**Syllabus**

**LA 459/559**

**Instant City: Block Party**

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### Time

**Office Hours**  
Tuesday | 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Time**  
Wednesday | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### Location

Lawrence Hall, Room TBD

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### Credits

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### Instructor

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### Prerequisites

LA 366 OR ARCH 561 OR IARC 571

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### Course Description

Inspired by the lighter - faster - better model of tactical urbanism, city agencies have begun to sanction insurgent design hacks that adapt public space to the needs of people. The Portland Bureau of Transportation has perhaps the most comprehensive permitting process for “community centered design,” and is actively promoting it through the Portland in the Streets Program. This workshop will work with PBOT to design and prototype a suite of site furnishings that can be checked out for block parties - specifically in response to the needs of East Portland (AKA the numbers). Working entirely at the detail scale, we will explore the nuances of designing public space and the transformative potential of public furnishing.