness in Architecture, MIT Press, July 2006

Class Organization

Attendance and Participating Discussions

When a lecture is asynchronous, your attendance is confirmed by responding to quick quizzes. Participation to synchronous discussions either in-person or Zoom is desirable, and I will do my best to grade both approaches fairly. If either way of participation is difficult for a student, please talk to me.

Four study groups (about three student each) are formed at the beginning of semester both for group assignments and for supporting each other’s learning.
Leading Discussions (Group Assignment)

The seminar involves intensive discussions of assigned readings. Each group is assigned to lead one discussion session. Before leading the discussion, the assigned group post a list of discussion questions on Canvas Discussion by 5 PM on Monday of the assigned week. Students are encouraged to respond/post their comments that will be counted as a part of their individual discussion participation. Also, all participating students are asked to familiarize themselves with the training resource by Poorve Center about leading a discussion online.

Bibliography Building (Group Assignment)

The class will build and share a novel bibliography on Japanese space and the human body/mind. At Class 6 (10/7), following the introduction by the research librarian, each group builds an annotated bibliography under the sub-theme or medium and share it on the Class Blog on Canvas. The process and the shared outcome are also useful for your individual term project described below. (The groups for this assignment may be different from study groups.)

Term project

A participating student also carries his/her own research project. A topic is up to your interests as long as it relates to Japanese space (or its concepts) and the human body/mind. It could be about particular architect’s projects analyzed through your sensuous experience. It could be about one spatial concept’s different human-space applications throughout the history of Japan. It could be about a series of mental/physical experience in a particular city in Japan. You could also look into works in Western countries when they were influenced by Japanese concept of space.

Your project is carried out in four stages and its products must be submitted in the form of a research paper:

1. Research proposal (due 9/25(Friday) followed by individual interviews with the instructor on 9/29(Tues), 9/30(Wed), &10/6(Tues)) — One-page statement plus preliminary bibliography. Explain the topic, its objective, its significance, and your approach to it. Upon the interview with the instructor, students might be asked to review and resubmit the proposals.

2. Mid-term blog post (due 10/26 (Mon) and its oral presentation for discussion (10/28 and 11/4) —You must present some findings/stories while they could still be hypotheses. Supporting materials of the findings are summarized, analyzed, and compared. Research issues and your schemes toward them must be described to be discussed in the class. Medium used in the blog post (texts, images, slides, or movies) are up to each student.

3. Final “pecha-kucha” presentation vlog post (due 11/30) to be discussed in the last class (12/2) — PechaKucha presentation focusing on the development after the previous one with more concrete findings.


15% - Attendance and discussion participation
20% - Leading discussion on assigned readings & Bibliography building (Group assignments)
25% - Term project — research proposal and mid-term blog post
40% - Term project — final presentation vlog post & final paper
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1 (September 2)
Introduction. Wa & Ma

Explanation of Syllabus and Readings

Japan-ness & Japanism, Western perception, Universality, Complexity of Ma Land, People, Concept of time, Non Duality


Week 2 (September 9)
Himorogi & Yami

Shinto religion, Concept of how the land was formed (Kojiki), Concept of sun and moon, Nature worship, Idea of sacred space, Idea of darkness (e.g. Ise Shrine, Nigatsu-do at Todai-ji Temple, Noh stage [Noh “Izutsu}], Maki, Ando, Isozaki, Kuma, Tajima, Taniguchi)

Book Discussion: On Japan-ness

Japan-ness in Architecture.Ch.6. Ma and Rubble, pp.81-100
What is Japanese Architecture?.p.12-13 Worship, p.40-42 Shinto Shrines. Common Shrine style, p.48 Neighborhood Shrine, p.16-17 the Great Eighth-century Temples, p.120-23 Staging the Noh Drama, the Structure of Noh Stage
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Exhibition brochure “Mika Tajima Matrix x 177 After Life” for the exhibition held between June 1 to September 3, 2017

Week 3 (September 16)
Hashi

Variation of edge conditions, Relationship between adjacent spaces including body (e.g. Izumo-taisha Shrine, Itsukushima Shrine, Ando, SANAA, Taniguchi, Isozaki)

Book Discussion (by Group 1): Sacredness and Time

Japan-ness in Architecture. Ch.8, pp117-132
Katagiri. Each Moment is the Universe, Ch.1 the Naked Nature of Time (pp.3-5), Ch.12 Time, Space, and Being (pp. 72-75), Ch.13 the Pivot of Nothingness (pp. 76-79)
What is Japanese Architecture? p.16-17, p.64-65 Shinden Style, p.18-19 Architecture of Pure Land Sect
Japan-ness in Architecture. Ch.9-10, pp133-158
Week 4 (September 23)
Uturoi, Hare-to-Ke, & Hakanai

Space with many faces on different seasons and occasions, Design elements which make the variation possible, changing body and life (e.g Shinden-zukuri, Tale of Genji, Sakutei-ki (Book of Japanese Garden), Itoh, ŠANNA, Isozaki, ZO)

Book Discussion (by Group 2): Ambiguity and Transitoriness

- Japan-ness in Architecture. Ch. 25, Katsura and Its Space of Ambiguity, pp.247-267, Ch.26. Architectonic Polysemy, pp.269-290,
- Futagawa. The Roots of Japanese Architecture. pp.69-79 Ch.3 Dynamic Space
- Maki. Nurturing Dreams. Linkage in Collective Form, pp.57-66
- The MET, Exhibition Brochure, “Rei Kawakubo / Comme des Garsons Art of the In-Between”, for exhibition in summer 2017
- Takei & Kean (trans.) Sakuteiki. p.17-38 Southern Court, Visions in the Sakuteiki
- Futagawa. The Roots of Japanese Architecture. Ch.7 Of Tea Bamboo, pp.127-142, and More Pillars, pp.81-96,

(September 25)
RESEARCH PROPOSAL DUE

Mandatory interviews on the proposals on September 29 (Tues), September 30 (Wed), or October 6 (Tues).

Week 5 (September 30)
Ho-jo, Wabi, Michiyuki

Minimalism of So-an type teahouse and Shoin-zukuri style as its origin, Idea of following the nature in landscape design, Elaboration of teahouse and residence, Idea of creating the nature in landscape design (e.g. Ginkaku-ji temple, Fushin-an, Hojo-ki, En-nan, Ito, Isozaki, Hara, Kuma, Ando, Atelier Bow-Wow, Taniguchi)

Book Discussion (by Group 3): Body & Space

- Nishida, Kitaro. “Basho” pp.49-52 (with notes pp. 188-190) in Place and Dialectic
- Tea Ceremony, Tea House, Soan Teahouse, p.118-9 Tea Garden
- Okakura, Kakuzo, “The Tea-room” in The Book of Tea, 1926
Week 6 (October 7)

Collaborative bibliography building session with the research librarian at East Asia Library. Details TBD. The annotated bibliography is due on Friday, October 19th. This is a Zoom session. Please access to it with PC/laptop that has the capacity to join Zoom AND to search online via VPN (if you are not on campus). Let me know ahead of time if you have an issue.

(October 19)
COLLABORATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE

Week 7 (October 21)

Oku, Okuyuki, & Mura - Tokyo (Mura)

Forms of settlement, Creating the distance and depth (e.g. Maki's Collective form, Zo's and Harada's ideas on settlement, Atelier Bow-Wow on Tokyo, Reconstruction projects for Tohoku)

Book Discussion (Group 4): Tokyo- Whose urbanism?

Bognar. “Group Form to Lightness” pp.120-133 in Fumihiko Maki: buildings and projects
Robertson. “Mirror of Modernity” Ch.8 It Takes a Village, pp.110-129
Coaldrake. “Japanese Capitals” Ch.4 Metaphor of Metropolis, pp.129-149
Excerpts pp.23-38 from Ch.1 (pp.12-38) in Thiel, Philip.1997. People, Path, and Purposes
What is Japanese Architecture? p.68-69 Commoners Dwellings, p.82-87 Minka, Provincial Towns

Week 8 (October 28)

Midterm presentations with Discussion 1

Week 9 (November 4)

Midterm presentations with Discussion 2

Week 10 (November 11)

RESPONSE PAPER DUE. Movement and Space for Tea Ceremony

This is a special Zoom session with Omotesenke style tea ceremony instructor Keiko Kitazawa. A short lecture will be followed by a tea ceremony demonstration in a tea room and then Q&A.


Japan-ness in Architecture. Ch.4 Nature and Artifice pp.47-58
Futagawa. The Roots of Japanese Architecture. pp.58-68 Ch.2 Setting Limits to Infinity, p.97-108, Ch.4 The Garden as a Miniature Universe, pp.143-152, Ch.5 Linking Nature and Architecture, Ch.8 Barrowing Space (list continued.)

