ARCH 416   Architecture of the United States
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Illinois School of Architecture   University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Above Left: Freelon Adjaye Bond/SmithGroup, National Museum of African American History and Culture, 2016; Above Right: Washington Monument, 1888.

Class Days/Time: M/W 11:00am–12:20pm
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Prerequisite: ARCH 210 or ARTH 112, or consent of the instructor.

Course Description

This course surveys North American architecture and urbanism, focusing on the architecture of the United States from 1650 to the present. Topics include Native American urban centers before Columbus; the ongoing significance of vernacular forms; the diverse national origins of colonial architecture; the search for an architecture of democracy; urbanization and industrialization; the rise of a formal architectural profession; patterns of racial segregation in the built environment; architecture, real estate, and the forces of capital investment.