Re-Building Cornerstones Studio 2.0:

Routes of a Chocolate City

(*A Spatial Justice Studio)

UO Portland

Winter 2021 — ARCH 485/585; Spring 2021 — ARCH 486/586
MWF 1:00-4:50pm | Remote (with in-person sessions or field trips as safety allows)

* There is an associated terminal prep research seminar in the fall — ARCH 507, Tues 2:15-3:45pm
The Black map, a race-conscious rendering of the United States
EVERYWHERE BELOW CANADA
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**Intent**

This iteration of the RBC Studio will seek to properly situate Albina within an existing network of Black cultural routes. Focusing on community development and economic empowerment through placemaking, we’ll intentionally restructure the default power dynamics of most spatial explorations that situate the needs and desires of dominant cultures at its center. Understanding cities as intersections of power and place, our work will position the Chocolate City as the primary cultural actor on this stage.
The History of Portland's African American Community (1805 to the Present)

February 1993

Albina
Historic Black Williams Avenue Project

Studio participants will be charged with producing unique, innovative, and comprehensive proposals that facilitate local empowerment in general, and local African American empowerment in particular. Working both in teams and individually, for 3 specific sites students will have the opportunity to choose between 3 different project types:

- The expansion of the Mayo House as an arts hub, studio, archive, and intergenerational community space
- 2-3 new small scale housing prototypes
- A live/work day care & early education center prototype

The final deliverable will be in the form of a project proposal that includes a comprehensive design, budget, and community-based development strategy; one that is easily disseminated and accessible to the residents surrounding the chosen site.
Instructors...
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Local Project Partners...
A re-entrification project that leverages community wealth-building strategies to organize an equitable planning process.
So...you know;
if ya got some time,

come join us...