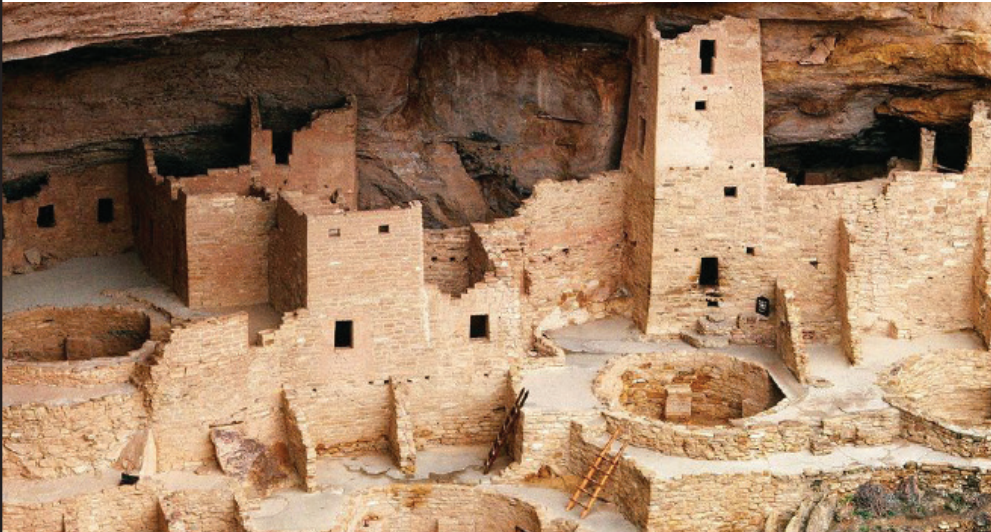


Hist 4935: American Buildings and Landscapes

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Wednesdays 9-11:45am



"The human landscape is our unwitting autobiography," Peirce Lewis wrote, "reflecting our tastes, our values, our aspiration, and even our fears, in tangible, visible form." In this senior seminar, students will actively interrogate the American built environment to understand its past and present meanings. We will study the material and geographical world through ordinary and extraordinary buildings as well as cultural landscapes. By using architectural history as a lens, we will consider how it helps us understand society and culture, as well as how public interpretations of these sites changes over time. Students will build off class readings and discussions to select a topic and develop a well-polished research paper.

