

McKenzie Hall

Historic Preservation & Interpretation Plan Project

Office of Campus Planning, University of Oregon

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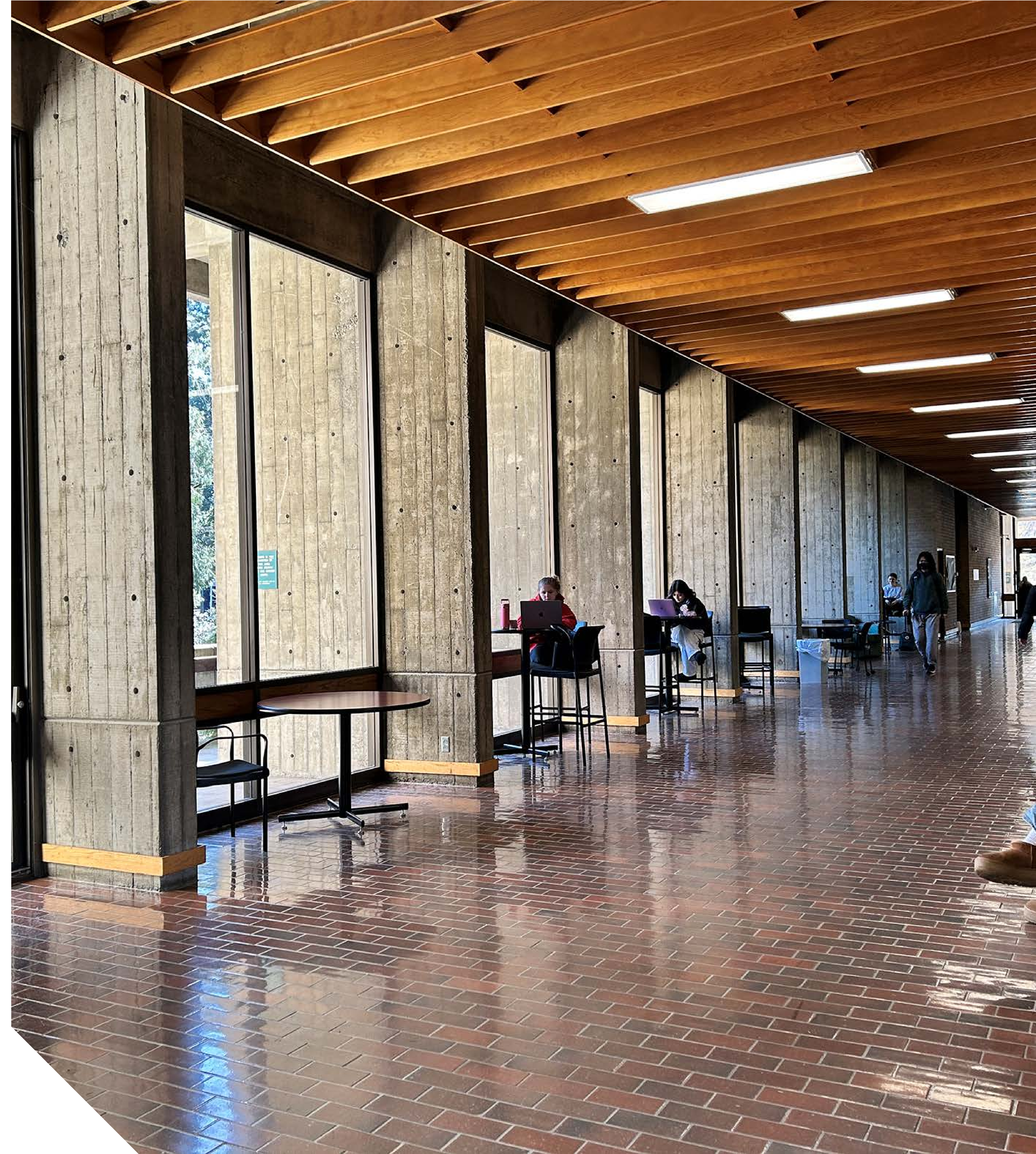


