

Syllabus
Fall 2018

LA 4/589 SITE PLANNING & DESIGN STUDIO

Landscape (Sub)urbanism | Reclaiming the Vance Pits



Vance Quarry
Rockwood | East Multnomah County | OR

Time MWF | 1:00pm - 4:50pm
Required weekend field trip on Friday/Saturday, October 5th-6th

Location TBD

Credits 6

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Prerequisites LA 4/539 **OR** ARCH 384 **OR** ARCH 682

Studio Description Primarily developed in the mid-20th century before state land-use planning, Rockwood is one of the densest and most diverse neighborhoods in the Portland metro area. Currently, the neighborhood is engaged in an innovative community-centered design process to retrofit their suburban urban form based on the needs of existing residents who aspire for “development without displacement.” In partnership with the Multnomah County Dept. of Community Services the studio will explore landscape futures for Vance Park, Quarry and Service Yard (collective known as the Vance Properties), developing proposals that use landscape operations and adaptive management to reclaim these degraded sites through process.

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Schedule

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 1 Tactical Urbanism Charette	September 24 Intro <i>Tactical Assignments</i>	September 26 Insurgent Public Space <i>Reading Discussion</i>	September 28 Working Session
Week 2 Tactical Urbanism Charette	October 01 Working Session	October 03 <i>Presentation & Discussion</i> <i>Group Assignments</i>	October 05 SITE VISIT <i>Reading Discussion</i>
REQUIRED FIELD TRIP 10/05-10/06	October 08 Non-Site Workshop	October 10 Working Session	October 12 Working Session
Week 3 Monuments of Rockwood	October 15 <i>Presentation & Discussion</i>	October 17 LS Suburbanism Workshop <i>Reading Discussion</i>	October 19 Working Session
Week 4 Landscape (Sub)urbanism	October 22 LS Instruments Workshop	October 24 Working Session	October 26 Working Session
Week 5 Landscape (Sub)urbanism	October 29 <i>Mid-Review</i>	October 31 3D Sequencing Workshop <i>Reading Discussion</i>	November 2 Working Session
Week 6 Reclaiming Sites	November 05 Anamnesis Workshop	November 07 Working Session	November 09 Preparation Workshop
Week 7 Reclaiming Sites	November 12 Relational Structuring Workshop	November 14 Working Session	November 16 <i>Presentation & Discussion</i>
Week 8 Reclaiming Sites	November 19 LS Futures Workshop	November 21 Working Session	November 23 Thanksgiving Break No Class
Week 9 Landscape Futures	Final Review (TBD)		
Week 10			
Week 11	Exit interviews		

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Readings

Week 1

Tactical Urbanism

Hood, Walter. "Preface," "Durant Minipark," and "The Street" in *Urban Diaries* (1997), 5-19 and 53-70

Hou, Jeff. "Insurgent Public Space" in *Insurgent Public Space* (2010), excerpts

Week 2

Monuments of Rockwood

Hayden, Dolores. "Introduction" and "Decoding Everyday American Landscapes" in *A Field Guide to Sprawl*, 5-16

Smithson, Robert. "The Monuments of Passaic," in *Artforum* 7:4, Dec 1967, pp 48-51; repr. in *Writings*, 1979, pp 52-57.

Smithson, Robert. "A Provisional Theory of Non-Sites" in *Robert Smithson: The Collected Writings*, edited by Jack Flam, 1996.

Week 4

Landscape (Sub)urbanism

MIT Future of Suburbia Program

Davis, "Landscapes and Instruments," in *Landscape Journal*. 32:2 (2013) 293-308

Weller, Richard. "Landscape (sub)urbanism in theory and practice," in *Landscape Journal* 27:2 (2008) 247-267.

Week 6

Reclaiming Sites

Marot, Sebastien. "Reclaiming of Sites" in *Corner, Recovering Landscape* (1999). 44-57