



NOMAS Design Competition _____

ARCH 401 NOM

CRN: 72553

Credits: 3

Instructor: Francisco Rodriguez, FAIA

Meeting times: To be determined in conversation with students.



THE CHALLENGE In 1971, twelve Black architects who attended the AIA National Convention in Detroit founded the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) to challenge the status quo of the industry. Since that day fifty years ago, NOMA continues to empower its 1,400+ members in 78 professional and 75 student chapters across the country to foster justice and equity in communities of color through outreach, community advocacy, professional development, and design excellence.

The Barbara G. Laurie Student Design Competition is one of the highlights of the NOMA conference for both student and professional members. Originating nearly 20 years ago with just 3 schools, the competition today features the work of 40 NOMAS chapters from across the country participating in a competition.