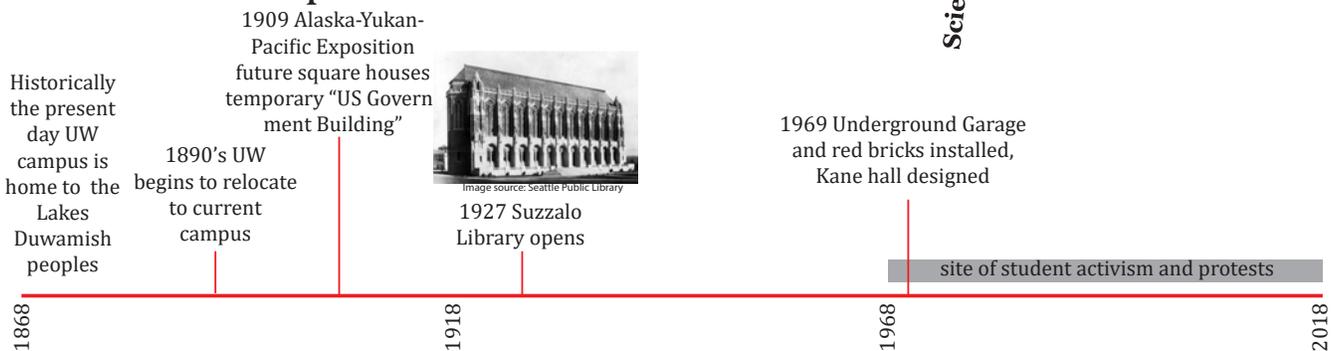
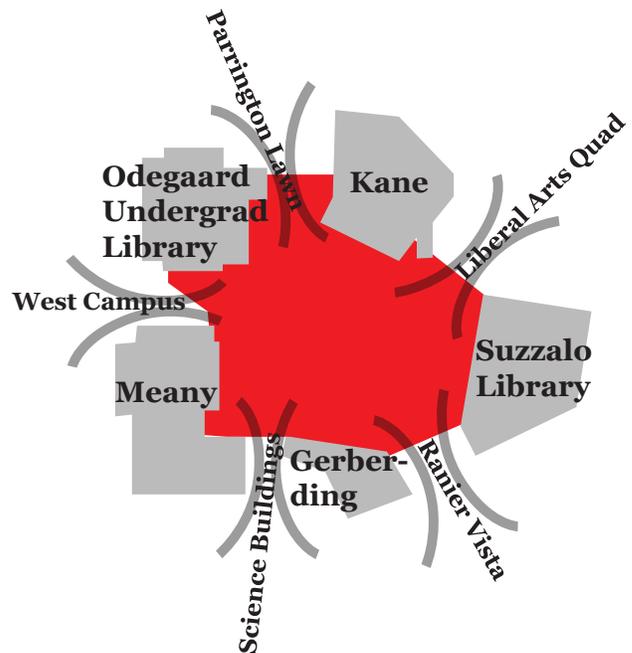


REDSQUARE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



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Red square is a central quad built above a multistory parking lot on the University of Washington's Seattle Campus. Many students, faculty, staff and visitors pass through it daily and in the past it has hosted protests, outdoor events such as "Dog Dayz," food trucks, classes, speeches and a variety of other activities. The square is named for the slippery red bricks which pave it.



BUILT AROUND RED

Red Square, formerly the Suzzallo Quadrangle and the U.S. Government building before that, is a space of legacy reflecting the buildings that surround it now and in the past.