Introduction

National Trust for Historic Preservation

*African American Cultural Heritage Fund –
Conserving Black Modernism Grant Program*

Getty Foundation – Keeping it Modern Initiative





UO Team

Students: Phoenix Nwokedi, Ben Schmitz



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Architectural Resources Group (ARG)



Maya M. Foty
Principal



Matthew M. Davis
Principal



Key ARG Staff (left to right)

- Elysha Paluszek, Senior Associate
- Candace Naste, Associate
- Jon Rusch, Associate
- Morgan Quirk, Associate



Moreland Consulting

Kimberly Moreland
Founder and CEO



Partners and Engagement

- Historic Preservation Department
- College of Design
- Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH)
- Building Users
- Unthank's colleague and family
- Interested Parties (e.g., UO and Community groups)
- Students



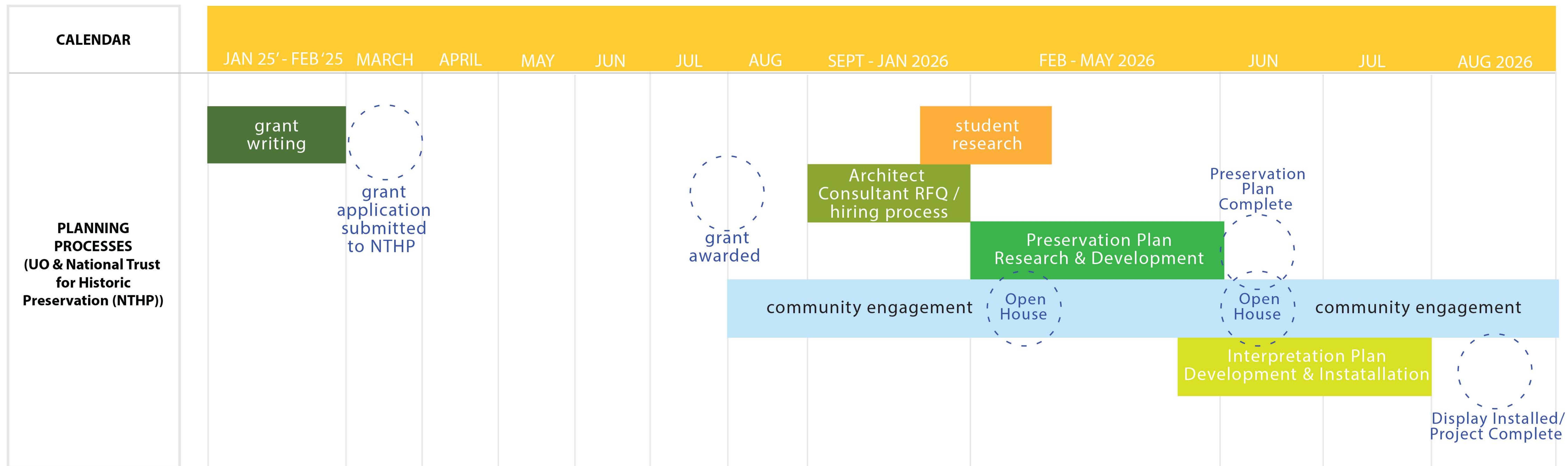
Project Scope

- History of McKenzie Hall
- History of Architect DeNorval Unthank, Jr. – Life and Career
- Historic Preservation Assessment (including a Preliminary Conditions Assessment): Significance, Description, Integrity, & Treatment Recommendations
- Interpretation Plan and Display
- Two educational events/open houses

Project Timeline

Campus Planning Timeline: 2025-2026 McKenzie Hall Preservation and Interpretation Plan Project

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UO Campus Planning





Ladd's Addition, Portland (1930's)

1946: Graduates Franklin High School in Portland

1960: Becomes official partner of Wilsem Endicott Unthank Architects

1985: Ed Waterbury joins the Unthank Seder Poticha firm



DeNorval Unthank, Otto P. Poticha, Grant Seder (1970's)

2021: UO dormitory and welcome center named after Unthank Jr.