Week 11 (November 18)

Michi, Machi-Kyoto, Kei & Fudo

Totality of landscape, Suburban and rural Japan, Preservation, Development, Digital cities (e.g. Fukuoka Nexus, Kori Newtown, Kumamoto Artpolis)
Ancient capital, Medieval concept of City and City Life Idea of neighborhood, Commoners’ dwellings (e.g. Kyo-machi-ya, Rakuchu Rakugai Zu, Harara, Maki, Takamatsu, Isozaki, Ando)

Book Discussion : Japan-ness in City and Landscape

  - Dougill, John. Ch.11 City of Japanness. pp.197-226 in Kyoto: a Cultural History
  - Excerpts (pp.108-116) from Marinucci, Lorenzo. “Japanese Atmosphere of Sky, Wind and Breathing” pp.93-118 in Grifero & Tedeschi (eds.) Atmosphere and Aesthetics
  - “Revising Machiya” Pp.56-75 in Machiya In Kyoto by Kyoto Center for Community Collaboration
  - Tung. “Reversing the Culture of Destruction” pp.368-385, in Preserving the World Great Cities
  - Yamasaki, Ch.12 Kyoto and Preservation of Urban Landscape pp.347-366 in Japanese Capitals in Historical Perspective
  - Grifello. “Is There Such a Thing as an “Atmospheric Turn”? Instead of an Introduction” Ch2. p.11-62, in Grifero & Tedeschi (eds.) Atmosphere and Aesthetics

Week 12 (December 2)
Final research presentation & Discussion

Week 13 (December 16)
FINAL PAPER DUE

Reference

More extensive bibliography is also available on Canvas.

Isozaki, Arata. 2007. The Contemporary Teahouse: Japan’s Top Architects Redefine a Tradition, Tokyo, New York: Kodansha International,
Kajima Shuppan
Ueda, Atsushi, The Inner Harmony of the Japanese House

**DVDs on Reserve**

Metabolism, the city of the future : [dreams and visions of reconstruction in postwar and present-day Japan] 2011. Tokyo: Mori Museum.
Kotonoha no niwa. Shinkei Makoto, 2013. CoMix Wave Films

Faculty: Sunil Bald

Overview

This seminar will focus on trends in Japanese architecture and design culture that embrace the diminutive. In S,M,L,XL, Koolhaas not only classified his own work, but developed a treatise where the scale of the architect’s concerns ramped up. This accompanied architecture’s increasing role as a global commodity, one that led to an increase in scale and a decrease in specificity. Before this phenomenon, 1980’s Japan experienced huge economic growth and looked to the west (as China and the Middle East did in the 2000’s) and western architects for legitimization and an architecture of scale and internationalism. However, in recent years, there has been a reaction to both the architecture of the bubble economy and globalization, and Japan has embraced the diminutive as a rich terrain of design invention. This small grain of Japanese architecture and urbanism has existed for centuries.

This seminar will focus on the XS that Koolhaas omitted. We will look at objects and systems of increasing scale, all of which operate through the micro rather than the macro. Topics include the contemporary Japanese house, micro-urbanism, return to nature movements, and concepts of both the cute and monstrous. These are explored through a series of lenses that engage tradition, pragmatism, commercialism, sustainability, gender, and nationalism.

Course Objectives

1. Examine the micro-scale architecture that has become increasingly common in Japan through the lenses of tradition, pragmatism, commercialism, sustainability, gender, and nationalism.

Assessment Breakdown

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Class Organization

The course will be run primarily as a discussion seminar, with both readings and student-run presentations that relate the readings to works of architecture and design. Readings will include both fiction and theory and will be the basis from which to discuss architecture. Classes will begin with an initial presentation by a student on an architect and how his/her work relates to the theme of that class. This will be followed by a general discussion of the readings that draw in the architects shown, as well as others, to make connections between text and building. The final four class sessions will be 30-minute presentations by students of original research that engages issues from the class.

Requirements

- Students, working in pairs, will be responsible for one 10-15 minute presentation on two works by a specific architect and his/her relation to the theme of the day.
- Prior to each class, students will be required to do the required readings and submit a paragraph synopsis of each reading, and at least one discussion question for each reading. The must be emailed to me by midnight the Sunday before class.
- A 15-page research paper of a topic of the student’s choosing. This will be presented in class during the last four class sessions. A one page abstract with bibliography must be submitted electronically by February 9th. Paper texts are due by midnight April 3rd.
- Active participation in class discussion.
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1: January 17
Introduction

Week 2: January 24
Japanese-ness

Readings:
Selections from R. Barthes, Empire of Signs, pp. 3-63.

HOUSE STUDY: JUNZO YOSHIMURA / KUMA / ITO

Week 3: February 7
Kawaii

Readings:
S. Ngai, Our Aesthetic Categories, pp.53-110.
A. Cheok, “Kawaii, Cute Interactive Media,”

HOUSE STUDY: TORAFU / SEIMA

Week 4: February 19
Toy/Manga/Anime (7pm)

Readings:
Selections from A. Allison et. Al, Millenial Monsters: Japanese Toys and the Global Imagination
Selections from M. Ito, Fandom Unbound: Otaku Culture in a Connected World

HOUSE STUDY: TAKAMATSU / SHINOHARA

Week 5: February 21
Bento (Presentation by Miwako Tezuka)

Readings:
K. Ekuan, The Art of the Japanese Lunchbox, pp. 1-73

HOUSE STUDY: W. KISHI / FUJIMOTO / S. BAN

Week 6: February 28
The Capsule

Readings:
K. Kurokawa, ‘From Metabolism to Symbiosis’ in From Metabolism to Symbiosis, (6-29)
K. Kurokawa, ‘Capsule Declaration’ in Metabolism in Architecture.
R. Banham, ‘A Home is not a House’ in Art in America, no. 2 April 1965.

HOUSE STUDY: KUROKAWA / KIKUTAKE
Week 7: March 28
The House

Readings:
Kamo no Chomei, ‘An Account of My Hut,’ in D. Keene, An Anthology of Japanese Literature
Oshima, ‘La morfosi della casa minima: Morphoses of the Minimal Dwelling,’ in Lotus 142.

HOUSE STUDY: BOW WOW / NISHIZAWA

Weeks 8-11: April 4-25
Student Presentations
Syllabus: ARCH 3272
Exhibitionism: The Politics of Display 2021

Faculty: Joel Sanders

Overview

Since the establishment of the Western art museum in the 16th century, museum architecture, considered in relationship with the art it displays, has perpetuated white supremacy, heteronormativity and ableism. BLM and COVID-19 have increased the pressure for institutions to reckon with this problematic history. Over the past decade, art museums have been demonstrating their commitment to DI & E (Diversity, Inclusion & Equity) through human resources, programming and curatorial practices. However, they are just beginning to explore the spatial needs of non-normative visitors who fall outside of the cultural mainstream.

This seminar, taught in partnership with Yale Public Health, the Queens Museum and Queens Community House, explores the role that the designed environment can play in addressing this challenge. It builds on design research currently being conducted by MIXdesign through a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Treating the Queens Museum as a Case Study, the course invites designers, public health experts, museum stakeholders and end-users to collaborate in an Inclusive Design process dedicated to inventing innovative strategies for transforming museums into welcoming multi-sensory facilities that foster belonging and well-being for all visitors, no matter their age, gender, race, religion or abilities.

We will situate these contemporary challenges in a socio-political context by mapping the intertwined histories of art and museum architecture from the 16th century to today. The history of Western art and the history of the Western art museum are typically treated as separate narratives. However, the visitor’s encounter with art cannot be understood without taking into account the exhibition space in which art is viewed. We will explore how the spatial and material development of the museum working in conjunction with the art it is designed to display both mirrors and perpetuates changing attitudes about human embodied identities, nature and technology as seen through the perspectives of artists, architects, critics, and collectors.

Looking back will allow us to imagine alternative futures for the 21st century museum. Working with feedback obtained through participatory design workshops with Queens Museum stakeholders and visitors, students working in teams will generate innovative proposals for making museums interactive environments that promote multi-sensory experience among an inter-generational group of people of different races, genders, and abilities.

Course Objectives

1. Study the history of Western art museums throughout history beginning with the 16th century through today within the context of socio-political influences.
2. Rethink how exhibitions could be reframed in a way that could accommodate visitors of differing races, genders, and abilities as opposed to only the normative visitor that has been catered to historically.
3. Work with the Queen’s Museum to put this thinking into practice, creating proposals that would promote multi-sensory experience that could be enjoyed by a variety of visitors.

Assessment Breakdown

| Participation | 20% |
| Research Project | 80% |

- The way new technologies are blurring the boundaries between artistic disciplines and mediums including art, performance, film, architecture and landscape.
- The way new technologies are transforming multi-sensory experience, and as a consequence, the way differently embodied humans interact with each other and the world around them.
- The impact of climate change and sustainable practices on art and architecture.
Class Organization

Format

Seminar sessions will be conducted in three alternating formats.

• Cultural/Political Context:

Some classes will explore intersections between past and present through thematic talks and class discussions based on reading responses that examines how a historical issue that artists and architects confronted in the past is relevant to the challenges artists, architects and museums face today.

