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OKC 2nd Time Around presented by Steve Lackmeyer and Buddy Johnson

In this class, learners will get a compelling behind-the-scenes account of Oklahoma City's transformation from a downtown declared dead in 1989 to an area hailed as one of the Southwest's urban hot spots by Southern Living Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times. The class covers the virtual rebuilding of downtown Oklahoma City, including the controversial destruction of hundreds of buildings during the urban renewal era of the 1960s and 1970s. Finally, MAPS, politics, struggles, failures and triumphs that led up to a \$2 billion makeover to Oklahoma City during the past decade will be discussed.

The class will be led by Oklahoman reporter and local historian and author, Steve Lackmeyer, and Buddy Johnson, who heads the Oklahoma Room at the downtown library and is also an author and publisher on books about Oklahoma history.



Larry Johnson holds a degree in history from Southern Nazarene University, a library degree from the University of Oklahoma, and a cherished certificate in Nuclear Disaster Preparedness from FEMA.

Johnson is a reference librarian for the Metropolitan Library System where he maintains the Oklahoma Room and the Oklahoma Images database. He is a frequent contributor to *Info* magazine and is the author of seven books on state and local history, including the recent *John A. Brown's, Kerr's and Halliburton's: Where Oklahoma City Loved to Shop*.



Steve Lackmeyer is a reporter and columnist with the Oklahoman who has covered Bricktown for 20 years. He has authored six books, including *Images of America: Bricktown*. For his second Arcadia publication, he has gathered photographs from architects, developers, shop owners, the Oklahoma Publishing Company, the Oklahoma Historical Society, and his own private collection.