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Pioneering Minority Architects

Books


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Mabel O. Wilson is Updating the Narrative of American Architecture to Include Black Architects:  
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Moody Nolan: Largest African American Owned Architecture Firm in the Nation Dedicated to Inspiring Chicago’s Youth:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HeM78wnie4

Out of the Shadows: African-American Architect Julian Abele is Finally Getting Recognition for His Contributions to Some of the 20th Century America’s Most Prestigious Buildings:  
https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/out-of-the-shadows-85569503/

Paul R. Williams: African American Architect | Black History Documentary:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6uo27CdaQ8

Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina:  https://www.ncmodernist.org/ncblack.htm

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Robert Madison: Pioneering African American Architect Leaves Lasting Legacy:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_vC9bGEYzM--


3 African American Architects, Designers You Need to Know:  
https://www.schlage.com/blog/categories/2020/02/african-american-architects-designers.html

@blackfemarc:  https://www.instagram.com/blackfemarc/?hl=en

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Books


Journals & Chapters


### Case Studies

Examples of built works or ideas that have impacted minorities

**Books**


Journals


Media

The Pruitt-Igoe Myth:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B016VEHHTA/ref=atv_dp_share_r_em_31d41e6a0a154

Race (Concept)

Books


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Books


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**Social Justice**

**Books**


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James Baldwin vs. William F. Buckley: A Legendary Debate from 1965: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Tek9h3a5wQ

Knowing Your History & Teaching Social Justice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qByRWxN-qg

Statement and Resources on Race and Architecture: https://archleague.org/article/the-architectural-leagues-statement-on-racial-justice/