Syllabus
Spring 2021

LA 4/572
Overlook Seminar | Recovery

Credits 4
Office Hours Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 am
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Time
Friday
9:30 am - 10:30 am / Remote Lecture
11:00 am - 12:00 am / Optional In-Person Discussion (outdoor or LA 206)

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Course Description
recovery noun / plural recoveries
1: the act, process, or an instance of recovering especially: an economic upturn
2: the process of combating a disorder (such as alcoholism) or a real or perceived problem

A brief history of 2020: pandemic, police violence, protest, political division, economic recession, catastrophic wildfire. Through these events, landscape simultaneously fostered and required recovery - but the process is far from complete. Analogous to resilience, restoration, and regeneration, recovery is a return to some previous state - perhaps a new normal - and ever more complicated when applied to a medium as dynamic as landscape.

For the 2021 Overlook program we will explore the transformation of recovery as it applies to productive landscapes. How do we care for the land? How does is take care of us? What is the meaning of recovery in the face of continual trauma?