

# Inclusive Design and Building Performance

Exploring Synergies with Equity, Sustainability, and Health

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- Inclusive Design and Building Performance (10 min)
- Panelist Presentations (30 min)
- Moderated Discussion (30 min)
- Q&A (20 min)

# Why Inclusive Design?



Accessible design

Universal design

Inclusive design

# Why Inclusive Design?





(Story et al., 1998)

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### (Steinfeld and Maisel, 2012)

# Why Inclusive Design?





### (Coleman, 1994; Costanza Chock, 2020)



### Accessible Design







# Universal Design





# Inclusive Design





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### Inclusive Design and Building Performance

(Enertiv, 2020)



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# Inclusive Design and Building Performance



<b>Building Performance Standard</b>	Universal/Inclusive Design Standard	Pathway Options/ Requirements
WELL v2 *SWA Contributing Author	Feature C13: Accessibility and Universal Design	Optional (optimization) feature worth 2 points towards WELL Certification.
LEED v4 *SWA Contributing Author	Inclusive Design Pilot Credit	Optional credit worth 1 point towards LEED certification.
Enterprise Green Communities	7.12. Beyond ADA: Universal Design	Optional pathway worth up to 8 points towards certification.
Living Building Challenge	Equity Petal: Core Imperative 17 - Universal Access	Required to achieve Equity Petal Certification.





Inclusive Design Building Performance









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### Inclusive Building Performance

### Centralized Inclusive Design guidance



#### INCLUSIVE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARD

A Pathway for Advancing Equity in the Built Environment

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# **Discussion Questions**



- Why have practitioners been slow to adopt Inclusive Design; what circumstances might spark adoption rates?
- What are the biggest barriers facing adoption rates of newer iterations of Inclusive Design?
- How are practitioners and thought leaders implementing or informing new iterations of Inclusive Design?
- What will signify that Inclusive Design has fully evolved as a strategy for Building Performance?

# Inclusive Design & Wayfinding





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- 1. Wayfinding Sytems
- 2. Designing for the Visitor
- 3. Projects that Are (or Aren't) Inclusive
- 4. New & Expanding Opportunities

### WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE

### WAYFINDING **#** SIGNAGE

### WAYFINDING

# **STRATEGY OF NAVIGATING PEOPLE** THROUGH A PHYSICAL SPACE

# WAYFINDING **#** SIGNAGE SIGNAGE

# ONE OF MANY WAYFINDING TOOLS THAT HELP PEOPLE NAVIGATE



### VISITORS

- People are the 'client'
- Wayfinding begins before they arrive
- Pre-arrival interactions include websites, mobile apps, mail, customer service or email
- Static maps are still essential
- Architecture and branding will be the first thing that greet people as they approach the destination



### ARCHITECTURE

- Recognizable
- 'Gateways' confirm you have arrived
- Pathways and visible vertical circulation assist in navigating the space
- Finishes, lighting, and technology integrations become navigation cues
- Ceiling heights, intersections, and sightlines impact placement, design and interactivity



### BRANDING

- Wayfinding is an extension of the brand
- Typography, color, and other branding are all integrated into the system
- Clearly marks building boundaries
- Draws attention to, or away from, a space
- Well integrated branding helps to confirm they are in the right location
- Use of branding in Placemaking offers the opportunity to adapt the brand into a playful and imaginative manner, creating a unique interaction with the visitor and the brand





### **TOOL INTEGRATION**





### UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S NEEDS

HIGH FREQUENCY OF VISITS





### **DESIGNING FOR THE VISITOR**

### UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S NEEDS



### **DESIGNING FOR THE VISITOR**

#### UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S NEEDS


## **UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S NEEDS**



LOW FREQUENCY OF VISITS

## **UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S NEEDS**



LOW FREQUENCY OF VISITS

## WAYFINDING TOOLKIT



### WAYFINDING TOOLKIT



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WAYFINDING TOOLKIT



LOW FREQUENCY OF VISITS





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## **EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES**



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## Standard 7. Human-Centered Design

# Interior designers apply knowledge of human experience and behavior to designing the built environment.

Intent: This standard ensures that graduates understand theories of human-centered design, and identify, analyze, and apply information from a variety of stakeholders and sources to develop a successful response to user needs and to promote health and wellbeing.

