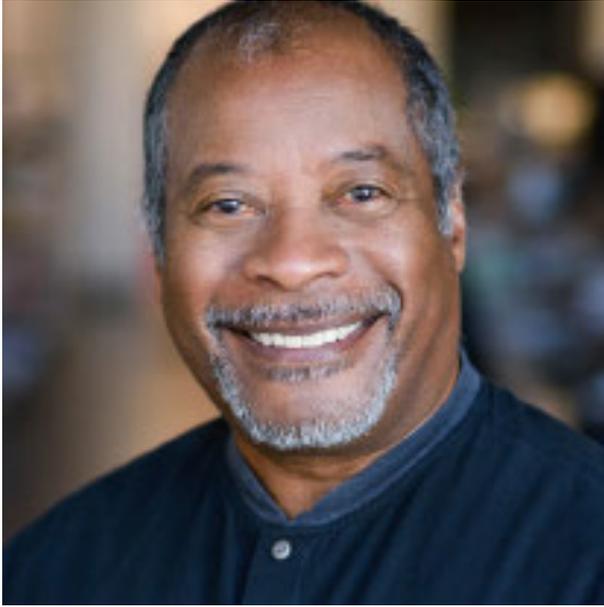


MIMAR STUDIO

PLANNING & DESIGN



Curriculum Vite Donald I King FAIA/NOMAC

Principal

Mimar Studio Planning & Design
2013-present
A predevelopment planning and design consultancy.

Sr. Project Director and Co-founder

Nehemiah Initiative Seattle
Seattle 2020-25
An anti-displacement, faith-based affordable homes development initiative.

President/CEO, Principal and Founder DKA Architecture

Seattle 1985-2015
A community-based planning, architecture and project management firm.

Licensed Architect

Hawaii #12250

Professional Education

Master of Architecture – Campus Planning
University of California Los Angeles 1978
Bachelor of Fine Arts – Interior Architecture
Wayne State University, Detroit 1975
Associate in Arts – Architectural Technology
Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles 1972

Background

Donald King is an architect, planner and Educator with over 50 years of professional experience in the practice areas of community planning, design, and project management. He has specific expertise in community-centered projects; including healthcare facilities, educational facilities, affordable housing and special needs housing.

His writings on design and practice, as well on DKA Architecture and the Nehemiah Initiative, have been published in numerous books, academic papers and periodicals. He has provided extensive service on community and professional boards and committees.

Previous Professional Experience

Principal Architect

Environmental Works
Community Design Center
Seattle 1981-84
Provided planning and design for various community-centered projects.

Staff Architect

Housing Authority City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles 1978-80,
In-house design of new and renovated income-restricted public housing.

Design Intern

Frank O. Gehry Associates
Santa Monica 1978
Planning and design on various residential and commercial projects.

Designer/Drafter

Urban Innovations Group
Los Angeles 1977
The Urban Collaborative
Detroit 1972-75
Watts Urban Workshop
Los Angeles 1968-72

Service on Boards and Committees

23rd & Union Business Improvement Association
Advisory Board 2025-present

National Organization of Minority Architects
NOMA Council (NOMAC) 2024-present

Member of the College of Built Environments
Diversity Council – University of WA 2021-24

Member of the Carbon Leadership Forum
University of Washington 2020-present

Member of the Association of Collegiate
Schools of Architecture (ACSA) 2018-present

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
National Board of Directors 2015-18

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Strategic Council 2014-2015

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
National Board of Directors 2013-14

Regional Director
AIA Northwest & Pacific Region 2014-15

AIA National Steering Committee for the 15th
Edition of the “Architects Handbook of
Professional Practice” 2012

National Organization of Minority Architects
NOMA Vice President, West Region 2008

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
AIA/Seattle Board of Directors 2004

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
National Scholarship Committee Chair 2003

State of Washington Commerce Dept.
Republic of Ghana Trade Mission Delegate ‘98

Seattle Planning Commissioner, Vice Chair
Chair Comprehensive Plan Committee 1993-96

Awards and Commendations

2026 “Vision from the Mountaintop”
Urban Impact – Seattle

2023 “Cooper Legacy Award”
Homestead Community Land Trust – Sea

2022 “Community Champion Award”
Housing Development Consortium – Sea

2022 “Carla Okigwe Award”
Housing Development Consortium – Sea

2018 “Richard Upjohn Fellow”
American Institute of Architects (AIA)

2016 “Louise Blanchard Bethune Fellow”
American Institute of Architects (AIA)

2015 “Medal of Honor”
AIA/Seattle Chapter

2014 “Richard Upjohn Fellow”
American Institute of Architects (AIA)

2009 “One of WA 100 Fastest Growing
Businesses” Puget Sound Journal

2009 “Mental Health Solutions Housing
Award” Navos Mental Health Services

2008 “Excellence in Masonry Design”
Masonry Institute of Washington

2007 “Minority Business Owner of the Year”
Region 10 - U.S. Small Business Admin.