Odegaard Library



Kane Hall



Old Meany building



Suzzallo Library



Meany Hall



Government building

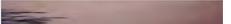


Red Square



Gerberding Hall



1909	1929	1949	1965	1969	1972	1974	1995
 AYP Expo Meany Hall built Government building on current Red Square	 Suzzallo Library built	 Gerberding Hall built	 earthquake Meany Hall demolished	 parking lot and Red Sq construction begins	 Odegaard Hall built	 Kane Hall built New Meany Hall built	 Meany Hall renovations

1909

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exhibition comes to UW, where US Government Building built on current location of Red Square

Bronze statue of George Washington unveiled

Exposition closed and left an open field called the Suzzallo Quadrangle



1926
Suzzallo Library built

1949
Gerberding Hall built

1954
Campus Parkway built, cars begin coming to campus

1962
General Development Plan recommended a parking garage be built below Central Plaza

1968

Central Plaza becomes a place of protest: students ask for an increased enrollment of students of color

Red Square as a space for students to gather to celebrate, host events, and stand in solidarity and in protest remains central to its identity



1969
Construction began on 1,000-space parking garage below the plaza

Concerns about heavy wet grass above the parking garage led to paving the plaza with red bricks



1971

Parking garage, central plaza, Kane Hall, & Odegaard Library completed

Red Square receives its name for the red bricks used to pave the plaza

Barnett Newman's two-ton sculpture, "The Obelisk," placed in Red Square



1974
Meany Hall built

2015

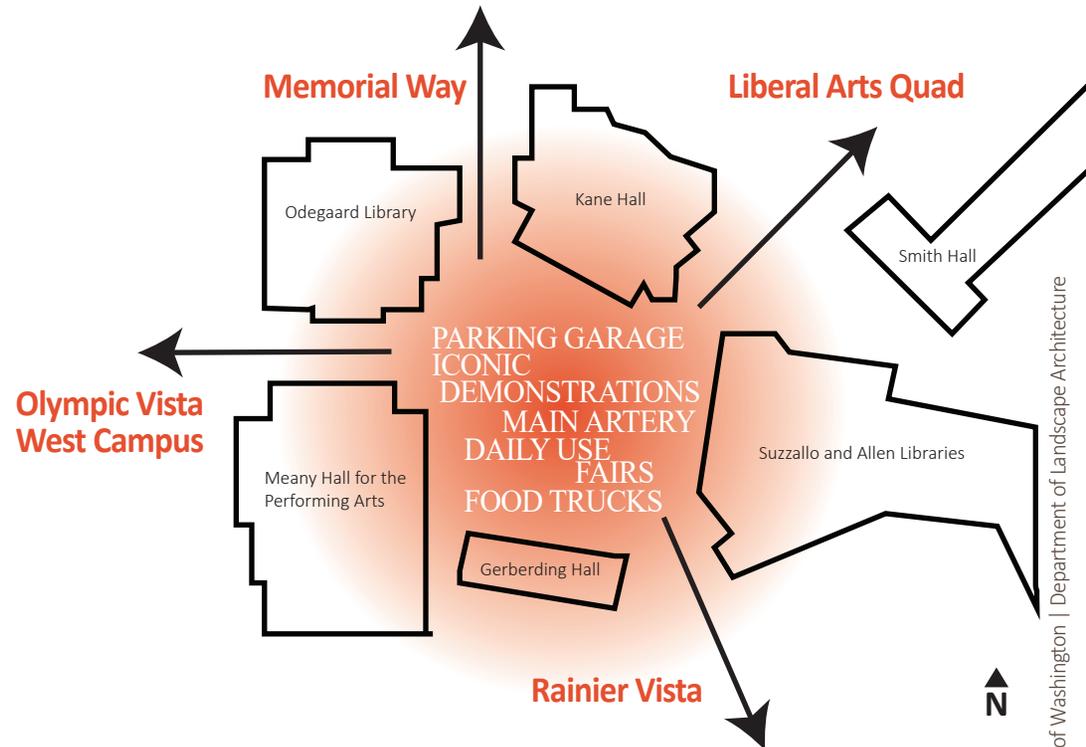
UW Campus Landscape Framework Plan compiles thousands of comments from faculty, staff, students, and neighbors to make recommendations on how to improve Red Square's safety and enjoyment



Red Square is the throbbing heart of campus.

Here, the main axes of campus meet. It also takes the pulse of campus: students, staff, and neighbors pass through daily, and gather to learn and demonstrate.

