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## LAYERED TRANSPARENCIES

 PRADA/POPS SPACE


The design of this space will create symbiosis between POPS and Prada.

Through alternating floor plates, varying degrees of transparent thresholds, and apertures in the floors, there are blurred views into Prada and POPS areas.

These subtle glimpses between programs create a nuanced relationship that mediates between luxury retail and a place that is inclusive for the public.

This design engages the public and exposes them to Prada retail, inviting in a larger audience.


THIRD LEVEL


SECOND LEVEL/ MEZZANINE


GROUND LEVEL


BUILDING SECTION


VIEW INTO SALES FLOOR




THIRD LEVEL/MEZZANINE PLAN


This wall threshold mediates between the walkway to the public POPS mezzanine cafe and into the Prada store. The view from the public space looks into the entrance to the store where the fitting rooms are situated, arguably the most private area, yet this view is obscured by the layered glass display case. This case has a series of louvered panels on the back side of it which obscures views into the store and addresses this tension between the two spaces.


DISPLAY CASE THRESHOLD


FINAL DISPLAY CASE DESIGN



PINK INTERIOR
PEN AND COLORED PENCIL ON PAPER
$11^{\prime \prime} \times 17^{\prime \prime}$

## URBAN FOREST

 OFFICE SPACEsROOKIVN NY



Urban Forest is an oasis in Industry City, Brooklyn. This space brings the outdoors in as a way to improve the mental health and overall well-being of the office employees. Vertical wooden partitions serve as a reference to a grouping of trees while providing varying degrees of privacy. The layers of circulation reach a central core and emulates the rings of a tree.

The Be-Side occupies this office space and is a contemporary folkmusic company. They promote re-connecting with nature and utilizing their performances as a tool for environmental activism.


INSPIRATION IMAGE


PRELIMINARY DIAGRAMS





SECTION B




SELF-PORTRAIT
CHARCOAL ON PAPER
$32^{\prime \prime} \times 40$ "

## NOGUCHI ANNEX

MUSEUM/GALLERY SPACE



The Noguchi Annex is an extension of the existing Noguchi Museum that is in Queens, NY. Set in Dumbo, Brooklyn this annex will serve as more than an extenson of the museum. It will also function as a community center inspired by the late Isamu Noguchi's innovation, outreach, and collaborative work.

The design of this space emphasizes spatial concepts derived from an analysis of Noguchi's Pylon sculpture.




GRADUAL ROTATION


SUBTRACTIVE SPACE/APERTURES

PYLON, constructed from galvanized steel by Isamu Noguchi in 1958 is 9 ft tall and demonstrates a few key spatial strategies that were extracted and utilized in the design of this annex.
There is a sense of weightlessness in this sculpture due to its gradual twist as it moves upward.
Apertures that perforate the steel create unique threshold moments that frame the view through the
sculpture.


The Noguchi Annex will be a place for people to gather and spend time in a creatively immersive environment. Three main volumes comprising the galleries and lecture hall are connected from a fixed point and gradually rotate on this axis in increments of 45 degrees.

The surface areas and void spaces created from the shift of these volumes provide locations for classrooms where visitors can fluidly engage with one another for a private learning session, or to connect and interact with others as well as the art.

This rotational element allows for visitors to orient themselves around the space and provides an optimal view into not only the museum, but through the facade and into Dumbo.



## MATERIALS \& DETAILS




STEEL


STAIR ASSEMBLY DETAIL

MARBLE


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SECTION 2
NTS



WONDER WHEEL
ACRYLIC ON BOARD
$48^{\prime \prime} \times 48^{\prime \prime}$

## BROOKLYN CAFÉ <br> CAFÉ

525 ATLANTIC AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY




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## CUSTOM CNC MILLWORK BAR




## BEEKEEPER

LIVE-WORK LOFT
475 KENT AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY



## SPATIAL DIAGRAMS



The primary spatial inspiration for this design is derived from an analysis of elements of beekeeping. The modular box utilized to store the hive as well as the honeycomb structure held within are evident through spatial systems such as the nesting of layered volumes within one another. The honeycomb structure, with its density and close pattern, has been abstracted and represented in the project in the pattern of the wood screening on the volumes. This modular shifting pattern provides privacy and allows for natural light to penetrate every space.




