Syllabus

LA 4/572  
Overlook Seminar | The Working Forest

Time  
Tuesday | 10:00am - 11:50am  
Weekend Workshops | 10am - 3pm  

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Credits  
4

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Course Description

Work is labor, production, function, and practice. How can a forest work to benefit its inhabitants, its human associates, and its future?

The focus of the field school’s work will be the hardwood forest on the Fullers Overlook property. We will seek ways the forest can be productive for itself as well as for the people who steward it. We will do this work through field work, drawing, building in the forest, and ultimately designing.

To prepare for the field school, students will develop their field work skills at the Fuller Initiative Land lab. Organized around weekly discussions and immersive weekend workshops, we will explore the land lab through curious methods, sound mapping, and temporary installations, culminating with an exhibition in Week 11.