1930

1940

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

1952: Designs houses built by Dick Chambers

1968: Begins partnership with Otto Poticha and Grant Seder

1965: Starts lecturing at UO Architecture School

2000: Unthank passes away due to cancer



DeNorval Unthank Jr. Dorm Hall and Student Welcome Center (2021)

1951: Graduates UO Architecture School; meets Doris Burgess

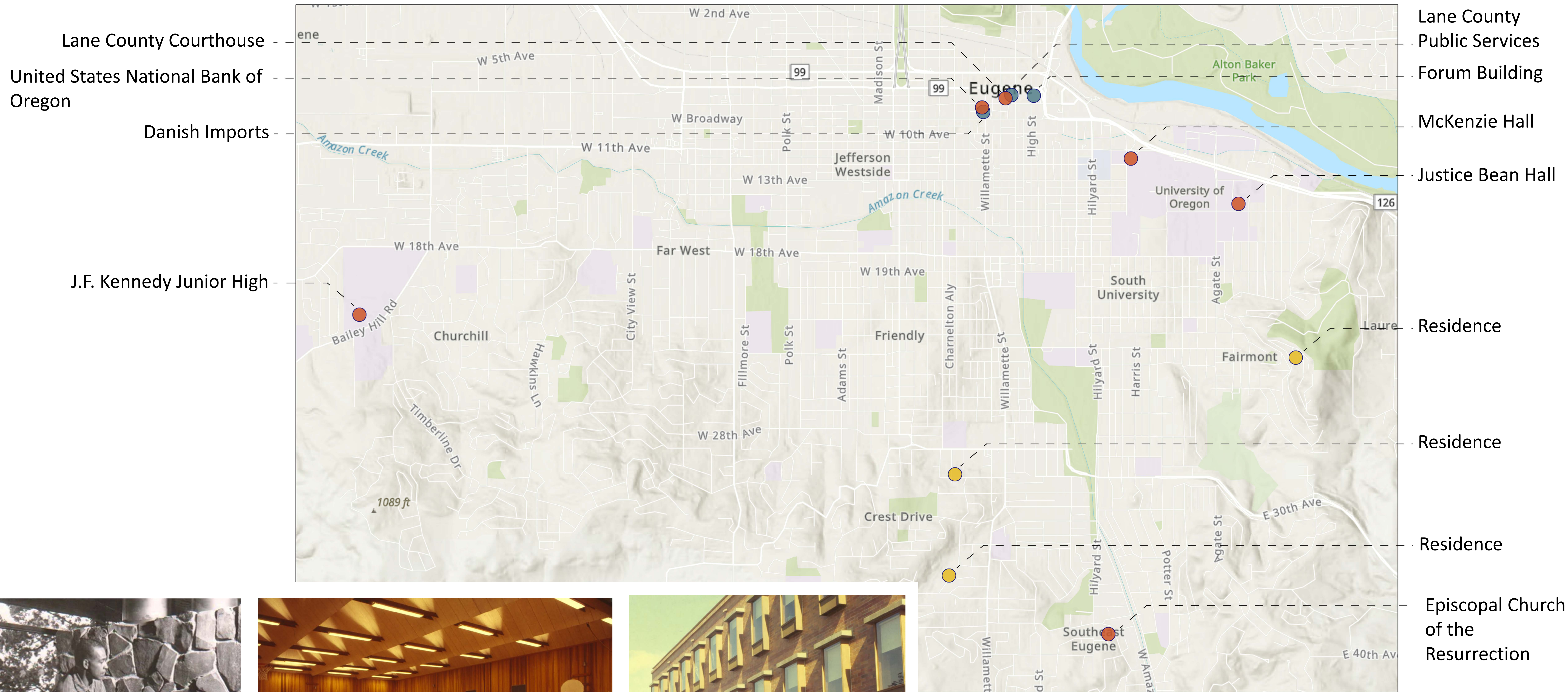


Unthank Jr. and Doris Burgess (1951)

1929: DeNorval Unthank Jr. is born in Kansas City, MO



Unthank Jr. and two of his children (date unknown)



