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GOOD NEIGHBORS
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“The built form of housing has always been seen as a tangible, visual reflection of the organization of society. It reveals the existing class structure and power relationships. But it has also long been a vehicle for imagining alternative social orders.”
– David Madden and Peter Marcuse, In Defense of Housing, 2016

This seminar will lay the groundwork for Good Neighbors II, a comprehensive guide to affordable housing design in the United States, updating the seminal 1997 publication of the same title. Featuring richly illustrated and technically detailed case studies from around the country, the book is being edited by Prof. Kubey in collaboration with the original authors, R. Thomas Jones, Michael Pyatok, and William Pettus. Students will be credited in the eventual publication, which is supported by an AIA New York Arnold W. Brunner Grant for Architectural Research.

Seminar sessions will center on student oral, written, and graphic presentations, bolstered by readings and occasional lectures. Students will take an active role in developing the intellectual frameworks for this new authoritative publication, through analyzing the original book and related works and synthesizing current literature on affordable housing design and social, economic, health, and racial equity. Students will design communication strategies for expert and lay audiences and will contribute new case study material. The work of this seminar and the related publication seek to combine visionary design thinking and practical tools toward spatial justice in the United States and permanently affordable housing for all. A companion course will be offered in the spring.

This course (ARCH 507) will satisfy 3 credits of approved course work in the Housing Specialization. Open to all with junior standing or higher. No pre-requisites.