• Participatory Design:

Other sessions, led by faculty from Yale Public Health and Queens Community House, will include workshops with curators and administrators from the Queen Museum as well as an intersectional sampling of local community visitors. The objective is to acquaint students with participatory design techniques—surveys, interviews, workshops—designed to yield meaningful feedback drawn from the lived experience of end-uses that can inform the design process.

• Cohort Design/Research Projects:

Other classes will be devoted to Cohort Crits: Sanders will meet individually with student teams to discuss the evolution of their design research projects. It is a two-part process. In the research and analysis phase, students will conduct in-depth spatial analysis and end-user-engagement that will allow them to identify spatial challenges faced by differently embodied visitors. During the design phase, teams will create proposals for improving the Queen Museum visitor experience. Proposals can take a variety of forms including drafting guidelines and policies, curating and installing exhibitions, designing display prototypes (pedestals, benches, interactive labels), retrofitting interior and exterior spaces and developing community-oriented programming and events.

Deliverables: Multi-media presentations that integrate text, photographs, video, drawings and models (virtual or actual) that will allow teams to express their design research proposals.

Credit

This course satisfies one of two YSOA Study Areas: History/Theory and Design and Visualization.
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1: February 1
Introduction

Week 2: February 8
Participatory Design 1: ILMS Project Overview with MiXdesign/Queens Stakeholders

During this class, students will meet representatives from MiXdesign and the Queens museum who will provide an overview of the Queen Museum Inclusive Design Study, a two-year project funded by the IMLS. Representatives of the museum staff including the Director, staff and curators will describe how the project objectives further the museum's mission and DEI initiatives. Seb Choe, co-director of MiXdesign, will lead a ‘fly through’ tour of the Queens Museum and describe the IMLS project’s history since its inception in 2019 and the outcome of the work completed to date.

https://www.mixdesign.online/queens-museum
https://www.qchnyc.org/

Week 3: February 15
Humanist Spectatorship: White Supremacy, Sexism and Ableism

This class critiques the Western museum's longstanding investment in “constructing” the ideal Humanist spectator, a default white male viewer capable of encountering works of art through disembodied vision. We begin by tracing the emergence of this ideal in the 15th century, as exemplified by the first art galleries built in European private palaces, exploring how architecture working hand-in-hand with two recent inventions— portable framed pictures and perspective—allowed aristocratic viewers to optically commune with illusionistic images. Then we look at this issue through the lens of contemporary artists and theorists who create works that contest and subvert the way the formal conventions of Western art, when seen in conjunction with museum and gallery design, naturalize and perpetuate problematic conceptions about race, gender and ability.


Week 4: February 22
Civic Spectatorship: Legacy of the 19th Century Public Museum

This class considers the Queens Museum's community-oriented mission through the legacy of the 19th century civic museum, a building typology designed to educate and uplift the masses. Sanders will give a talk describing how the first European and American public museums, conceived as destinations for the general public, presented curators and designers with an unprecedented set of design challenges including narrative flow, security, and crowd control that they still grapple with today. Then Queens Museum Archives and Collections Manager, Lynn Maliszewski will give a talk tracing the history of the Queens Museum and Corona Park from its original incarnation as a part of the 1939 New York World’s Fair until today. We will discuss the affinities and differences between the challenges faced by civic
museums then and now, considering the added imperative for museums like Queens to reach their demographically diverse community.


Week 5: March 1
Participatory Design 2: End-user Focus Group

During this class session students will attend a focus group led by members of Yale Public Health and Queens Community House that convenes an intersectional sample of local Queens museum visitors who will identify the spatial challenges they experience using the museum as well as share some initial recommendations for how they might be addressed.

Theodore Zamenopoulos and Katerina Alexiou, Co-Design as Collaborative Research in Facer, K and Dunleavy, K (eds.) Connected Communities Foundation Series. Bristol: University of Bristol/AHRC Connected Communities Program, 2018.
Queens Museum Survey developed by Abigail Ginader and MIXDesign

Week 6: March 22
Cohort Crit I: Analysis

Student teams present an depth analysis of “activity zones” at the Queens Museum using Body Maps—analytical drawings and diagrams—that describe the embodied spatial experience of specific end-users as they conduct particular museum activities. Do your observations reinforce or differ from the challenges identified by stakeholders and end-users? Each presentation concludes by initial speculations about potential interventions Cohorts might pursue.

Week 7: March 29
Modernist Viewers: Formalism, Abstraction and the White Cube

An analysis of MoMA’s original 1939 building in relationship to its most recent renovation projects designed by Yoshio Tanaguchi in 2004 and DS+R in 2019 exemplifies a trend that also shaped the Queen’s Museum 2013 renovation/expansion designed by Grimshaw: global museum initiatives to create more welcoming and accessible environments by hiring starchitects to upgrade buildings with architectural elements—transparent facades, spectacular atriums and white cube galleries—all deemed essential for a state-of-the-art contemporary museum. We will evaluate the challenges and contradictions posed by this approach which is often at odds with post-911 security, pandemic health measures and art conservation requirements that require museums to be climate controlled, secure environments that can safely monitor the traffic of human bodies that threaten to touch, damage and even steal vulnerable works of art. Is the architectural paradigm of the White Cube still suited to the mission of contemporary museums, including the Queens Museum?

**Week 8: April 5**  
Cohort Crit 2: Refinement of analysis and speculative intervention  

**Week 9: April 12**  
Engaging the body From Object to Body: Minimalism + Performance  

This class explores the critique of the White Cube launched by artists, critics and architects during the 1960’s and 70’s that characterized the post-war museum as an elite bastion of privilege complicit with consumer capitalism. We will examine works by artists belonging to two overlapping movements—Minimalism and Performance—who embraced cross-disciplinary practices and conceived of spectatorship as a full-bodied experience that enfolds in space and time. We will also look at the work of exceptional architects like Fredric Kiesler, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Louis Kahn who rejected the White Cube and designed unorthodox spaces that make viewers aware of their embodied relationship to time and space.


**Week 10: April 19**  
Reinventing the 21st Century Museum: Reconciling DEI and Operational Challenges  
Guests: Buffy Easton, Connie Butler; MoMA reinstallation or Cohort Crit  

The final class invites three leading museum professionals to discuss how progressive institutions are pursuing DEI initiatives made more urgent by BLM and COVID-19. How can museum professionals respond to the increasing pressure to make their institutions more inclusive while at the same time dealing with 21st century operational challenges including massive budget cuts, pandemic health concerns, post-911 security, and heightened conservation and environmental standards?  


**Week 11: April 26**  
Cohort Crit 3: Intervention development  

**Week 12: May 10 (Non-studio Final Exam Period)**  
Final Review Date TBD
Reference

Humanist Spectatorship: White Supremacy, Sexism and Ableism


Civic Spectatorship: Legacy of the 19th Century Public Museum


Modernist Viewers: Formalism, Abstraction and the White Cube

Engaging the body From Object to Body: Minimalism + Performance

Brooks Pfeiffer, Bruce. Frank Lloyd Wright: The Guggenheim Correspondence, Fresno: The Press at California State University, 1986.

Reinventing the 21st Century Museum: Reconciling DEI and Operational Challenges

Death to the Museums https://deathtomuseums.com
D’ Souza, Aruna. Whitewalling: Art, Race & Protest in 3 Acts, Badlands Unlimited, 2018
Reilly, Maura. Curatorial Activism: Towards an Ethics of Curating, Thames & Hudson, 2018
Syllabus: ARCH 3300
The Idea of an Avant-garde in Architecture 2020

Faculty: Joan Ockman

Overview/Class Organization

No historian of architecture has written more intensely about the contradictions of architecture in late-modern society or reflected more deeply on the tasks of architectural historiography than Manfredo Tafuri (1935–1994). For both architectural practitioners and critical intellectuals, the Italian historian’s refusal to place “hopes in design” within an advanced capitalist society produced an impasse in the 1970s and ’80s. This ultimately led to calls to oublier Tafuri—to move beyond his pessimistic and lacerating critique.

This seminar undertakes a close reading of one of Tafuri’s richest and most complex books, The Sphere and the Labyrinth: Avant-Gardes and Architecture from Piranesi to the 1970s. Published in Italian in 1980 and translated into English in 1987, the book appeared at the midpoint of Tafuri’s career and at a pivotal moment in relation to the emergence of postmodernism. It is the first sustained effort to define and historicize the idea of the avant-garde specifically in relation to architecture. Unconventionally, Tafuri begins his account in the 18th century with the “wicked” architectural inventions of Piranesi. He then jumps 175 years forward to the film theory of Soviet director Sergei Eisenstein, whose concept of montage was inspired by Piranesi’s Carceri.

The book’s central section traverses a range of architectural and urban developments in Europe and the United States during the first part of the twentieth century. Among the topics he addresses are modernist experiments in the theater, the network of exchanges among avant-garde protagonists, the reconceptualization of urbanism in the Soviet Union after the Bolshevik revolution, the American skyscraper city, and the politics of social housing in Weimar Germany. The book concludes with two powerful—and mordant—chapters on the neo-avant-gardes of the 1960s and ’70s.