Lane County Courthouse
 United States National Bank of Oregon

Danish Imports

J.F. Kennedy Junior High

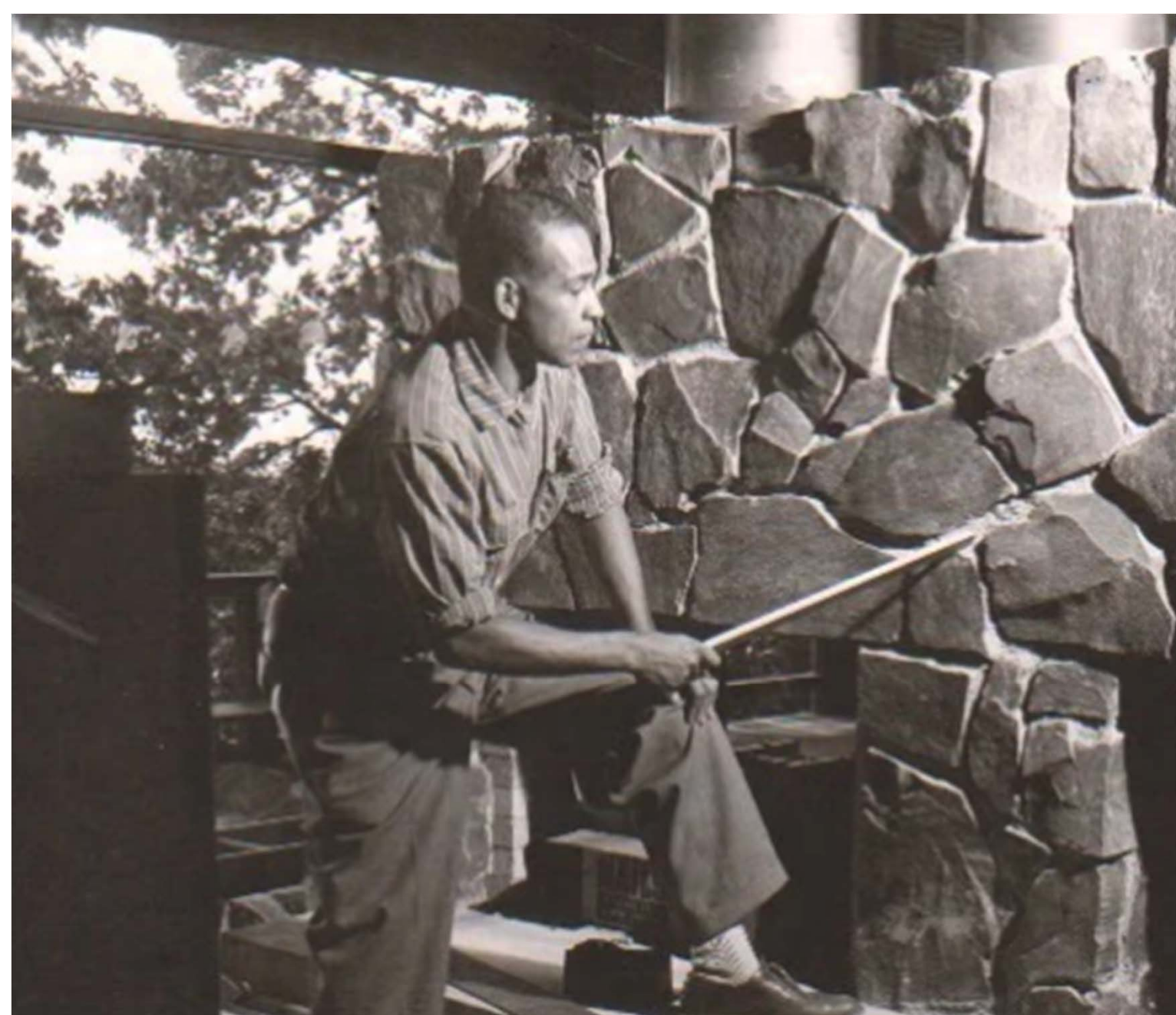
Lane County
 Public Services
 Forum Building
 McKenzie Hall
 Justice Bean Hall