## **Student Learning Expectations**

Student work demonstrates understanding of:

- a) theories related to the impact of the built environment on human experience, behavior, and performance.<sup>1</sup>
- b) the relationship between the designed environment and human experience, wellbeing, behavior, and performance.<sup>2</sup>

Student work demonstrates the **ability** to:

- c) gather and apply human-centered evidence.<sup>3</sup>
- d) analyze and synthesize human perception and behavior patterns to inform design solutions.
- e) apply human factors, ergonomics, inclusive, and universal design principles to design solutions.<sup>4</sup>
- f) apply wayfinding techniques to design solutions.

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<sup>4</sup> Universal design refers broadly to "the design of products and environments to be useable by all people to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design." Quote attributed to Ron Mace, excerpted from North Carolina State University Center for Universal Design website. ADA and similar Canadian regulations are addressed in Standard 16. Inclusive design refers broadly to current social-political issues related to inclusion and considers the full range of human diversity with respect to ability, language, culture, gender, age, and other forms of human difference. Design for inclusion includes a range of solutions in the built environment versus one design solution that accommodates multiple users. Examples could include gender neutral restrooms, non-gendered iconography and signage, <u>cultural appropriation</u>, etc.









Ethnic hairstyles. Sports mascots. Runway fashion. We've all seen examples of cultural appropriation. Yet, the difference between cultural *appropriation* and *appreciation* is not always clear. Think of cultural appropriation as the "selecting of certain aspects of a culture, and ignoring their original significance."<sup>1</sup> In March 2018, the Oxford English Dictionary defined cultural appropriation as: "The unacknowledged or inappropriate adoption of the practices, customs, or aesthetics of one social or ethnic group by members of another (typically dominant) community or society."<sup>2</sup>

Social media, print media, and television programs can inspire us to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of people from different backgrounds. Appreciating different cultures and traditions is encouraged with some caution—culture is not a hobby or a collectible item, it is a meaningful part of life, identity, and community. To start appreciating a culture different from your own, begin with good intentions and learn about the culture. This involves avoiding the temptation to assign new meaning to "cultural markers (such as food, clothing, or physical appearance)."<sup>3</sup>

https://www.edi.nih.gov/blog/communities/appropriation-and-appreciation-whats-difference

Challenge for Designers: "The difference between cultural appropriation and appreciation is not always clear."

In the spring of 2021, we asked our 5th semester interior design students to design a **Black Lives Matter Memorial Museum** 







Semester 5		Credits
MAJOR AREA	ID 315 - Interior Design Studio V	4
	ID 347 - Lighting Design	2
	ID 381 - Design Technology III	4
RELATED AREA	choice - see Requirements*: Related Area Elective(s)	3
LIBERAL ARTS	choice - see Requirements*: Liberal Arts	3

#### ID 381 — Design Technology III ID 315 — Interior Design Studio V 4 credits; 2 lecture and 4 lab hours This course addresses the design and control of interior 4 credits; 8 lab hours This studio course introduces students to the holistic strategies and environments as it relates for human comfort levels through the principles of integrated design for interior environments. Students supply of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing apply in-depth programming research, fact-finding skills and design systems, including the various electrical systems and sub-systems. The various regulations that govern the design, construction and analysis methods. The complexity of sustainable design decisions that have an impact on global and local environments, economy and occupancy of building interiors relative to public health, safety and human health are explored. Inclusive design, design for activity, and welfare are addressed. Zoning ordinances, state building and energy building codes are covered. codes, federal occupational regulations, fire prevention, egress, Prerequisite(s): ID 281. barrier-free accessibility (ADA) and administrative requirements are covered. Prerequisite(s): ID 283. TURNING **Inclusive Design** THE TIDE Acoustical and Wellness **Design Strategies BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMORIAL MUSEUM Building Performance** ID381 Design Technology III Spring 2021 Assistant Professor: Ethan Lu Student Names: Tajahanae Aiken I Caleign McLoughlin I Manni Wu

# SITE ANALYSIS

#### History & Demographics

- Three-story neoclassical brick warehouse
- Designed by architect James S. Maher in 1914
- Originally occupied by Blackford's Fish Market
- Obtained protected status under Landmarks Preservation Law in the 1970th

#### Year Built: 1914

Number of Floors: 4

- Square footage: 25,448 sq ft
- Group A-3 Occupancy: Assembly
- Occupancy: 600 people (approx.)



# MISSION STATEMENT

The BLM Museum serves as a memorial and educational space that embraces the historical truth about the African American experience in the United States through informational, visual and interactive exhibits.

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## **CLIENT DESCRIPTION**

**Black Lives Matter** is, "A global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to **eradicate white supremacy** and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, **creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy,** we are winning immediate improvements in our lives."

