

# LA 4/572 Overlook Seminar | Land Lab



"Photo Point" by Jenny Ginn  
Cryptic Sounds Exhibition  
Fuller Initiative Land Lab, 2023

**Time** Tuesday | 11:00am - 1:50pm **Office Hours** LA 306, Tues 3-5pm

**Location** Lawrence Hall 231 **Credits** 4

**Instructor** Michael Geffel, RLA, ASLA  
Professor of Practice in Landscape Architecture  
mgeffel@uoregon.edu

**Course Description** **reclamation** noun : the act or process of reclaiming: such as  
a: REFORMATION, REHABILITATION  
b: restoration to use : RECOVERY

Beginning in 2018, the Fuller Initiative Land Lab has been engaged in an active field experiment on the UO North Campus Riverfront, culminating with the founding of the *Overlook Outdoor Instructional Area* (OOIA). In this space we are allowed to conduct ecological experiments and construct temporary installations, bringing the pedagogy of the Overlook Field School “home to campus.” This Spring, we will explore the theme of *reclamation* through field work, soundscape recording, land care, and a collaborative design/build in Weeks 7-9 to create a public exhibition at the OOIA. Although no longer a prerequisite, the site history, field work, and conceptual inquiry covered in this seminar will allow participants to develop their design skills and approaches for the **2024 Fuller Studio** on the new **Riverside Urban Farm**.

**Eligibility** This seminar is open to all upperclass undergraduate students (junior year and above) and graduate students. It fulfills a theory elective in Landscape Architecture.