Residence

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Episcopal Church
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Unthank Jr. at Crasman House



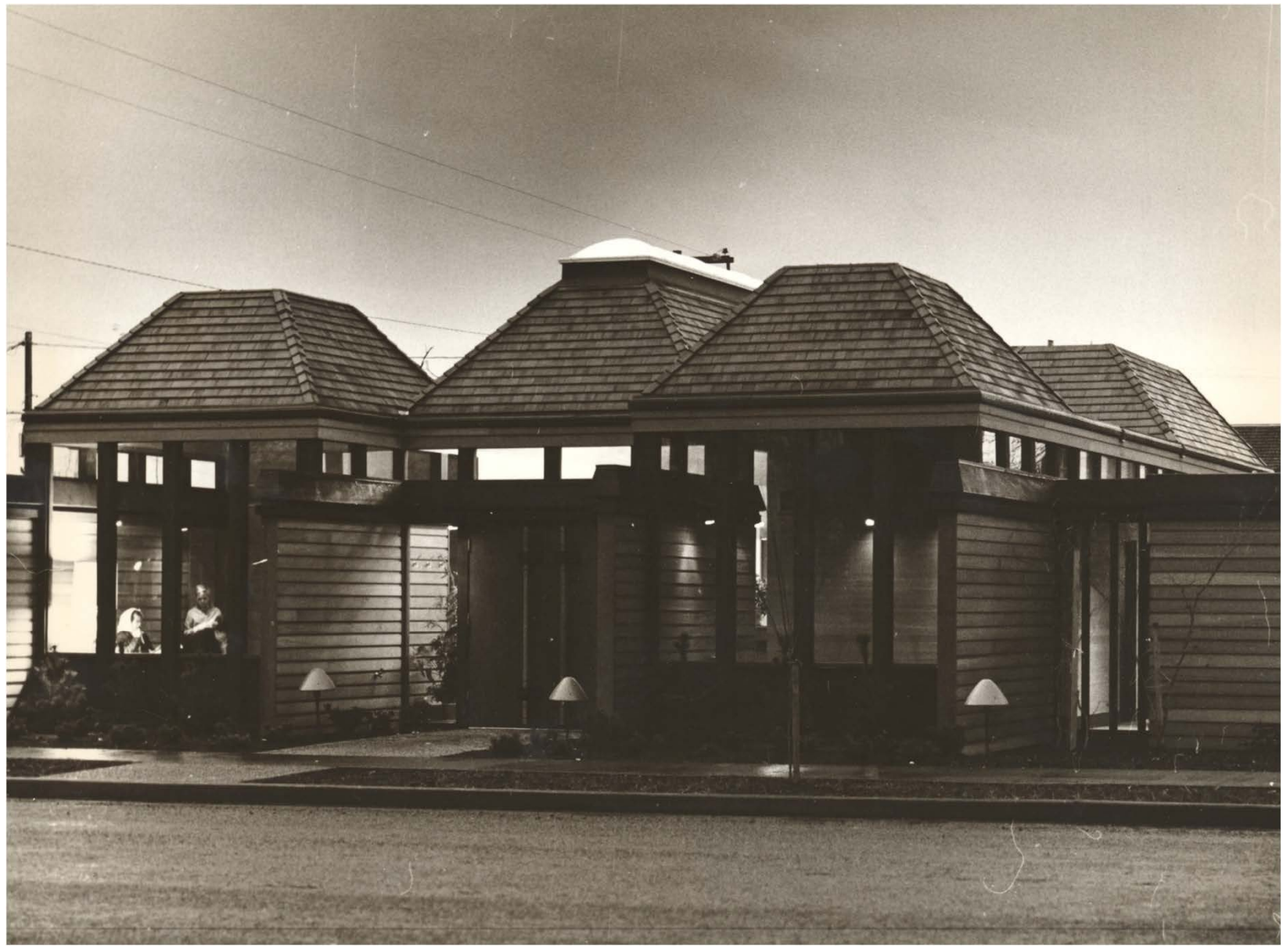
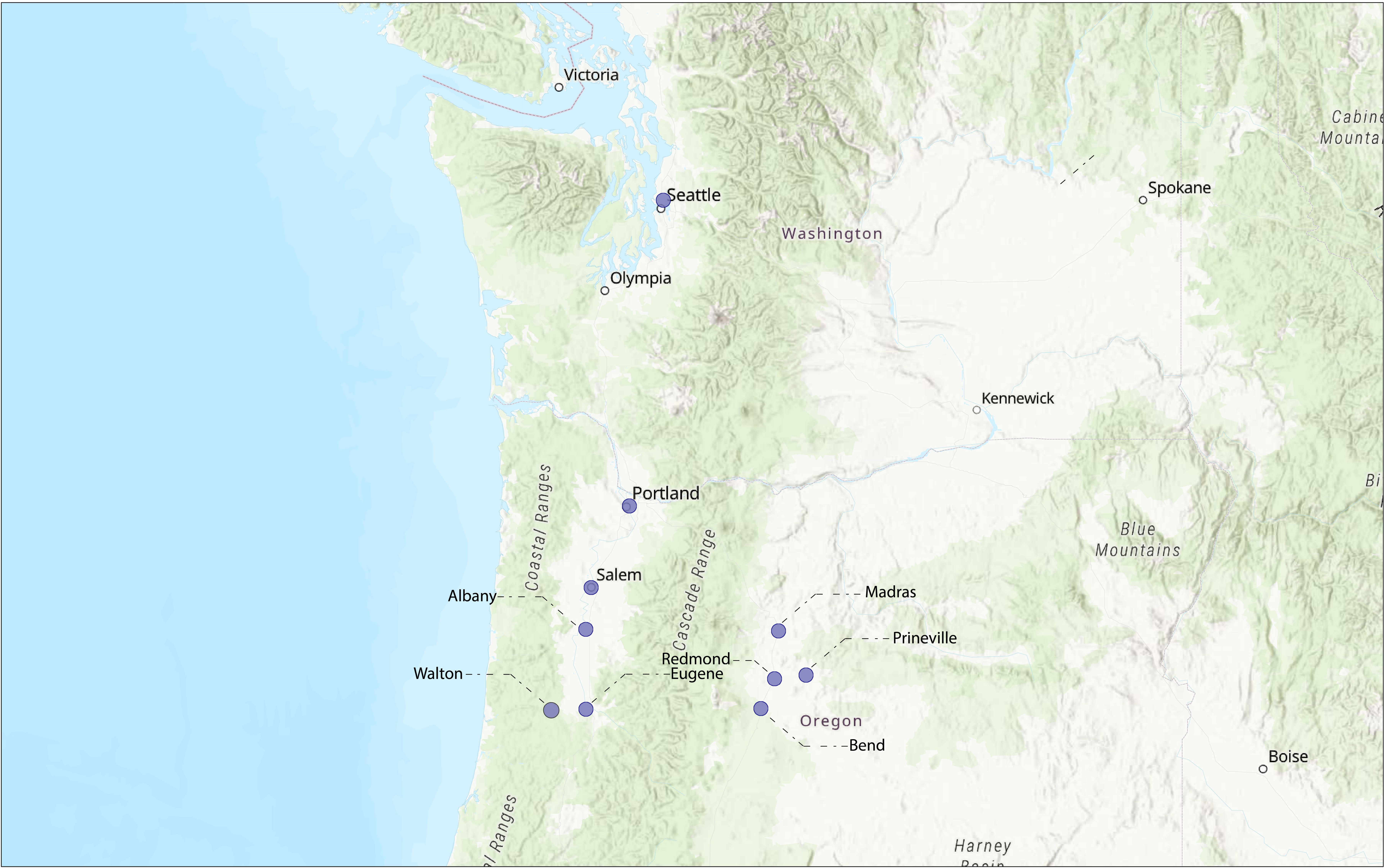
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Forum Building

Era Legend

- 1952-1955
- 1955-1968
- 1968-1993



Discussion / Feedback



Photo Source: Beyond the Built Environment



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