

# JEDI...

## justice, equity, diversity & inclusion

Committee Update | August 2021



EOA is excited to begin our monthly JEDI newsletters! Each newsletter will include a JEDI ambassador who will provide content recommendations, along with EOA's JEDI committee updates and community news/involvement. Please take a second to check out the information provided below.

### JEDI AMBASSADOR

I'm so excited to be able to share some of my content recommendations for the month of August! I've included a description of the class I taught at Auburn in 2020, two books, and two videos for you to check out. Enjoy!

- Whitney Johnson

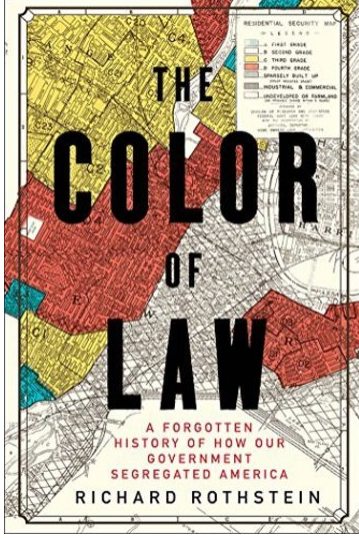


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#### Fall 2020 - ENVD 4970 Special Topics

*"Urban Growth, Natural Disasters and Gentrification"*

"Over the past five years, Nashville, TN has been evolving with explosive growth, creeping gentrification, and skyrocketing housing costs. Not only are Nashville residents trying to navigate the effects of becoming the most popular city in America, but this city was also devastated by both a tornado and a global pandemic in March of this year (2020) alone. This class will study and analyze the effects that natural disasters and gentrification (or a combination of both) can have on a city that is in the thrusters of an urban development boom. Through research, design, thinking and creative problem solving, the students will design a project, or a solution, that could influence positive change for the forgotten communities and residents of Nashville, Tennessee."



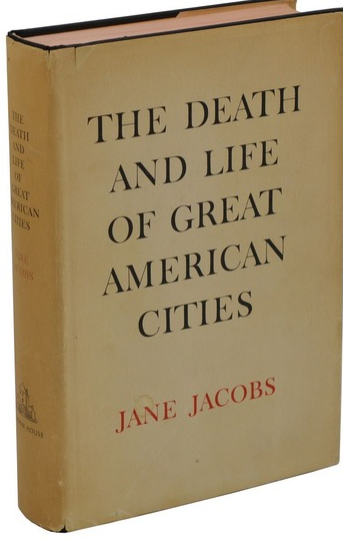
#### The Color of Law

*A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*

By: Richard Rothstein

"In *The Color of Law* (published by Liveright in May 2017), Richard Rothstein argues with exacting precision and fascinating insight how segregation in America - the incessant kind that continues to dog out major cities and has contributed to so much recent social strife - is the byproduct of explicit government policies at the local, state and federal levels....."

Click the picture to learn more or to purchase the book!



#### The Death and Life of Great American Cities

*The Failure of Town Planning*

By: Jane Jacobs

"A direct and fundamentally optimistic indictment of the short-sightedness and intellectual arrogance that has characterized much of urban planning in this century, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* has, since its first publication in 1961, become the standard against which all endeavors in that field are measured....."

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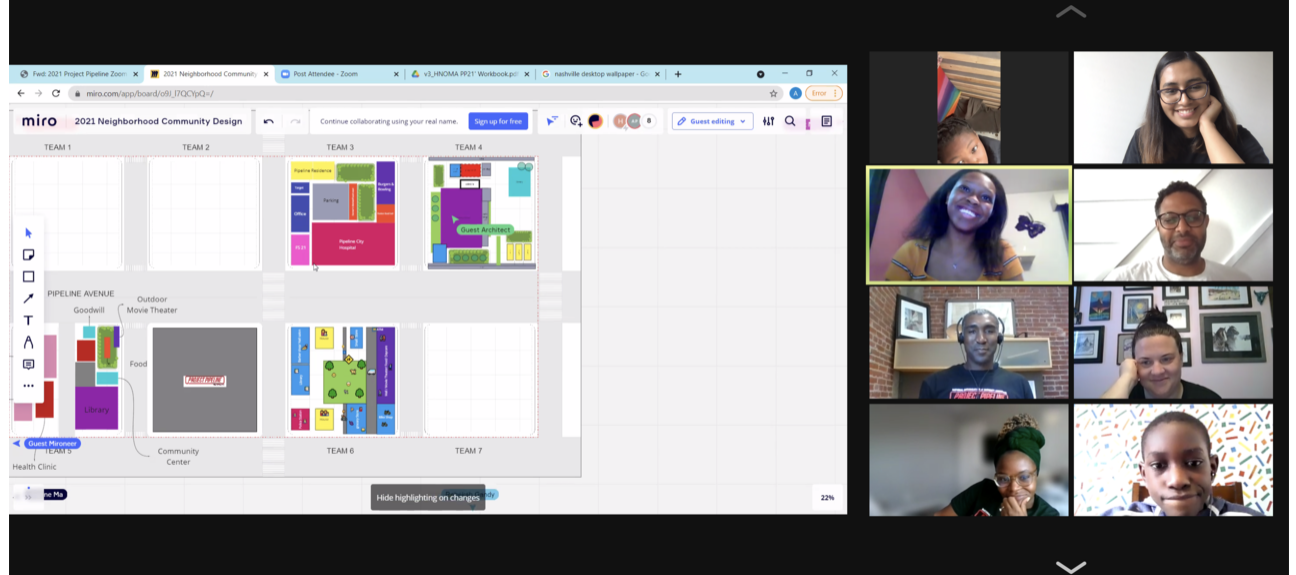


*Segregated by Design*



*Brunswick, Brooklyn SNL Skit*

### IN THE COMMUNITY



Some of our very own EOAers participated in NOMA Nashville's project pipeline in July! Whitney, Pratibha, Shailee, and Autumn had the opportunity to assist NOMA Nash in educating and, "empowering the youth to affect change in their community design."

Click the picture(s) above to learn more about NOMA Nashville.