The class works its way through The Sphere and the Labyrinth chapter by chapter, beginning with Tafuri’s formidable methodological introduction, “The Historical ‘Project.’” Discussions of each chapter are supplemented by readings of primary documents and related material. Our concern is equally with history and historiography: with specific material and ideological contexts, and with the ways they are written into architectural literature. Our central aim is to explore the role and function of avant-gardes in the history of architecture. Is the concept of avant-gardism still relevant today? Or should it be relegated to the dustbin of twentieth-century history?

The seminar is open to Ph.D. students and others with a strong background in architectural history. Non-Ph.D.’s may be admitted by permission of the instructor.

Requirements

• One in-class presentation
• Weekly reading reports
• A 20-page term paper

Course Objectives

1. Explore the history of avant-gardism as a concept in architecture (mainly in the 20th century), and examine its relevance to the architecture of today.

Assessment Breakdown

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Syllabus: ARCH 3300 Avant-garde in Architecture 2020

Schedule and Bibliography

Notes: The primary text for the course is The Sphere and the Labyrinth, trans. Pellegrino D’Acierno and Robert Connally (MIT Press, 1987). It is out of print, but it is strongly suggested that you obtain a used copy to be marked up and brought to class. Alternatively, please print out a full copy from the file uploaded to Canvas or find a loan copy for the semester. All other readings will available on Canvas.

Week 0

For the first class, please do a preliminary reading of the introduction to The Sphere and the Labyrinth: “The Historical ‘Project,’” pp. 1–21, online at https://monoskop.org/images/a/a0/Tafuri_Manfredo_The_Sphere_and_the_Labyrinth.pdf.

Week 1 (January 10) - THEORIES, HISTORIES
Introductory. History and historiography

Manfredo Tafuri, “The Historical ‘Project,’” from The Sphere and the Labyrinth (hereafter S+L)

Week 2 (January 24)
History and historiography continued

Manfredo Tafuri, “The Historical ‘Project,’” S+L
Michel Foucault, “Nietzsche, Genealogy, History,” from Language, Counter-Memory, Practice (1971)
Viktor Shklovsky, “Knight’s Move” (1923)
Sigmund Freud, from “Analysis Terminable and Interminable” (1937)

Week 3 (January 31)
Theories of the avant-garde. Situating Tafuri

Luisa Passerini, interview with Manfredo Tafuri (1992), from ANY 25/26 (2000)

Week 4 (February 7) - PROTO-AVANT-GARDE
The discovery of transgression

Manfredo Tafuri, excerpt on Piranesi from “Reason’s Adventures: Naturalism and the City in the Century of the Enlightenment,” from Architecture and Utopia (1973)
Giovanni Battista Piranesi, “Opinions on Architecture: A Dialogue” (1765)
Rudolf Wittkower, “Piranesi’s ‘Parere su L’Architettura’” (1938)
Week 5 (February 14)
The technique of shock

Manfredo Tafuri, “The Historicity of the Avant-Garde: Piranesi and Eisenstein,” S+L
Sergei Eisenstein, “Piranesi, or the Fluidity of Forms” (1946–47), S+L
Sergei Eisenstein, “Montage and Architecture” (c. 1937–40)

Week 6 (February 21) - AVANT-GARDE
The metropolis in microcosm: the avant-garde theater

Manfredo Tafuri, “The Stage as ‘Virtual City’: From Fuchs to the Totaltheater,” S+L
Bruno Taut, “The Galoshes of Fortune” (1920), S+L
Georg Simmel, “The Metropolis and Mental Life” (1903)

Week 7 (February 28)
The metropolis as crucible of cosmopolitan culture: transnational exchanges, polemics, manifestos

Roland Nachtigäller and Hubertus Gassner, “3 × 1 = 1: Vesc’ Objet Gegenstand,” from Il’ja Erenburg and El Lisickij, Vesc’ Objet Gegenstand: Berlin 1922 (1994 [facsimile])

Week 8 (March 6)
The metropolis of socialism: the Soviet city from the Revolution to the First Five-Year Plan


Week 9 (March 27)
The metropolis of capitalism: the American city and skyscraper from World War I into the Depression

Raymond Hood, “A City under a Single Roof” (1929), S+L
Manfredo Tafuri, “The Disenchanted Mountain: The Skyscraper and the City” (excerpt), from Giorgio Ciucci, Francesco Dal Co, Mario Manieri-Elia, and Manfredo Tafuri, The American City: From the Civil War to the New Deal (1973)
Week 10 (April 3)
The metropolis of social democracy: the German city and social housing in the Weimar Republic

Manfredo Tafuri, “Sozialpolitik and the City in Weimar Germany,” S+L
Martin Wagner, “The Socialization of Building Activity” (1919), S+L

Week 11 (April 10) - NEO-AVANT-GARDE
The autonomy of form

Manfredo Tafuri, “L’Architecture dans le Boudoir,” S+L
Walter Benjamin, “The Author as Producer” (1934)
Georges Bataille, “The ‘Old Mole’ and the Prefix Sur in the Words Surhomme [Superman] and Surrealist” (1929/1968)

Week 12 (April 17)
Postmodernism

Manfredo Tafuri, “The Ashes of Jefferson,” S+L
Roland Barthes, excerpts from The Pleasure of the Text (1973)

Week 13 (April 24) - POST-AVANT-GARDE?
History and historiography redux. Conclusions. Term paper previews

Manfredo Tafuri, Preface to Interpreting the Renaissance (1992)

Week 14 (May 1)
Term papers due
Overview

“Even if we have never been modern, we still have a modernist mess on our hands.”
—Kim Fortun

“The modern age is already obsolete. Measured by its claim to shape the future, it is a thing of the past. The modern age is already fossilized at heart, built on discards and relics. It has no real future. We are living in a fossil economy.”
—Hermann Scheer

Humanity has moved through three energy paradigms, each of which has produced different built environments and social organizations. At each transition—from nomadic to agricultural and from agricultural to industrial—the productive capacity of human society was transformed, restructuring the existing social order and engendering a corresponding spatial and architectural paradigm. In this light, this course will study our current energy paradigm—carbon-intensive fossil fuels—as a driver of urban and architectural form. Rather than studying the technical aspects of energy, however, the course will focus on the social and spatial organizations that arise and are dependent on dense and abundant energy. Of particular interest will be the way in which society reorganized itself around the availability of abundant energy as fossil fuels established a new horizon of possibility for production. Factories and global markets emerged, reorganizing labor and economies, and giving rise to a society that was dependent on coal. As fuel technologies evolved towards oil and natural gas, these relationships continued to evolve, leading to a global network of capitalist production and intensive energy consumption. Carbon energy, then, led to changes in the realms of the social, economic, political, spatial, and ecological, forming a legible condition one might call carbon modernity. As such, the energy transition needed to mitigate our current climate crisis is not simply a technological problem, but also one of social organization, politics, and economics.

Within this context, the course will focus on the spatial expressions of carbon modernity, for as mechanized production led to demographic displacement, the reorganization of labor, and urban density, new urban and architectural typologies emerged: warehouses, factories, worker housing, etc., and with further technological advancement, office towers, skyscrapers, department stores, airports, strip malls, suburbs. We will identify these social and spatial organizations that are specific to carbon modernity as carbon form.

Despite increasing awareness of environmental issues, architects continually build and replicate carbon form. Notwithstanding increased energy efficiency or reduced emissions, the built environment as we know it will be fundamentally unable to overcome the current energy paradigm or to address the climate crisis as long as its core is constituted by carbon form. So just as the Modern Movement proposed a new organization for the city based on the realities of industry, this moment demands new organizations that can respond to an urban system that the climate crisis has shown to be obsolete. Unlike in Modernism however, the energy transition to which we must respond has not yet occurred. And yet, architecture must still declare the death of carbon modernity and seek the means to overcome its material and cultural legacy. In this light, the course will interrogate the foundations of contemporary human organization in order to lay new foundations for the oncoming transitions in energy and social form.

Course Subject

In the first half of the semester, students will study twentieth century theories of the city in order to uncover the theoretical roots of carbon form in the works of Le Corbusier, Hilberseimer, Koolhaas and others. The goal will be to study the
relationship between carbon modernity and the evolution of architectural discourse about the city, identifying and extracting the presence of carbon form within our historical inheritance—both built and theoretical.

The second half of the course will then speculate on how urban form and carbon form might be decoupled. As such, we will examine the relationship between the energy grid and the urban grid, i.e. between energy and urban form. If carbon form arises from the dynamics of a centralized energy grid, then it is possible that the decentralized energy grid made possible by renewable energy technology will make possible new and emergent urban form. Readings will focus on the dynamics of decentralized energy and accompanying social and spatial forms.

Course Objectives

The goal of the course is to identify the deep connection between architecture and climate change, beyond the carbon footprint of the built environment. The goal of identifying both carbon modernity and carbon form is to treat decarbonization as a theoretical problem, while recognizing that current modes of architectural production are insufficient to address the problem of climate. Yet even so, due to the profound correlation between energy and urban form, it will be argued in this course, that architecture has an important role to play in this uncertain phase of human and geological history.