MISSION STATEMENT FROM THE BLACK LIVES MATTER ORGANIZATION



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# BLACK LIVES MATTER

#### CASE STUDY - JIM CROW: Museum of Racist Memorabilia Curator: David Pilgrim Location: Ferris State University, Michigan

"The museum's mission is to help people understand historical and contemporary racist expressions and to serve as a resource for civil- and human-rights organizations."

The artifacts displayed within the interior are used to enforce conversations through brash artifacts, installations and videos.

The uncomfortable presence the museum has on the viewers evokes an emotional reaction from the visitor.

Because of the overwhelming presence the museum they house a seating area that doubles as an auditorium to evoke conversations. The goal of the museum is to have people discuss these unspoken topics and become educated.

Enlightenment: Europe & America

#### Racism In Colonial and Early America

•Revolutionary ideas of freedom and liberty alongside slavery •Dispossession of American Indians and the enslavement of Africans in the era of revolution

•Science legitimized society's racist views (ex. Morton, Nott and Agassiz) •A social hierarchy placed "white" at the top and "black" at the bottom



ancient monuments, paintings, sculptures, and crania of races, and upon their natural, geographical, philological, and biblical history'' (Nott, Cliddon, 1854)



Morton's Ranking of Races by Cranial Capacity

Slave auction in Austin, Texas, circa 1850-1860



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Racism first really started in the 15th-

16th century in Europe (Middle Ages).

Late 17th century laws were passed

• Exists in the eyes of the people and the

way they choose to classify and rank

Religious slavery from every corner of

Leading historians argue that racism can

ancient Greeks to their Persian enemies

be traced back to the attitudes of the

and that it was adopted, adjusted and

re-formulated by Europeans right

through until the dawn of the

Enlightenment.

the world - enslaving someone of a different belief than their own.

humankind not from a biological point of

and whites.

forbidding marriages between blacks



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# Origins of racism in the ancient world/Europe

- Racial discrimination prejudice, superiority of different culture, color,
- The first humans discovered had very dark skin tones in Africa, and white homoserines didn't enter the scene until later when they migrated up north to Russia.
- Scattered species/tribes for thousands of years











# ORIGINS OF GLOBAL RACISM & RACISM IN AMERICA

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Holocaust



Apartheid



Japanese Internment Camps 1942-1946



Armenian Genocide



"But race is the child of racism, not the father."

Ta-Nehisi Coates, "Between the World and Me", New York:Spiegel & Grau,2015

By utilizing stolen resources colonizers decided to take it a step further allocating their internalized patterns of past traumas onto the land's predecessors.

How has education participated in taking us to where we are?

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USER GROUP DEMOGRAPHICS

	% of visitors to art museums	% of U.S. population
By race/ethnicity		
Hispanic	8.6%	13.5%
Non-Hispanic White	78.9%	68.7%
African American	5.9%	11.4%
Other	6.6%	6.4%



SURVEY OF AMERICANS WHO VISITED ART GALLERIES BY AGE & EDUCATION LEVEL



#### PRIMARY USERS



The increased diversity of the crowds in the streets is a very good sign for racial equity in our country. It is due, in part, to progressive groups mobilizing their constituents to join the protests in solidarity. In a recent statistic study reported by Pew Research, most Americans agree that the country needs to do more to achieve racial equality. For example half of Americans agree that would be very effective to organize protests and rallies to generate some form of a change and that getting together to talk about race would help to formalize racial equity. Therefore it is our primary goal to provide a space where the users will be able to engage with these movement and address their concerns.

#### Diversity of the Protests in the US





#### **DISABILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS**

People with disabilities are part of our community. In museums, they are also our colleagues, artists and even our visitors. Disability is part of the human experience, and disability pride is about embracing the differences. It is our primary goal to provide accessible spaces where every one will feel equally treated and respected. By providing a safe environment with sufficient ramps and easy access to the elevators we encourage our community to engage in the spaces provided. We also encourage our visitors to engage with other technological functions redirected towards the commontability of our disable community

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Inclusive Design: User Groups, Disability & Special Needs



#### MAJOR DESIGN CONCERNS





### **Universal and Inclusive Design**

Black Lives Matter is an inclusive movement and disability is an **intersectional** issue. Narratives about Black disabled people are often left out of conversations

Partner with organizations such as **The National Alliance of Multicultural Disabled Advocates** (NAMD) to make sure needs are extensively met