2006 “Gold Award in Building Technology”
ACEC Seattle Police Support Facility

2005 “Sustainable Local Development of
the Year” Seattle AGC

2001 “Honor Award”
King Street Station Platform and Canopies
AIA/Seattle

Articles, Opinion Editorials and Publications

Build LLC – May 2024

Race, Religion and Real Estate: A Conversation with Donald King

Seattle Times – September 29, 2024

Land Rich, Cash Poor – Churches Seek Help to Plan Affordable Housing – Heidi Grover

Metropolis Mag Planet Positive Award – 2023

Tabernacle Terrace: Leveraging Black Churches to Build Beloved Community

Shelterforce - January 2023

Black Congregations Are Developing Housing on Church Land – Nadia Mian

Societies - January 2021

Pushing Back on Displacement: Community-Based Redevelopment through Historically Black Churches – Donald King

Carbon Leadership Forum Newsletter - Jul 2020

University of Washington
Decarbonization and Social Equity – D King

Crosscut Guest Editorial - December 2019

The Central District has lost over a dozen of its Black Churches in the Past 10 Years – D King

Seattle Medium – December 9, 2019

Faith Based Organizations Look to Develop Affordable Housing Donald King

The Stranger Guest Editorial – May 2015

Can the Central District Become a Model for More Inclusive Development in Seattle? D King

NOMA Magazine – Summer 2013

A Changing World – Donald King Tackles a Dearth of Black Architects

Daily Journal of Commerce – May 2009

2 Museums Win Preservation Awards

Puget Sound Business Journal – November 2009

Benefits of Sustainability Must Spread to All King

Speaking Engagements and Presentations

Health & the Built Environment – Feb 2026

URBAN 538, University of Washington
The Nehemiah Initiative Seattle

Africa Day Business Forum – Nov 2025

Bell Harbor Conference Center Seattle
African Business Innovation Center

AIA Seattle Design Week – 2023

Housing Now Panelist /Presenter

Affordable Homeownership Forum – 2023

Innovative Partnerships Panelist/Presenter

Othello/UW Commons – 2022

Louder Than Words Interview

NOMA National Conference – Detroit 2021

Building Beloved Community: The Nehemiah Initiative Seattle

Built Green Conference – 2021

Presenter
Housing Development Consortium – 2021
Barriers to Black Homeownership

Enterprise Community Partners – 2020

Faith-Based Development Initiative Forum

CBE Chronicles – 2020

University of Washington
Nehemiah Studios Presenter

AIA Seattle Design Week – 2020

Seattle for Everyone:
Single-Family Zoning Panelist/Presenter

Regional Leadership Conference – 2012

Metro Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Presenter and Panelist

Aging in America National Conference

San Francisco – 2011 Presenter

Regional Leadership Conference – 2009

Presenter and Panelist

Projects by DKA Architecture and Mimar Studio



FAME Plaza – First AME Church Master Plan
Seattle 2026

In partnership with Scemata Workshop, Mimar Studio was the planning and design lead for this site capacity study to evaluate the determine the feasibility of developing affordable homes and new church community spaces on a 49,121 SF property in a Black community at risk of displacement in central Seattle.



Acer House Mixed-Use Development
Seattle 2026

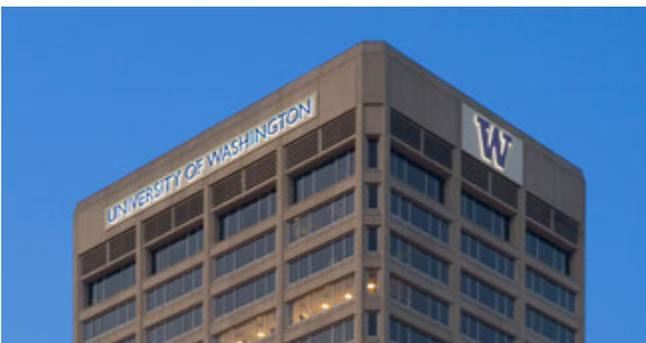
In partnership with Schemata Workshop, Mimar Studios provided site planning and design services for the development of this Central District 117 unit mixed-use, affordable homes project. One of the first of its kind as an anti-racist development with an Afrofuturist design approach.

