



“The distinction between past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion.”

- Albert Einstein

BUILT HERITAGE: HISTORY AND MATERIALS CONSERVATION I

DCP 6711C

3 Credits

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We all have a historic place we value. How was this precious resource shaped by the available technology and materials of the past? How do we effectively protect and reuse these resources to continue their usefulness, both in our present world, and in the future built environments that we envision?

DCP6711c explores the cultural, technological and material developments that shape the historical design trends and construction technology of the pre-20th century American built environment, from early vernacular traditions to the constructions of the post-Civil War period. By examining the evolution of building design, historic construction methods and the behavior of building materials, participants can then develop effective mitigation strategies for resilient re-imagining of these resources.

This course is framed around research at the Preservation Institute St. Augustine (PISA) and will require several field trips, active historical research and writing, and assessment of building conditions within the portfolio of historic properties. The work produced in this class will form a valuable contribution to this ongoing research.

A companion course, DCP6712c, offered in Spring 2022, focuses on 20th-century resources and on the specific challenges of conserving and adapting resources of the “modern century.”