All spaces and activities will be designed with the diversity of all users in mind

Protests are less accessible to those with disabilities—the BLM memorial will organize volunteers to help accommodate those with disabilities and special needs



MAJOR DESIGN CONCERNS



#### Sustainable Design

Environmental justice and racial justice are intertwined —the BLM Memorial Museum will implement sustainable design practices by:

Using **sustainable materials** in the design

Harnessing **natural daylight** through a skylight, maximizing light the space + saving electricity

Incorporating **sustainable solutions** for museum staff and visitors—committing to plastic-free solutions

Educational resources and exhibitions will highlight intersection between race and environmental justice

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Inclusive Design: Accessibility, Environmental Justice & Racial Justice





## CONCEPT

Target is a literal and symbolic representation of the Black experience in the US. From being targeted by police in their daily lives to systemic discrimination deeply entrenched in American culture, Black people have to endure a reality of being endangered and singled out.

Through architectural features, content, and installations, visitors to the Black Lives Museum will be inspired to understand and relate to the experience of being targeted and reflect on their own roles in this destructive dynamic thus redirecting the "target" on themselves. The museum will showcase the multiple achievements and contribution of Black Americans to all spheres of American life in order to celebrate African American culture, dispel stereotypes, and unite all people.



**2ND FLOOR - INFORMATIONAL AREA** 



**1ST FLOOR - "TARGET" EXHIBIT** 

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BASEMENT - "JOURNEY THROUGH THE SHADOWS" EXHIBIT



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# **Inclusive Design: Students' Design Concepts**





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2ND FLOOR - "FREEDOM" BALLOONS EXHIBIT



Our mission for the Black Lives Matter Museum is simply to design a place to commemorate and celebrate the resilience and passion of the Black community. Our goal in designing this museum is to aid viewers in the discovery of hidden truths and admiring accomplishment of black lives. We envision a space that will be embraced by everyone that visits. We are hoping to help improve society's outlook on black lives and support the Black Lives Matter movement.



Section Cut



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# Inclusive Design: Students' Design Concepts



Student Names: Paige Maggio, Aliana-Mia Torres, and Anny Cai

First Floor: '7 Demands' Exhibition

ok Lines, Baller Worker

First Floor: Cafe Area

Third Floor: 'Bigger' Exhibition











 Basement: Past historical and emotional experience to remember the lives and talent that was lost 1st Floor: Present demands of Black Lives Matter, what they want.

 2nd Floor: Ongoing events due to the 7 demands not being met from people and government. 3rd Floor: Looking towards the future which hopes for peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation

after the history of turmoil and mistreatment. The airy space provides a sense of relief and ease which celebrates figures who have overcome adversity and represent Black culture at large.

5. Defund the Police

2. Expel Republican members of Congress

who attempted

to overturn the election and incited a white supre-macist attack.

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# **Inclusive Design: Students' Design Concepts**

Basement: 'Action' Film Exhibition



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## DESIGN CONCEPT: BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Within this interior environment we aim to create an open and inviting atmosphere for staff and visitors through architectural features that will be done in minimal colors. We plan to use acoustical properties within the ceiling to facilitate better conversations and sound quality within the environment, as well as the use of sustainable and wellness design strategies within our floor and wall material. With these subtle architectural enhancements we aim to create a space that allows viewers the opportunity to discuss, experience and learn about the subjects at hand.

> Acoustical and Wellness Design Strategies

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Building Performance: Integrating Acoustical, Day Lighting, and Wellness Strategies





## **Acoustical Performance (NRC)**

## Acoustical Performance (Sabin)

## **Durable & Bio Based**



## **Mold Resistant**

## **Humidity and Sag Resistant**

## Easy to Clean & Maintain

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Building Performance: Acoustical & Durable Material Properties Explored



#### DAYLIGHTING ELEMENTS: SKYLIGHT

Skylight: A skylight is a light-transmitting structure that forms all or part of the roof space of a building for daylighting purposes.

