Belluschi Distinguished Visiting Professor Studio
A joint studio with Will Bruder
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IN CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE, PLACE, AND PROCESS…
a studio about conceptual and tectonic thinking.

At the intersection of then and tomorrow, our site exists on an atypical (non-orthogonal), pivotal Portland city block south of Burnside Avenue between SW 6th (the new streetcar line) and Broadway. This empty lot is in the shadow of iconic “Big Pink” (aka the US Bancorp Tower). Designed from the inside out and the outside in, our studio will create a contextual and dynamic, appropriate and unexpected, pragmatic and abstract, urban intervention.

The mixed-use program will combine street front retail, affordable housing (approximately 64 studio and one bedroom apartments) and a new home for the Portland Film Society (comprising of three theaters of 40, 60, and 180 seats respectively).

The program will blend a rigorous curriculum of applied-skills and conceptual thinking toward our ultimate goal creating a more responsive and responsible built environment.

In addition to typical studio meeting times, the studio will also meet four Saturdays during the term. These are January 10th (full day Portland visit), January 24th, February 21st and 28th. On weeks when we are meeting on Saturdays, we will typically not have studio on Wednesday.

Will Bruder of Will Bruder+Partners LTD based in Phoenix, Arizona will be the 2008/09 Pietro Belluschi Distinguished Visiting Professor in Architectural Design. – The Belluschi Professorship was created at the School of Architecture and Allied Arts in 1993 as a perpetually endowed fund to foster and promote education in architectural design. Pietro Belluschi (1899-1994), one of the most notable architects in Oregon, was renowned for establishing a Northwest regional style. The endowment supports a short-term appointment for a prominent architect to teach and lecture.