Class Organization

Course Structure

Week 01-03:
- Introduction to Carbon Form and Carbon Modernity (Lectures and discussions)

Week 04-08:
- Identifying carbon form (Assignment 01 and 02)

Week 09-13:
- Strategies for overcoming carbon form (Lectures, discussions, Assignment 03)

Assignments

Assignments will be readings, reading responses, as well as drawings—both analytic and speculative. Reading responses will be due on Tuesdays, the evening before class, at 8 pm. A minimum of 500 words. Readings will be discussed in class, participation is required. On weeks in which drawings are being presented, one reading will still be assigned (with a reading response due) for those who are not presenting that week.

Drawing assignments are as follows:

01: Identifying Carbon Form: Modern
   Students are to select an urban proposal from the Modern era that they identify as a carbon form. They should present to the class its salient formal and social ideas, identify its underlying energy paradigm, and argue for why it can be considered a carbon form. Work will be presented in class, over the course of two class sessions.

02: Identifying Carbon Form: Post Modern and Late Capital
   Students are to select an urban proposal from the postmodern or late capitalist era that they identify as a carbon form. Like Assignment 01, they should present to the class its salient formal and social ideas, identify its underlying energy paradigm, and argue for why it can be considered a carbon form. Students should also note the differences between these projects and those of the modern era, both in terms of form and social structure.

03: Toward the Decentralized Grid
   Select and ideal city. Identify its dominant source of energy, its dominant carbon forms, and redraw according to the logic of decentralized energy.

Final Discussion

The final meeting of the course will be a review of all assignments completed during the course. This session will consist of a discussion and evaluation of our findings. Specific focus on any shared or consistent characteristics between analyses and projects.
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1: September 4
Course Introduction: Overcoming Carbon Form

Week 2: September 11
Fossil Capitalism and the Birth of Carbon Modernity

In class: Lecture + discussion
Due: Reading response

Andreas Malm, Fossil Capital, Ch 1, pp 1-19
Timothy Mitchell, “Carbon Democracy,” special emphasis on pp 400-409, 415-423
Ludwig Hilberseimer, “The Metropolis,” Metropolis-Architecture, pp 84-90

Week 3: September 18
Phases of Carbon Modernity: Industrial

In class: Lecture + discussion
Due: Reading response

*In addition to a response to the readings, please identify an example of carbon form and briefly (~100 words) explain why it should be considered a carbon form. Does not have to be architectural, but could be infrastructural, urban, or cultural.

Andreas Malm, Fossil Capital, Ch 2, pp 29-36
Le Corbusier, The City of Tomorrow and its Planning, xxi-xxiv, 5-12
Ludwig Hilberseimer, The New City, 45-74

—GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE — September 20

Week 4: September 25
Assignment 01: Carbon Form & Modernism

In class: Presentations of Assignment 01
*class will be one hour longer to accommodate for missed class on travel week
Due: Half the class will present their work for assignment 01

The other half will submit reading responses to one of the following texts:
Reyner Banham, Guide to Modern Architecture, pp 5-33
Le Corbusier, The Radiant City, pp 28-70, 187-197, 240-261

—GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE — September 27
Week 5: October 9
Phases of Carbon Modernity: Post-industrial & Late Capital

In class: Presentations of Assignment 01 + Intro to Post-industrial & Late Capital
Due: Remaining presentations of Assignment 01 Reading response

- Francisco Marullo, “The Typical Plan as Index of the Generic,” The City as a Project
- Douglas Spencer, Architecture & Neoliberalism, 11-18, 39-72

Week 6: October 16
Assignment 02: Carbon Form: Postmodernism & Late Capital

In class: Presentations of Assignment 02
*class will be one hour longer to accommodate for missed class on travel week
Due: Half the class will present their work for assignment 02

The other half will submit reading responses to the following text:

Week 7: October 30
Assignment 02: Carbon Form: Postmodernism & Late Capital

In class: Presentations of Assignment 02
Due: Half the class will present their work for assignment 02

The other half will submit reading responses to the following text:
- Reinhold Martin, “Real Estate Agency,” Art of Inequality. pp 92-104

Week 8: November 6
Overcoming Carbon: Solarity & the Decentralized Grid

In class: Lecture + discussion
Due: Reading response

In addition to a reading response, please submit a short text indicating which project you have selected for Assignment 3, including documentation of that project (plans and drawings) as well as a preliminary explanation of your approach.

Week 9: November 13
Overcoming Carbon: Alternative Urban Forms

In class: Lecture + discussion
Due: Reading response

Ana Jeinic, “Neoliberalism and the Crisis of the Project...In Architecture and Beyond,” Is There an (Anti-)Neoliberal Architecture?
Massimo de Angelis, “Plan C&D: Commons and Democracy,”

---LOG 47: Overcoming Carbon Form, LAUNCH ---
NYC: Center for Architecture : 6-9 pm November 19

Week 10: November 20
Overcoming Carbon: Presentation of Assignment 03

Week 11: December 04
Presentations of Assignment 03

Week 12: TBD
Final Discussion / Pin-up
Syllabus: ARCH 4216b
Globalization Space: Infrastructure Space and Extrastatecraft
2021
Faculty: Keller Easterling

Overview
For reasons rarely questioned, credit cards, all sized .76mm, slip through the slots in cash machines anywhere in the world. Shipping containers stack, lock and calibrate the global transportation and production of goods. Microwaves bounce between billions of cell phones. Nearly identical buildings and urban arrangements proliferate globally. All of these ubiquitous and seemingly innocuous features of our world are evidence of global infrastructure—a spatial operating system and a de facto medium of polity. This realm of extrastatecraft is not a post-national world but a world where the nation has a robust set of stealthy partners and proxies operating outside of and in addition to the state. And while often driven by profound irrationalities, some of the most radical changes to the globalizing world are being written in the language of this matrix space.

With a curiosity about how the world is wired and why it looks the way it does, heavily illustrated lectures use specific sites and episodes to tell stories about networks of trade, transportation, resources, communication, labor, tourism, energy, commerce and finance from the late 19th century to the present. Focused on the special political powers of large spatial/technical systems, the stories encounter among other things: free zones and automated ports around the world, the evolution of rail from late 19th century to present, satellite urbanism in South Asia, broadband and mobile telephony in East Africa, the development of the internet, networks of labor and migration through an agripole in Southern Spain, islands and offshore financial centers, spatial products of commerce and tourism, a cruise ship to the DPRK, and the standards and management platforms of ISO.

As socio-technical networks, infrastructures are composed of both technologies and the cultural stories (e.g. nation-building, militarization, liberalism or universal rationalization.) The course develops a split screen to see both stories and organizational agency or chemistry—the difference between what organizations are saying and what they are doing. This discrepancy opens on to an expanded political repertoire—ways to design or manipulate both the wiring of the world as well as the spin that accompanies change.

Infrastructure space offers an adventure in thinking for a number of disciplines: social sciences, arts, economics, business history, science and technology studies, history of science, organization studies, informatics, media and communication studies, architecture and urbanism. In dialogue with these disciplines, the course foregrounds spatial variables and spatial practices as underexploited instruments of innovation that might have more authority in global governance and decision making.

Cultural ephemera is screened as a prelude to each lecture. Weekly readings offer evidence, discursive commentary and critique of some fabled globalization texts. Extrastatecraft: the Power of Infrastructure Space is a companion text throughout. Recommended readings extend the discussion for graduate students. Students will present readings in section meetings, and they will form cross-disciplinary groups to compose a question that will be discussed in a midterm review lecture. Each group will also prepare an abstract, a Pecha Kucha presentation, and a final paper/project.

Course Objectives
1. Explore systems of global infrastructure (trade, transportation, energy, communication, etc.) and the economic and political influences that have formed them.
2. Examine the resulting spatial variables and practices that come from these infrastructural systems, including the ways in which some of these spatial practices may be being underutilized as tools.

Assessment Breakdown
Attendance/Participation 30%
Project Proposal 10%
Pecha Kucha 20%
Final Project 40%
Class Organization

Structure

Week One

The first lecture introduces the major questions and suppositions of the course along with an overview of each week. The second lecture visits one quintessential fixture of extrastatecraft—the free trade zone and its automated landscape of container transshipment. Collapsing ancient and contemporary trade practices, the zone is a supernode of many infrastructural networks encountered throughout the term, a spatial technology for creating repeatable “cities,” and a self-perpetuating agent of extrastate territory around the world.

Week Two

Two lectures examine global networks of rail, electricity and telegraphy from the late 19th century to the advent of high speed rail. Multinational enterprises established over a hundred years ago—the heavy industries for cabling, rolling stock and extraction—prompted the development of global finance and international organizations, and they continue to have influence in their contemporary incarnations. The lectures start an ongoing discussions about the military, liberal and universal stories that attach to infrastructure networks, sometimes becoming an ideological vortex that drives their composition.

Week Three

Two lectures look at the development of communication networks from the perspective of non-aligned countries. The first lecture traces the history of satellite communications with a story about IT campuses and “knowledge villages” in South Asia and the Middle East. The second lecture considers the history of submarine cable in East Africa—one of the last places on earth to receive fiber optic broadband and one of the places poised to experience the most explosive telecommunications growth.

