

Cornell Mellon Design Justice Workshop – Fall 2021  
Black Memory Workers and their Spatial Practices:  
Explorations on African American Heritage Spaces in New York City

[Applications now open!](#) **Deadline Extended : August 19, 2021**

\$1500 stipend, residential one-week site visit in New York City



BlackSpace Urbanist Collective at Brownsville Heritage House, NYC

Joshua Broadway

**SHUM 6308 Design Justice Workshop**

Co-meets with ARCH 6408/6509 Crosslisted with ASRC 6380

Peter Robinson (Visiting Critic, College of Architecture, Art, and Planning) and Riché Richardson (Associate Professor of Africana Studies)

Wednesdays 9:05-11 a.m.

4 credits.

Fall.

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This Design Justice Workshop introduces Phase III of Cornell's [Mellon Collaborative Studies in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities](#). Taught as a 4-credit academic seminar, the course provides a unique and exciting opportunity to ponder politics of race, place and space in the global city of New York, with an emphasis on sites related to Black heritage, especially the Brownsville Heritage House. So often, Black bodies have been routinely excluded, marginalized, othered and criminalized within urban spaces, especially in the face of gentrification, while being delinked from public and private models of architecture perceived as being most desirable. This course, which is rooted in the Black radical tradition and radicalizes spatial thinking and draws on community partnerships with programs such as My Brother's Keeper, reveals what is possible when a Black presence is welcomed and valued, rather than pathologized or marked as a problem. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the Design Justice Workshop, a wide range of skills and backgrounds are welcome. Advanced undergraduate students may apply, but preference will be given to students in their first three years of graduate study. Applications require a recent CV and a 500 – 700-word statement of interest describing your background interest in the seminar topic. No letters of recommendation are required. Questions should be directed to Rebecca Elliott ([re255@cornell.edu](mailto:re255@cornell.edu)). **Applications must be submitted via the [application portal \(http://urbanismseminars.cornell.edu/apply\)](http://urbanismseminars.cornell.edu/apply) by AUGUST 19th, 2021.**