Projects by DKA Architecture



HomeWorks Program Seattle Housing
Authority – Seattle 2005-2011

DKA was the lead firm for Denny Terrace. The building is a highly visible example of a 23-building high-rise public housing modernization program. The 218-unit apartment building is perched directly over Interstate 5 overlooking downtown Seattle. Great care went into the design transformation for this prominent location.



University of Washington Tower
Seattle 2010

This project encompassed the transformation of a former insurance company's corporate headquarters to University of Washington office space. DKA provided space planning and interior architecture for departments relocated from 16 scattered locations.



Asian Counseling & Referral Service
Community Service Center
Seattle 2008

This DKA design was inspired by a sense of Asian-Pacific Island culture in a contemporary Pacific northwest architecture. The interior includes five different daylight strategies on four floors.

The building is LEED Certified.



Urban League Village
Seattle 2008

This DKA project involved the repurposing of the 100-year-old Colman School for the Northwest African American Museum and 36 units of affordable apartments on the upper two floors. DKA procured Seattle Landmark status for the building.



The Riley Group Townhomes
Seattle 2008

DKA provided design and project management for the development of these 12 zero lot line townhomes. The development is part of the Hope VI redevelopment of the New Rainier Vista. The site was composed of three four-unit buildings with a mix of 2 and 3-bedroom homes in each building. The absence of common land and building areas eliminated the need for a condominium HOA.



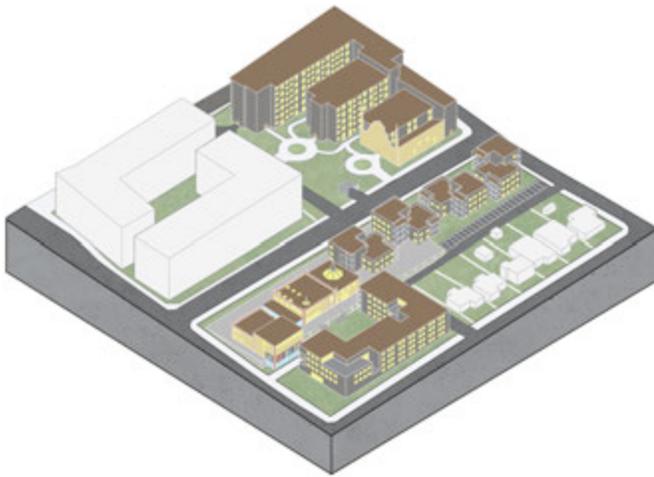
Casey Family Programs Seattle Division
Office & Counseling Center
Seattle 2000

DKA provided planning, architecture and interior design services for the new 15,000 SF Casey Family Program Seattle Division offices and counseling center. The facility offers family counseling and support services for families with children in their long-term foster care program.

This project won the 2002 Excellence in Masonry Design Merit Award from the Masonry Institute of Washington.

Community-Focused Practice Design Studios
University of Washington - Seattle

Affiliate Professor of Architecture 2018-Present

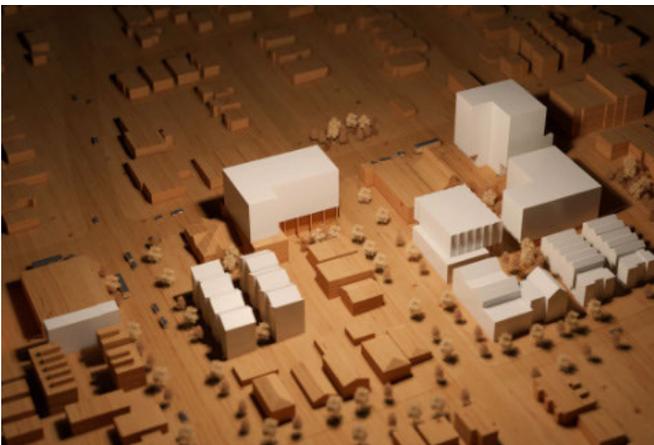


ARCH 400 & 506, URBAN 508 & 600:
Nehemiah Interdisciplinary Studio

Autumn 2025

This Nehemiah Interdisciplinary Studio & Seminar was the fifth in a series since 2019. It was the first multi-cultural development and located in the Othello/MLK Way neighborhood, one block from the Sound Transit light rail station. Five congregations were included in the nearly contiguous 4.4 acre site study with 3 options for project visioning and financial analysis for new church facilities and affordable homes.

Student work: Ebo Abonyi, Riley Houlihan, Vince Martinez, Harriett Wright



ARCH 504 & 507: Exploration Studio III

Winter 2023

This studio focused on nearly an entire city block in the Central District owned by the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. It will build on the planning and urban design work of the Fall 2022 URBDP 508 studio to fully develop innovative housing, green infrastructure and placemaking strategies over two church properties.