Week Four

Monday of this week is the first day off. Wednesday’s stand-alone lecture will discuss some of the theoretical underpinnings of interdisciplinary design thinking regarding global infrastructure space.

Week Five

The first lecture looks at hydrology and hydroelectricity in the US through the New Deal-era work of an innovative landscape thinker, Benton MacKaye. The second lecture surveys the historical development of oil networks in the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and South America.

Week Six

At a moment when over 70 million people in the world are displaced, more than at any other time in history, two lectures examine the infrastructures of global labor and migration. The first lecture visits El Ejido in southern Spain where high-tech agricultural infrastructures are a nexus of labor migrations and racial tensions. The second lecture looks more broadly at global migrations related to conflict and environment.

Week Seven

Two lectures focus on repeatable spatial products that, designed to be apolitical, often land in the crosshairs of political conflict. The first lecture looks at the unlikely appearance of cruise ship tourism in the DPRK. The second lecture considers spatial products of global retail and entertainment and their evangelical conquest of territory.
Week Eight

The Wednesday of this week is the third day off. Monday's lecture looks at standard making, management culture, and international organizations with particular attention to ISO and consultancies like McKinsey.

Week Nine

The first lecture looks at a history of the internet. The second lecture is an interactive lecture responding to project proposals from each team.

Week Ten

The first lecture looks the phenomenon of urban expansion in light of inequality and climate change. The second lecture looks at the financial/market forces that create both megaslums and petrodollar palaces—a network of offshore activities that sometimes aligns with islands once considered to be the "confetti of empire."

Week Eleven

The first lecture rehearses some infrastructural design approaches and financial instruments for putting the development into reverse in sensitive or threatened landscapes around the world. A second lecture continues the discussion about design that was started in the second lecture of week four by considering the design of mutualism that transfers urban values from a financial to a spatial ledger.

Week Twelve

The first lecture looks at highways and airways as they embody the new/old ambitions of nations and global coalitions. Reaching back to some of the initial lectures of the course, the second lecture tracks the construction industry as both an infrastructure builder and infrastructure in its own right—one that has instigated vast networks of materials, labor, power as well as atmospheric chemicals and biological agents

Week Thirteen

A two-part lecture examines activist networks and techniques for exploiting the special aesthetics and political capacities of infrastructure space.

Week Fourteen

Class Pecha Kucha

Grading

30% Attendance/participation in section discussions
10% Project Proposal
20% Pecha Kucha
40% Final Project
Schedule and Bibliography

Week One: Trade Networks 2/1, 2/3

Trade Networks

Talk: Introduction: Course Overview
Talk: Free Zone


Week Two: 2/8, 2/10

Heavy Industries: Rail/Electrical/MNE Networks

Talk: Early Rail to High-speed Rail
Talk: Electricity, Telegraphy and International MNE networks


**Week Three: 2/15, 2/17**  
Communication Networks I: Satellite, Fiber

Talk: Satellite Urbanism: South Asia and the Middle East  
Talk: Broadband Submarine Cable: East Africa


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**Week Four: 2/22 (first break day), 2/24**  
Active Form

Talk: Medium Design


**Week Five: 3/1, 3/3**  
Oil and Water

Talk: Hydrology: US/India/China/Turkey  
Talk: Oil: Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and South America
Mazen Labban, Space, Oil and Capital (New York: Routledge, 2008).

**Week Six: 3/8, 3/10 (YSOA GRAD Midterm week)**
Migration Networks

Group formation begins
Talk: Labor Migration: El Ejido, Spain and Transnational Labor
Talk: Conflict migration: Fighter/Refugee

Keller Easterling, “The One, the Binary, the One-to-One, and the Many,” in Marina Otero, et. al., eds., After Belonging: 2016 Oslo Triennale, 2016.
Etienne Balibar, We, the People of Europe: Reflections on Transnational Citizenship (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003), 51-77.
Deborah Cowen, The Deadly Life of Logistics: Mapping Violence in Global Trade (Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 2014).

**Week Seven: 3/15, 3/17**
Spatial Products Tourism/Franchise

Group formation continues
Project Tutorials begin
Talk: DPRK and I Love Cruise
Talk: Franchise

Week Eight: 3/22, 3/24 (third break day)

Management Networks

Project Tutorials continue
Project Proposals due
Talk: ISO Management Standards


Week Nine: 3/29, 3/31
Communication Networks II: Internet/Review

Talk: Internet
Talk: Project proposals

John Arquilla and David Ronfeldt, Networks and Netwars: The Future of Terror, Crime and Militancy (Rand, 2001), ix-25 (also http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people3/Arquilla/arquilla-con0.html

**Week Ten: 4/5, 4/7**

Urbanization and Financial Networks

Talk: Urban Expansion  
Talk: Offshore


Mike Davis, “Haussmann in the Tropics,” Planet of Slums, 95-120.


**Week Eleven: 4/12 4/14**

Subtraction

Project Tutorials Continue  
Talk: Subtraction: the Development Machine in Reverse  
Talk: Medium Design


Katherine Franke, Repair: Redeeming the Promise of Abolition (Haymarket Books, 2019), Chapter 4.

Keller Easterling, Subtraction (Sternberg Press, 2014).

J.K. Gibson-Graham, Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide for Transforming Our Communities (University of Minnesota Press, 2013), Chapter 1, Reframing the Economy, Reframing Ourselves.


Dean Spade, Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity in this Crisis (and the Next) (Verso, 2020).


Week Twelve: 4/19, 4/21
Airport/Highway/Construction/Pandemic Networks

Talk: Highways
Talk: Airports/Construction Networks/Belt and Road Initiative

Mimi Sheller, Mobility Justice: The Politics of Movement in an Age of Extremes (Verso, 2018), Conclusion: Mobility Commons.
Location: Yale Internet Resource
Geoffrey Jones, “Multinationals from 1930s to 1980s” in Leviathans, 81-103.

Week Thirteen: 4/26, 4/28
Activist Networks

Talk: Activism I
Talk: Activism II


Week Fourteen 5/3, 5/5
Project Pecha Kucha
Reference

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Wilfried FeldenKirchen, Siemens: 1918-1945 (Columbus: Ohio State University, 1995), II-138.
Donna Haraway, Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene (Duke University, 2016), Introduction.
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Henri Lefebvre, The Production of Space (Blackwell, 1974).
Bruce Mazlish, The Railroad and the Space Program (Boston: Technology Press, 1965).
Marchall McLuhan and Quentin Fiore, The Medium is the Massage (Penguin, 1967).
T. G. Otte, Railways and International Politics: Paths of Empire, 1848-1945 (Routledge, 2006).
Stephen Pitti The Devil in Silicon Valley: Race, Mexican Americans, and Northern California (2003).
Peter Sloterdijk, Critique of Cynical Reason (Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1987).
http://www.theyrule.net
Syllabus: ARCH 4219
Urban Research and Representation 2019

Faculty: Elihu Rubin

Overview

Arch 4219 is a theory and methods class in urban research, with a focus on archives, field work, photography, and filmmaking. The seminar sets out to strengthen the designer’s tool kit of social and historical methods; to bring storytelling to site research. To this end, we engage in an interdisciplinary manner with work in urban sociology, cultural geography, architectural history, critical theory, and the politics of representation.

Each student will develop a semester-long research project, accumulating materials that will contribute to a final video/multimedia project for a public audience. We build research partnerships with local and Yale institutions, including Sterling Memorial Library, the Yale University Art Gallery, the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM), the New Haven Museum, and the New Haven Public Library. The scale and location of the building, site, or landscape that is the subject of investigation is determined by the student in consultation with the instructor.

There are four benchmark assignments en route to the final project: 1) Research Question; 2) Site Description and Documentation; 3) Interview and Sound Study; 4) Montage.

Seminar meetings are structured as group conversations and students are expected to keep up with readings and be prepared to discuss them. Students produce a short written or visual response each week and select one reading for more thorough consideration. Workshops are scheduled during class time with the exception of two video production workshops at the CCAM.

Course Objectives

1. Through a semester-long research project, utilize interdisciplinary methods of site research spanning multiple disciplines in order to introduce an element of storytelling to site research, heightening one’s use and sense of historical and social elements within the urban environment.