#### **Benefits**

- Adding natural light (and solar heating) to the spaces
- Letting in fresh air and better ventilation
- Saving on energy costs (electric and heating)
- Aesthetic changes add to the resale value
- Natural views and "adding space" to a room



### DAYLIGHTING ELEMENTS: LIGHT SHELVES

Light Shelves: A light shelf is a horizontal surface that reflects daylight deep into a building. Light shelves are placed above eye-level and have high-reflectance upper surfaces, which reflect daylight onto the ceiling and deeper into the space

#### Benefits

- Provides a strong amount of daylight within the rest of the interior allowing light to penetrate the space up to 2.5 to 4 times the distance between the floor and the top of the window
- admissible for the LEED point system, falling under the Indoor Environment Quality: Daylight & Views" category.
- Increases productivity within the interior Reflects light deeper into a space so the use of incandescent and fluorescent lighting can be reduced which reduces the need for artificial lighting in buildings.

https://www.c-sgroup.com/sun-controls/daylight-systems https://www.desianinabuildinas.co.uk/wiki/Light\_shelf



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**Light Shelves** 

#### CLIMATE CONTROL: UNDERFLOOR AIR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Underfloor air distribution system (UFAD): These are air distribution strategies that provide ventilation and space conditioning in buildings. They are used with raised access flooring to distribute conditioned air as part of the HVAC system.

#### **Benefits**

- · Improve employee productivity and health
- . Diffusers installed in a raised floor can be reconfigured/adaptable to fit the space
- Offer better air quality

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- Increase occupant comfort and satisfaction
  - Easy installation without having to change the interior layout
- Reduce operational costs (energy saving)

https://www.iohnsoncontrols.com/-/media/ici/be/united-states/airside-systems/under-floor-aire-c istribution/files/be\_prod\_airsystems\_underfloorairdistribution\_flexsys\_overview.pdf

m. FlexSvs distributes air through an advance minal design known as the modular integrated terminal. The fully integrated damper and actuator motor silently supplies cooling or heating to the space, ensuring consistent temperature control. This digita technology also allows the system to react very quickly to changes in ening and closing in one second, for desired comfort

## Skylight

https://mobilane.co

**Green Wall** 

#### INDOOR AIR QUALITY: THE GREEN WALL

Green wall: A green wall system provides the interior space a breath of fresh air. It will improve the air quality while also providing acoustical properties to the space. LivePanel PACK is a modular green wall system that can be easily installed.

#### **Benefits**

- Healthy, working environment
- Flexible, space-saving green wall system with an unlimited range of applications Increase productivity and creativity

#### Features

- Fully recyclable
- Exchangeable plant cassettes for a dynamic view •
- A water supply to last 1-2 weeks Works without electricity, water connection, water
- drainage or irrigation system
- Short installation time
- Smart and silent water level indicators



el-PACK-UK-without-print-marks.

#### INDOOR AIR QUALITY: HEPA AIR FILTRATION

HEPA air filtration (High Efficiency Particulate Air): It is a filter that is designed to prevent the spread of airborne radioactive contaminants. The filters are there to help clean the air especially for those who have dust or pollen allergies. ALEN's advanced particle sensor technology will provide the status of the air quality in the space with LED color rings showing on the BreatheSmart 75i.

#### Benefits

- Improve air quality
- Removes 99.99% of particles greater than 0.1 microns
- Air purifiers draw air in using a series of fans, then condition the air in some fashion, and finally blows the air back out into the room

#### Features

- Noise Level: Lowest Speed 25 dBa | Highest Speed 49 dBa
- Power Consumption: 1.8 to 45 watts
- Speed Setting: 5
- Covers up to 1,300 sq. ft. (120.77 m2) & cleans all air quality in the room every 30 minutes at the highest setting

https://alen.com/products/alen-breathesmart-75i-air-purifier?variant=13172054491203





#### FRESH AIR EXCHANGE: CO2 MONITORING

Carbon dioxide: Carbon dioxide is a colorless and non-flammable gas at normal temperature and pressure. Although much less abundant than nitrogen and oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere, carbon dioxide is an important constituent of our planet's air.

CO2 monitor: Carbon dioxide (CO2) monitors measure gas concentration, or partial pressure, using one of two configurations: mainstream or sidestream.

#### **Benefits/Key Features**

- Monitors the levels of carbon dioxide in any environment and alert whomever.
- True volume % readout over a wide range of pressures (pressure compensated)
- Graphic screen display provides more information Digital Alarm set points
  - The Guardian NG range of infrared gas monitors offer near-analyser quality continuous sampling. measurement and display of target gas concentrations



## **CO2** Monitoring

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# **Building Performance: Wellness Equity**



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# **HEPA Air Filtration**







HEPA air filtration system

- 5. Light shelves
- 6. CO2 Monitoring

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Building Performance: Creating Integration Opportunities



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**Building Performance: Creating Integration Opportunities** 



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In conclusion, we have achieved the goal of our concept by creating a welcoming environment for the Black Lives Matter movement. Thinking about occupancy, activities, and wellness, we made intentional decisions to best meet the expectations of the client while creating a practical and maintainable environment. The project is successful in considering each space through a visually appealing color scheme, and sustainable materials for wall and ceiling details that cater to acoustical and wellness design.

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### Advancing Inclusive Design: Operationalizing Equity in the Built Environment

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**Inclusive Design for All?** 



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With core goals of **accessibility** and **usability**, target populations for Inclusive Design have traditionally been people with disabilities and aging populations.

#### Demographic Groups Addressed Across Inclusive/Universal Design Resources

			Disability			Age	Gender	LGBTQ+	Race	
Inclusive/Universal Design Resource	Country	Туре	Mobility	Hearing/ Visual	Cognitive	Mental Health				
Enterprise Green Communities 2020: Beyond ADA: Universal Design (EGC, 2020)	US	Building Rating Standard	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Innovative Solutions for Universal Design (isUD) (IDEA Center, 2020)	US	Building Rating Standard	•	•	•		•	•	•	
LEEDv4 Inclusive Design Pilot Credit (USGBC, 2019)	US	Building Rating Standard	•	•	•	•	•	•		
WELLv2: Feature C13: Accessibility and Universal Design (IWBI, n.d.)	US	Building Rating Standard	•	•	•				•	
Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (Centre for Excellence in Universal Design, n.d.)	Ireland	Practitioner Guidelines	•	•	•	•	•			
New Zealand Buildings for Everyone: Designing for Access and Usability (New Zealand, n.d.)	New Zealand	Practitioner Guidelines	•	٠	•		•			
Universal Design Guidelines, Version 2.0 (Center for Universal Design, 1997)	US	Practitioner Guidelines	•	٠	٠					
Universal Design Handbook: Building Accessible and Inclusive Environments (Calgary, 2010)	Canada	Practitioner Guidelines	•	•	•		•			
Universal Design New York (UDNY) 2 (IDEA Center, 2003)	US	Practitioner Guidelines	•	٠	•	•	•	•		
Universal Design: A Manual of Practical Guidance for Architects (Goldsmith, 2000)	US	Textbook	٠	•	•		•	•		
Universal Design: Creating Inclusive Environments (Steinfeld & Maisel, 2012)	US	Textbook	•	٠	•	٠	•		•	
Universal Design Handbook, 2nd Edition (Preiser & Smith, 2011)	US	Textbook	•	•	•	•	•			
Universal Design Principles and Models (Null, 2014)	US	Textbook	•	•	•		•	•		
Universal Design: Solutions for Barrier-free Living (Herwig, 2008)	US	Textbook	•	•	•		•			

Figure 1. Inclusive/Universal Design Resource review of demographic groups based on CDC report of most vulnerable populations (CDC, 2016).

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Resource	Equity Standard						
Enterprise Green 2020 Standards	Integrative Design, Neighborhood Fabric, Health						
Design Justice Principles	Full Framework						
Fitwel	Social Equity for Vulnerable Populations						
Just. User Manual 2.0	Full Framework						
Justice in the Built Environment: AIA Guides for Equitable Practice	Full Framework						
LEED v4.1 BD+ C	Pilot Credits						
LEED v4. Social Equity Pilot Credits	Full Framework						
LEED Social Equity in Pandemic Planning	Full Framework						
Living Building Challenge	Living Future Equity Petal						
RELi 2.0	Community Cohesion, Social + Economic Vitality						
WELL v2 Building Standard	Community Concept						
WELL Health Equity Rating	Full Framework						

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#### **Case Study Research**

Qualitative case study research to explore **how equity is operationalized** in the built environment of real-world projects.



#### **Community and Practitioner Research Partners**



Harvey Milk Plaza Memorial San Francisco, CA

The Friends of Harvey Milk + SWA Group

The Women's Building New York, NY

The Novo Foundation + **Deborah Berke Architects** 

East Austin, TX

Norman-Sims Elementary +

**Kirksey Architects** 



**Norman-Sims Elementary** The Wing Luke Museum of the **Asian Pacific American Experience** Seattle, WA Wing Luke Museum + **SKL** Architects

#### **Conceptual Framework**



Figure 3. Conceptual framework for research study that aims to operationalize equity in the built environment.

#### **Future Steps**

Develop a Design Equity Framework that can be tested and built upon through future research.

> Inform **future design standards**, guidelines, and policies.

> Continued research on **design equity i**n the context of the built environment.

# **Thank You**

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