

**MAPPING  
PREJUDICE  
IN FORSYTH  
COUNTY**



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Forsyth County**

**Community Outreach  
Presentation**

April 8, 2024

# Community Focused

The Spatial Justice Studio (SJS) aims to create partnerships between different groups, like faculty, students, and the community, to work on solving problems related to fairness in how spaces are used.

By bringing together people from different backgrounds, we can find better solutions to urban issues. Through research, teaching, and involving the community, we want to make urban spaces more fair, functional, and sustainable for everyone.





# Call for Action

Winston-Salem City Council APPROVED April 19, 2021

*“WHEREAS, even after the legal end to segregation and the passage of the Civil Right Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, Black/African Americans continue to be denied equal access to education and skill development, healthcare, safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, mortgages and capital to purchase homes and invest in businesses necessary to generate wealth and create job opportunities with their communities, access to other meaningful opportunities to eliminate the racial wealth gap, and access to equal protection under the law;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Winston-Salem apologizes for its role in the enslavement of Black/African American people, its enforcement of de facto and de jure segregation, its promotion and implementation of prejudicial and discriminatory policies, practices, and procedures, and its refusal to provide equal protection under the law as required by the 14th Amendment and other laws of the nation and state;”*





## What does that mean?

Winston-Salem City Council acknowledged that:

- Even though laws ended segregation and protected civil rights, Black/African American people still face unfair treatment.
- They're denied equal access to things like education, healthcare, safe neighborhoods, affordable housing, and loans to buy homes or start businesses.
- The city apologizes for its role in slavery, segregation, and other discriminatory actions in the past. It acknowledges that these actions caused harm and promises to work towards making things fairer for everyone, especially Black/African American residents.





# Mapping Prejudice in Forsyth County Project


*“We are a team of social scientists and community activists seeking to expose structural racism.”*

**Mapping Prejudice** helps us uncover hidden histories of discrimination in housing...

- *By looking at old property records, we can see how unfair rules, called **racial covenants**, were used to keep certain people out of certain neighborhoods just because of their race.*
- *Understanding this history helps us see the ongoing effects of racism in our communities today.*
- *By shining a light on these injustices, **Mapping Prejudice** is helping us work towards a fairer and more inclusive society where everyone has the same opportunities to live wherever they choose, regardless of their race.*



<https://mappingprejudice.umn.edu/about-us/project>




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# Mapping Prejudice Process

**Goal:** Achieving systemic change in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County by addressing and mitigating the impacts of historical and ongoing prejudice through community engagement, education, and advocacy. **Duration: 2-3 Years**

 **Phase 1: Data Collection and Analysis (Months 1-6)**

 **Phase 2: Community Engagement, Education and Participatory Research (Months 7-24)**

 **Phase 3: Advocacy and Systemic Change (Months 20- ongoing)**

Policy Advocacy

Community Empowerment Initiatives





Long-Term Monitoring and Evaluation





# Mapping Prejudice Outcomes

## Deliverables.....

-  **Create a Project Website: project process, spatial analysis and maps, volunteer opportunities, information and history.**
-  **Collect and highlight local stories about the impact of racially restrictive covenants.**
-  **Explore legislation that would allow for the discharging of racially restrictive language in deeds.**
-  **Develop a *Community Fund* to provide financial support to distressed communities.**



# No Single Path

Mapping Prejudice supports reparative and restorative processes. Racial covenants caused harm that still affects communities today. We work with the community to find and map these covenants. But to make a difference, we need to use this data to create real change...

-  Acknowledge and Teach the History
-  Find Your Personal Action Steps
-  Generate Political Will For Reparations
-  Recognize & Challenge Structural Racism
-  History Under Siege
-  Advocate for Anti Racist Land Use
-  Listen to People At the Center of Our Struggle
-  Discharge Covenants
-  Get Involved In Your Neighborhood
-  Join Us Today

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# Mapping Prejudice Partners



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**Planning**  
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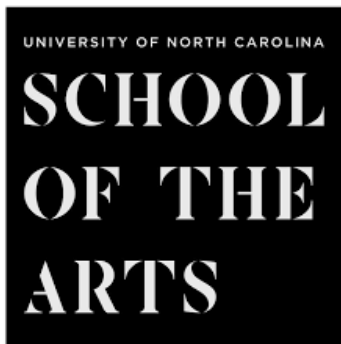
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& WINSTON-SALEM,  
NORTH CAROLINA



**WINSTON-SALEM**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

*The Center for  
Applied Data Sciences*

**United Way  
of Forsyth County**



...and growing!





## Closing



Let's remember that uncovering and addressing prejudice isn't just about the past; it's about building a fairer future for everyone.



By working together as a community, we can dismantle systemic barriers, promote equity, and create inclusive spaces where everyone can thrive.



Let's continue to learn, advocate, and take action to ensure that our cities are places of opportunity and justice for all.

***Thank you for considering joining us on this journey toward creating a more equitable community in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.***





# How to Join and Support



Phase 1- Request for more information



Phase 2- Select a time to for presentation



Phase 3- Volunteer and/or Donate



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