Assessment Breakdown

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Due: Research Question
Week 5  October 2  Workshop: Manuscripts and Archives, Sterling Memorial Library


Week 6  October 9  Observing and Testing: Urban Space and Social Life

Jan Gehl and Birgitte Svarre. 2013. How To Study Public Life

Week 6  October 4  Video Production Workshop II, CCAM

Week 7  October 16  The Visual Rhetoric of Urban Planning

Case Study: Bunker Hill, Los Angeles
Housing Authority, City of Los Angeles, “And Ten Thousand Moore” (1951)
Geoff Dyer. 2005. The Ongoing Moment (selections)

Week 8  October 23  Workshop: Yale University Art Gallery


Due: Site Description and Documentation
Week 9  October 30  Mobility Politics and the Right to the City

Reimagining the Urban.
Samuel Stein. 2019. Capital City: Gentrification and the Real Estate State (selections)
David Harvey. 2013. Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution

Due: Interview and Sound Study

Week 10  November 6  Workshop: New Haven Museum: Archives and Montage

Agnes Varda. 2000. Les Glaneurs et La Glaneuse (The Gleaners and I)

Week 11  November 13  The Cinematic City

“Where is the cinema? It is all around you outside, all over the city, that marvelous, continuous performance of films and scenarios.” Jean Baudrillard, 1988: 56
Siegfried Kracauer. 1960. Theory of Film. (selections)
Screening: City Symphonies Showdown
Walter Ruttman. 1929. “Berlin, Symphony of a City.” (72 minutes)
Dziga Vertov. 1929. “Man with a Movie Camera.” (68 minutes)

Due: Montage

Week 12  November 20  Urban Theory and Scale


Week 13  December 4  Debrief and Problem Solving

Exam Week  Date TBA  Screening and Public Review
Syllabus: ARCH 4242
Intro to Planning and Development 2020

Faculty: Alexander Garvin

Overview

This course demonstrates the ways in which financial and political feasibility determine the design of buildings and the character of the built environment. Students propose projects and then adjust them to the conflicting interests of financial institutions, real estate developers, civic organizations, community groups, public officials, and the widest variety of participants in the planning process. Subjects covered include housing, commercial development, zoning, historic preservation, parks and public open space, suburban subdivisions, and comprehensive plans.

Course Requirements

1. REGULAR ATTENDANCE: Wednesday classes. The material covered in classes is not duplicated in the reading. If you miss any of them you miss a major part of the course, which will be covered in the final examination and may fail the course.

2. GAMES: Games require preparation and consultation with Alex Garvin and TA. Every student is required to participate in all games during class and will be graded on that participation. In professional life failure to submit on time will result in losing the job. Similarly, failure to submit assignments when due or to be prepared to participate in class will result in an automatic failure.

3. 1-PAGE WRITING ASSIGNMENTS: You are required to submit a 1-page comment on the zoning lecture (on Oct. 14) and parks lecture (on Nov. 4). All submissions are due on the date listed. No work will be accepted after those dates. Those assignments will receive grades.

4. READING: The success of both games and lectures is dependent on familiarity with the reading prior to class. Paperbacks on the reading list are marked with an asterisk (*). All readings are on reserve at the ART & ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY. Since so much of the reading consists of A. Garvin’s books, THE AMERICAN CITY: WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T (3rd edition), assignments include optional “alternative reading” by other authors covering similar material. They are intended to give a different perspective from that of A. Garvin. The “resources on reserve” are intended to provide background for the games.

5. FINAL EXAM: (on games, lectures, and readings. Date to be arranged to fit studio jury schedule)

Course Objectives

1. Explore the ways in which political and economic forces can impact the design of buildings and the shaping of urban environments through a number of mock scenarios (games) addressing housing, commercial development, zoning, historic preservation, parks and public open space, suburban subdivisions, and comprehensive plans.

Assessment Breakdown

| Writing Assignments | 10% |
| Games               | 60% |
| Final Exam          | 30% |
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Additional Reading

Week 2

3. ULI-The Urban Land Institute: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK (Third edition), ULI-The Urban Land Institute, Washington DC, 2004
8. Market data website: www.trulia.com

Week 3


Weeks 4 and 6


Week 5
5. Urban Land Institute: DOLLARS & CENTS OF SHOPPING CENTERS*, Urban Land Institute, 1987

Week 7
3. Terry Jill Lassar: CARROTS & STICKS: NEW ZONING DOWNTOWN*, Urban Land Institute, 1989
6. NYC Planning Commission: ZONING HANDBOOK,
7. NYC Planning Commission: ZONING RESOLUTION

Week 8
Week 9

Week 10
3. Lawrence O. Houstoun, Jr.: BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS*, Urban Land Institute, 1997

Week 12
1. Alexander Garvin: THE PLANNING GAME: LESSONS FROM GREAT CITIES
5. Daniel Burnham & Edward Bennett: PLAN OF CHICAGO, 1909
6. Victor Gruen: A GREATER FORT WORTH TOMORROW, Greater Fort Worth Planning Committee, Fort Worth, 1956
8. NYC Planning Commission: PLAN FOR NEW YORK CITY (6 volumes), NYC Planning Commission, New York, 1969
Overview

Climate change disproportionately affects the people and places with the least power and resources. As our sea levels have risen, so too has the extreme socioeconomic disparity of specific communities and countries, creating a drowning class of climate refugees. Entire countries on the front lines of sea level rise\(^1\) face the specter of nationhood without territory, despite the undeniable fact that their contribution to this global problem is negligible. And if climate change is in fact “the result of human activity since the mid-20th century,”\(^2\) it is in actuality a largely male-made phenomenon, if we unpack the gender dynamics and underlying power structures of the proto-G8 nations, the self-proclaimed leaders of industrialization. These power dynamics become even further exacerbated as we consider the implications of the particularly American interest in doubling-down on investing in the heaviest piece of infrastructure ever — climate engineering.\(^3\) The architectural community appears to be in agreement. Climate change is a fundamental design problem. And yet calls to action have been ineffectual, responses underwhelming in the face of this overwhelming challenge. As the architectural community is eagerly poised to jump on the design bandwagon, this course seeks to reveal, foreground, empower and give physical form to the spatial dimensions and power dynamics of the people and places most impacted by climate change. More broadly, the course aspires to help students develop their own critical stance on climate change and the role architects play.

Methods

This exploratory seminar uses methods of research and spatial analysis to conceptualize and materialize climate change and more broadly consider the world as an architectural project. The explorations will emphasize planetary form and technique. As a research and drawing seminar, the course seeks to instrumentalize cartography, using spatial analysis and speculation as the main mode of inquiry. We will experiment with ways of mapping and drawing the physical forms, power dynamics, and infrastructures of marginalization and socioeconomic inequity at a planetary scale that have emerged through global urbanization and climate change. These “cartes” - maps, survey drawings, graphs, diagrams, site plans, sections, and timelines - will go behind the scenes of each site to uncover the contours of their global geographies and ecologies to trace cartographies of climate change. A diverse and hybrid range of research and representational methods reflecting the intersectional agenda will be explored and may include GIS data, satellite imagery, ecological, and geologic information alongside geopolitical, economic, and sociocultural histories.

Course Objectives

1. Study the spatial, cultural, and political implications of climate change within the context of the communities that are affected the most.
2. Through a series of analysis exercises, seek to develop a stance on climate change and the role in which architects can play in combating it.

Assessment Breakdown

- Participation: 15%
- Weekly Responses: 15%
- Drawings (5): 70%
Class Organization

The seminar will frame cartography and climate change through five approaches:

1. The Myth of the Line - A Critical Cartography for Climate Change or How to Draw the World
2. The Map is the Territory - Agency & the Anthropocene
3. Downed Power Lines - The Demographics of Disaster Displacement
4. World-Making & Geoengineering
5. The Flight & Plight of Icarus - Playing Ostrich, Opportunism & the Overview Effect

Each approach spans two sessions and will be sequenced as a Talk, Reading, Text, & Discussion for the first session, alternating with discussions of the “Carte” drawing assignment in the second session. Coursework is comprised of readings, text and drawings as well as discussion.

Talks & Readings will introduce themes, precedents, & terminologies. The authors include anthropologists, art historians & astronauts alongside novelists, philosophers & geologists and offer a diverse range of tones and types of writing. Like a call for papers, proposals or a design brief, they are envisioned as prompts and provocations for response through the research and production of the Text & Cartes. How do we respond as architects through the things we make?

Text is to be treated as an architectural project — be it a proposition, research agenda, fiction, narrative, fable, poem, word diagram, myth, paper abstract, or op-ed. They should not be conventional reading responses, lit reviews or faithful summaries of the readings. Each ~250-word piece of creative writing should be crafted to explore tone, agency, and the role you are assuming, and relate to or frame the intent of and approach to your drawing. Texts will be due on Tuesday evening and (optionally?) shared with the class. You’re encouraged to look over texts before class for the discussion.

Cartes are the maps and drawings you will be producing and will range from the analytic to the speculative. They should be imbued with an intensity of research.
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1 (January 15)
Overview

THE MYTH OF THE LINE
A Critical Cartography for Climate Change or How to Draw the World

Week 2 (January 22)
Talk + Discussion
Due: Readings + Text


Week 3 (January 29)
Presentations of Work
Due: Carte 1

THE MAP IS THE TERRITORY
Agency & the Anthropocene

Week 4 (February 5)
Talk + Discussion
Due: Readings + Text

Week 5 (February 19)
Presentations of Work
Due: Carte 2

DOWNED POWER LINES
The Demographics of Disaster Displacement

Week 6 (February 26)
Talk + Discussion
Due: Readings + Text


Week 7 (March 25)
Presentations of Work
Due: Carte 3

WORLD-MAKING & GEOENGINEERING

Week 8 (April 1)
Talk + Discussion
Due: Readings + Text


Week 9 (April 8)
Presentations of Work
Due: Carte 4
THE FLIGHT & PLIGHT OF ICARUS
Playing Ostrich, Opportunism & the Overview Effect

Week 10 (April 15)
Talk + Discussion
Due: Readings + Text


Week 11 (April 22)
Presentations of Work
Due: Carte 5

Week 12 (TBD)
Final Discussion/Review

Reference

Peter Sloterdijk, Spheres (Los Angeles, CA: Semiotext(e), 2011).