Winner of the *Metropolis Magazine* Student Planet Positive Award in 2023.

Student work: Alicia Jacobs, Bryce Boho, Facundo Jaime, Jake Schmitz, Lu He, Will Flanagan

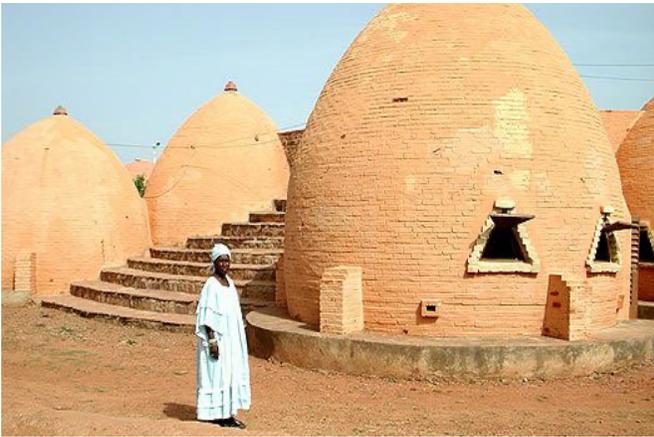


BE 405: McKinley Futures
Nehemiah Interdisciplinary Studio

Autumn 2023

The fourth in a series of interdisciplinary studios focused on the development of faith properties for community spaces and affordable homes. This studio encompassed three church sites in the Central District, Beacon Hill and Rainier Beach neighborhoods of Seattle. A variety of housing types were explored.

Student work: Leila Jackson, Jade Kim, Miguel Orr, Emily Sherman, James Strand, Sarah Udelhofen, Brendan Wedderspoon



ARCH 498G: Afrofuturism – The Past, Present & Future of African American Architects
Spring and Autumn 2022

This two-part seminar explored Afrofuturism in architecture with a focus on African and African American architects and their works beginning with a survey of over 3,000 years of African architecture, a history of pioneering African American architects and the current practice of Black Architects and the future of African/American transcontinental design practice.



ARCH 504: Architectural Integration Studio III
Winter 2021

The winter studio of a three-part series focused on the building as part of larger urban systems related to energy, ecology and mobility. Project types included institutional buildings, housing or hybrid proposals with a focus on the definition of interior space within the broader urban context according to an urban ecological lens. The studio began with the exploration of building systems and culminated with a fully developed design that confronts issues of building performance. In exploring these wide-ranging concerns, the various sections of the studio exposed students to a variety of pedagogical approaches, architectural concepts and design strategies.



Student work: Wei Yu Lio



ARCH 404: Collaborative Design Studio
Winter 2020

A Nehemiah Initiative-related studio led by ARCH Professor Ann Marie Borys with CM Professor Carrie Dossick and ARCH Affiliate Professor Donald King. This studio introduced students to collaborative and integrative design. Studio teams worked together to develop designs, but each member also had an issue on which they were expected to develop research and take the lead in applying the research to the group's design.

Student work: Akanksha, Camille, Isaiah, Justin, Masha, Moazamah



RE 551A & URBDP 508: Nehemiah Studio
Autumn 2020

The Nehemiah Studio is an interdisciplinary studio formed to support the real estate and urban design and planning needs of the Nehemiah Initiative in their initial phase of scoping work and scenarios for future development, and the training of graduate students in the College of Built Environments. The Autumn 2020 studio engaged the leadership of three churches in Seattle's Central District to investigate the development potential of faith properties for community spaces, business places and affordable homes.

Student work: Arpana Nautiyal, Dre Avila, Erin Irby, James Stanton, Jude Zhu, Li Zhai, Peter Van Overbeek, Rozlyn Pratt, Yiran Wang, Zach Myers



RE 551 and URBDP 508: McKinley Futures
Nehemiah Studio
Autumn 2019

This course was an interdisciplinary studio focused on developing, designing, and supporting real estate, urban design and planning, and community engagement strategies in partnership with the Nehemiah Initiative for church-owned properties in Seattle's Central District. This studio provided alternative designs for three church sites for future development based on the "highest and best beloved community use".

Student work: Drew Cunningham, Krista Doersch, Weston Hambleton, Yichao Hu, Yang Liu, Yanlin Lu, Clifton Stratton



ARCH 402C: Intersection-All
Spring 2018

This studio involves the exploration for planning and design for a multicultural culinary arts academy that is co-located with restaurants, shops, mobile food service kitchens, a farmer's market and an urban agriculture center. Since most people are introduced to other cultures through food, the purpose of this facility is to encourage cultural connections in food growing, meal preparation and collective dining.