Students in ‘Visualizing Health Equity’ will work with local environmental justice partners to contribute visions for an equitable future, where every Portlander has the opportunity to lead a healthier life. The studio will explore potentials and impacts at the interdependent scales of the individual, the building, the neighborhood, the city, and the globe. The immediate goals of this spatial justice project are to:

1. Raise consciousness on connections between the built environment and racial and socio-economic health inequities in Portland
2. Gather a diverse community committed to exploring the full role that architecture and urban design can play in reducing those inequities, and
3. Produce visual stories of a more equitable Portland

While preventative architectural and urban design strategies like active design and the use of healthy building materials will be included, students will use their design skills to help shape larger-scale visions for synergies between community development and public health. We seek to help move toward health equity in Portland by building on the work of existing communities, organizations, and projects that draw connections between public health and the built environment.