Climate and the Anthropocene


Space and Politics


Architecture and the World


Island New Geographies, 8, by Daniel Daou and Pablo Perez-Ramos eds., Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Fall 2016, excerpts
Representation and Cartography

Bill Rankin, After the Map: Cartography, Navigation, and the Transformation of Territory in the Twentieth Century, (University of Chicago Press, 2016), excerpts
Overview

Zoning tells us what can be built where, and therefore, what we can do where. Since zoning emerged a century ago, it has become the most significant regulatory power of local government. But it is also the most underappreciated: even architects don’t always understand how zoning — hidden in plain sight — governs our places, and, by extension, our health, wealth, and happiness. Indeed, very few architects are actually engaged in shaping and influencing the way these codes operate. Instead, planners, lawyers, and volunteer community members take the lead drafting role, which sometimes results in zoning codes that have unfortunate, perhaps unintended consequences on the way people experience place.

This seminar will explore several key questions. How do the origins of zoning — rooted in a segregatory impulse — shape land use patterns today? How and why is it that our laws lock in outdated, homogeneous, and uninspired places and hinder modern thinking about design? How has zoning simultaneously managed to undermine social justice, cultural heritage, and our ability to respond to climate change? Whose agency is constrained or enabled by the political processes of zoning itself? And what must we as architects do to change the status quo?

The goal of this interdisciplinary course is to explore the tension between law and design, by exploring law’s influence on the creative enterprise. Students will explore the implications of zoning rules and processes, both through observation and through translation into graphic form. The course will give students deeper familiarity with a critical force that shapes not only their future work as architects but the public realm we all experience. Ultimately, this course will position architects to be change-makers and advocates for the built environment that people need and deserve.
Course Requirements

The following assignments aim to provide a full, interdisciplinary look at zoning codes and to encourage students to explore zoning theory and practice. Please submit everything in hard copy on dates shown. The assignments are all roughly equal weight and are as follows:

A. Review and Evaluate a Public Meeting
B. Response Paper
C. Zoning Code Review
D. Zoning and You

A. Review and Evaluate a Public Meeting

Attend/review a public meeting (virtually!) — either a planning and zoning commission meeting or a zoning board of appeals meeting, for no more than 1.5 hours. Then draft a memo, of somewhere between 500 and 750 words, with the following information:

• Makeup of the body (e.g., number of members, professional background, other characteristics), to the extent you can determine it
• The substantive issues discussed, referring to:
  • The types of applications submitted
  • Interesting points of debate

I am interested in your broad observations about the nature of zoning meetings and zoning decision-making. (I am not interested in line-by-line meeting minutes.)

B. Response Paper

Once during the semester, turn in a response paper, between 500-750 words, on the day the topic you have chosen to respond to are being discussed. Refer in the paper to one particular zoning code that has relevance to the class topic, and include screenshots or references to specific code provisions. Graphic representations of constraints, conditions, im/possibilities are welcome. You will be expected to speak in class about your response paper.

C. Zoning Code Review

Identify your favorite neighborhood and find the zoning code that governs it. Develop an analysis, of about 500 words with accompanying graphic representations, of 3 specific provisions of the zoning code (e.g., on streetscape, building design, building location, lot size, lot configuration, parking) and how they work (or don't work) to foster the place you like. What does the provision say, and what built environment results? Does the code maintain or undermine what you like about the place?

I expect a high-level overview of the impact of code provisions on a place you know. (I do not expect a full legal analysis.) You will be expected to speak for 3-5 minutes in class about your analysis.

D. Zoning and You

Take a design you have done in a previous or current studio that involved a specific site in an American city with a zoning code. (If you haven't had such a project, I'll assign your design to a specific site — just be in touch!) Find the zoning code that applied to your site. Develop an analysis, of about 500 words, with accompanying graphic representations, of the compliance of your design. If the design did not comply or the use was not allowed, what would have to be rewritten to make your design or use legal? If the design did not comply but the use was allowed, sketch out a compliant massing of the contemplated use. If you knew about zoning, would you have done what you did? Is knowledge about zoning demoralizing or empowering?

You will be expected to make a 5-minute presentation in class about your analysis.
Schedule and Bibliography

Week 1: February 1

What is zoning? Why did it emerge? How does it work?

Readings:

pp. 1-12, pp. 23-32, of Stewart Sterk et al., Land Use Regulation, PDF uploaded to Canvas

Week 2: February 8

How do you read zoning codes? How are they structured? How do cities’ zoning codes differ? Is design a priority in decision-making?

Compare:

Hartford Zoning Regulations and Map, www.hartford.gov/landregs

Readings:


Week 3: February 15

Critiques of zoning. Zoning is a separator, a categorizer, a hierarchy-maker. It is a great driver of inequality and a great gobbler of land. How urgent and how big are the problems zoning creates? How were decisions made at meetings you attended?

Due: (A.) Review and Evaluate a Public Meeting

Readings:

Week 4: February 22

Streets that set the stage. Streets are foundational to the way a place functions and feels. And zoning codes determine key aspects of this important public realm. Since zoning has exalted the car, it’s no surprise we think that streets are for cars. But, zoning can give us a wider, more satisfying menu when it comes to the way we get around.

Guest: Doug Suisman, Founder of Suisman Urban Design

Readings:
- pp.17-39 of Paul Chatterton, Unlocking Sustainable Cities, PDF uploaded to Canvas

Week 5: March 1

Nature as infrastructure. We think about zoning as regulating the man-made (e.g., streets and transport), but it can also determine the role and impact of nature as infrastructure, sustaining human activity.

Readings:
- Philip Schaffner et al., Green Zoning: Creating Sustainable Communities through Incentive Zoning, https://bit.ly/3oYwGua
- Sustainable Development Code, online at www.sustainablecitycode.org

Week 6: March 22

Making it home. Zoning for housing choice can increase our supply of housing, reduce housing costs, and facilitate economic, racial, and social integration. It can also result in more architecturally interesting cityscapes.

Readings:
- Any two resources here, www.desegregatect.org/data

Please be ready to identify (verbally at the end in class) a U.S. neighborhood you like as you prepare for Assignment C.
**Week 7: March 29**

A curatorial approach. Now let’s consider the rules that govern the best U.S. neighborhood you know. What does its zoning code dictate? Does the code work or not work from a design perspective?

**DUE:** (C.) Zoning Code Review + presentations

**Readings:**

Ch. 1-2 of Sonia Hirt, Zoned in the USA: The Origins and Implications of American Land-Use Regulation, PDF uploaded to Canvas
Read: pp. 99-112 of Dan Tarlock, Zoned Not Planned, PDF uploaded to Canvas

**Week 8: April 5**

Engaging all the senses. Zoning can subtly ensure design is more responsive to innate human instincts, biases, and genetic quirks that favor well-defined edges, orientation, connection, and immersion in nature itself.

**Guest:** Justin Hollander, Professor of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning

**Readings:**

Justin Hollander et al., The 21st Century Paradigm Shift in Architecture and Planning, PDF uploaded to Canvas
Peter Miliken et al., Identifying Biophilic Design Elements in Streetscapes, PDF uploaded to Canvas

**Week 9: April 12**

Mixing it up. Zoning should allow for a mixing of uses, and in particular, enable, instead of stifle, the socially beneficial act of creation and congregation. Nightlife is a source of joy that is underappreciated as an element of planning. Zoning can both enable nightlife and make it safe, while also allowing architectural whimsy, ornament, and detail that marks a place.

**Guest:** Shawn Townsend, Director of Nightlife and Culture in Washington, D.C.

**Readings:**

Ch. 3-4 of Sonia Hirt, Zoned in the USA: The Origins and Implications of American Land-Use Regulation, PDF uploaded to Canvas
pp. 3449-3465 of Hae Laam, Dilemmas of the Nightlife Fix: Post-Industrialization and Gentrification of Nightlife in New York City, PDF uploaded to Canvas
**Week 10: April 19**

Zoning and you. Using one of your own designs as a test case, what are the implications of zoning rules on your design process? Based on your reviews, should we jettison zoning altogether?

DUE: (D) Zoning and You + presentations

Reading:

Ch. 5-6 of Sonia Hirt, Zoned in the USA: The Origins and Implications of American Land-Use Regulation, PDF uploaded to Canvas

**Week 11: April 26**

Where to begin. Now you know what zoning does, and what zoning impacts, we’ll talk about a few types of potential reforms and the practical ways to go about achieving them.

DUE: (D) Zoning and You + presentations (spillover)

Reading: