

AMST 422/682

LION BROTHERS BUILDING (Downtown Baltimore)

AMST 422: Preserving Places, Making Spaces in Baltimore

AMST 682: Research Seminar on Community in American Culture

Instructor: Nicole King

Spring 2018: Wednesdays 4-6:30pm

Information:

This public humanities course will examine the stories from the west side of downtown Baltimore. AMST 422/682 explores the long history of redevelopment in the city's downtown core from the 19th to the 21st centuries through place-based research, oral history, and ethnographic interviews. Students will read about the history and culture of Baltimore with a focus on how downtown has changed over time and how downtown economic redevelopment has both reflected and influenced the identity of the city and its residents. Disinvestment and urban redevelopment are directly tied to complex issues of social inequality. Readings cover the city's social and political history, deindustrialization, and gentrification. Students will complete their own place-based research, interviews, and present their research to the general public at an event at the end of the semester.