

## Fall seminar for thesis/terminal studio: urban production : urban performance

*The seminar is restricted to students who have been placed in Howard Davis's W-S 2019 terminal studio. The seminar will meet Thursday afternoons 1:00-3:50 in the White Stag Building. There will be an extra session, likely on a Saturday, to make up for the Thanksgiving holiday when there will of course be no class. The seminar may be taken for 2, 3, or 4 credits.*

**This is the prep seminar for Howard Davis's terminal/thesis studio in Winter/Spring 2019, involving a project that incorporates both production and performance at a Portland site. The purpose of the seminar is to develop preliminary ideas and material for the studio, so that design work can proceed immediately at the beginning of winter term.**

The seminar will consist of class discussions, group and individual presentations, visits to possible sites and necessary conversations with people in the community involved with programs or buildings that are relevant to the studio.

Each student will develop an illustrated thesis booklet of about 15-20 pages, to set the stage for the studio design project, that includes the following material:

- a) A theoretical explanation of the individual thesis, and how this thesis will lead to a program for a particular building.
- b) Development of a detailed program  
(If more than one student decides to develop the same program [this is encouraged] they may work together on its development.)
- c) analysis of relevant precedents, including historical and contemporary buildings
- d) discussion of choice of site and site analysis
- e) other material necessary to make the case for the project

Further details of the booklet will be discussed at the first seminar meeting.

However, some of the work to be included in each student's paper will be jointly done. This may include site analysis, precedents, and even the program, in cases where the program or part of the program will be shared by more than one student. So although each student will do her or his own paper, students who are doing the seminar for more than 2 credits will do more work on the shared material.