



## Avigal: Hip Hop Architecture Applications



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Sekou Cooke is an architect, researcher, educator, and curator born in Jamaica and based in Charlotte, N.C. He is the newly appointed Director of the Master of Urban Design program at UNC Charlotte and a recipient of the 2021/2022 Nasir Jones HipHop Fellowship at the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University.

Sekou's current research centers on the emergent field of Hip-Hop Architecture, a theoretical movement reflecting the core tenets of hip-hop culture with the power to create meaningful impact on the built environment and give voice to the marginalized and underrepresented within design practice. This work has been widely disseminated through his writings, lectures, and symposia, and is the subject of his 2021 monograph *Hip-Hop Architecture*. His work is also featured in the landmark exhibition, *Reconstructions: Architecture and Blackness in America*, at the Museum of Modern Art.

Cooke plans to talk about his monograph, the MOMA exhibition and his piece GRIDS + GRIOTS at the Chicago Architecture Biennial.

