A Place of Dwelling for Graduate Students

A shared place of dwelling for students and their families which fosters a community of mutual support, while respecting and acknowledging the needs of the individual.

Making community and making space for community cannot be separated.

-Doina Petrescu
Garth Schwellenbach
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linear forms take advantage site exposure

manipulated roof forms acknowledge site slope

building forms break and overlap to create shared spaces

removal of central building element to create a central gathering space

site manipulation to organize three levels of usage

Amherst, MA

Project Site
3rd level

2nd level

street level
Community does not lead to any 'communion' or fusion of singular identities, but at the same time it affirms both the difference and being-together of singularities.

-M. Blanchot