SECTION 1
NTS





POPPY
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS
8"X12"

## LIFTING THE VEIL

AFTER-LIFE FACILITY: A SITE FOR GREEN BURIALS, MOURNING RITUALS, \& COMMUNITY 42-38 9TH STREET LONG ISLAND CITY, NY


This thesis will investigate the spatial framework of solid and void in architecture as a way of revealing a sequence of discovering the unknown. Lifting the veil to uncover what is hidden will seek to create a more open dialogue about death and the grieving process to aid in the de-stigmatization of death in society.

These two sets of diagrams represent the primary and secondary spatial systems existing within this thesis design. The concept of solid and void and the intersections of void spaces creating pathways is one method for creating spaces. In order to maximize and engage the interstitial space with the private spaces encased in this solid form, a "veiling" system will be explored materially to begin to reveal what is hidden within the solid masses.


## THESIS ABSTRACT

Death anxiety and fear of the unknown are existential dilemmas that affect every individual at some point in their lives. While some cultures and religions embrace death in a more open and fluid manner, many Western traditions frame death in a taboo way. This lack of dialogue surrounding death and the process of grieving can provoke fear and stigmatize the topic, rather than foster an open-minded approach. Life-cycles are evident in everything around us; from the natural world to the built environment. Every animal, human, plant, insect, building, material, or resource follows a cycle of creation to decomposition. What happens next? This thesis will demonstrate how designing for death and being sensitive to the rhythm of grief are essential in creating spaces for after-life that bring people together through a shared experience.

Interior design can be an agent in transforming how we create spaces that leave room for reflection on death, grief, our place in this world, and our connection to the natural environment. By subtracting forms from a solid mass, a void is created which informs pathways and other openings. Despite pathways being generated, the sequence of this newly formed void is still concealed by a veil covering what is unknown. By creating reveals in veiled spaces, this path becomes sequentially more clear. This will be done through exploration of materiality and a slow exposure to different elements of this cycle. This design framework mirrors the process of revealing the unknown in the cycles of life and death and what happens in between. The environmental implications of traditional funeral methods will also be explored through this thesis. The environmental cost for traditional methods of after-life care is exponentially high, requiring large amounts of natural resources and land. This proposal for a new space for after-life will address these concerns in an urban context, as overpopulation and land scarcity are becoming increasingly problematic.


## NEW LIFE FROM DECAY

New York City has a very rich industrial past. Like evolutions of anything in life, industrial sites have become less needed and many former buildings have fallen into decay and disrepair. While once at the center of society, these defunct buildings now pose an opportunity for new purpose. Former foundries and factories were analyzed for their ability to breath new life into the way death is perceived in society and can be at the forefront of the Green Death movement.

NEW YORK CITY
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
 META BRA METAL FOUKDRY CO.VUC.


INTERIOR SITE VIEWS


PROGRAM MASSING


These preliminary program massing diagrams show the connections and intersections of the three program categories: operational, visitor, and intermediary. The dotted red rectangles indicate a general concept of how the "veiling" program will weave a journey through all of these spaces, allowing for the interaction between public and private.


## PRELIMINARY SPATIAL INSERT



INSERT PLAN DRAWING

The performative nature of utilizing both concepts of carving and intersecting proved to be the best method for pushing this design forward. Looking to designers such as Gordon Matta-Clark and Steven Holl who frequently deal with solid and void tectonics, I wanted to create a design in which learning of the curvilinear voids embedded within the solid rectilinear volumes was part of the journey of discovering the unknown as well. The intermediary spaces created around these volumes as well as at the moments of intersection of private and public are moments where the veiling system can be deployed even further. Going forward, materiality will be explored to emphasize the "lifting of the veil" to reveal the unknown.




## CURRENT IN-PROGRESS ITERATION



GARDEN


## THANK YOU

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