RED SQUARE

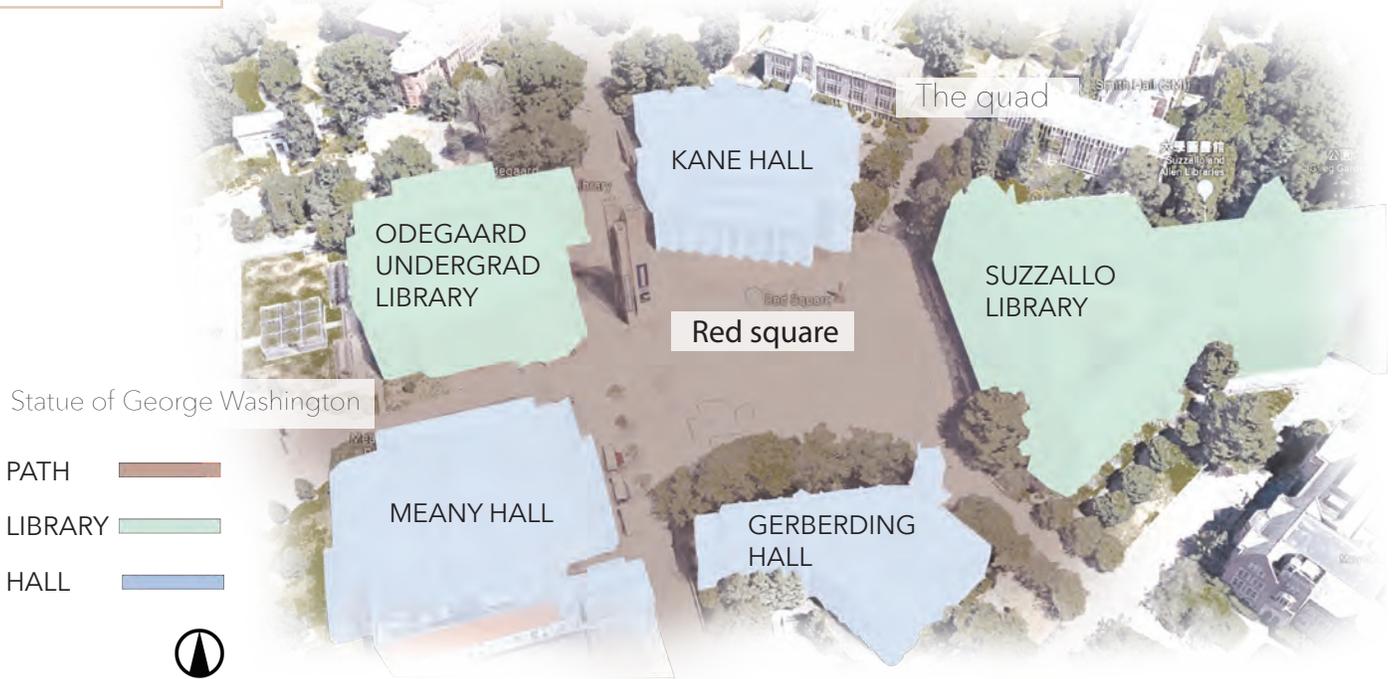


PASS THROUGH-RED SQUARE

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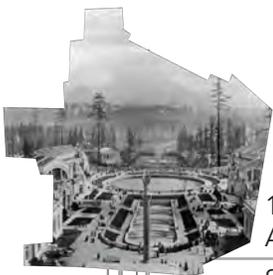
RED SQUARE CONTEXT MAP

Red square, a large central plaza in the University of Washington provides place for gathering and connecting to different buildings, especially Suzzallo library.



HISTORY OF RED SQUARE

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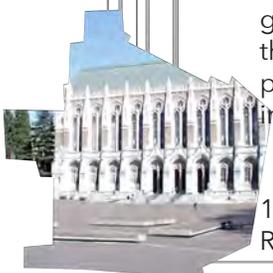


1909
Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition
Suzzallo Quadrangle

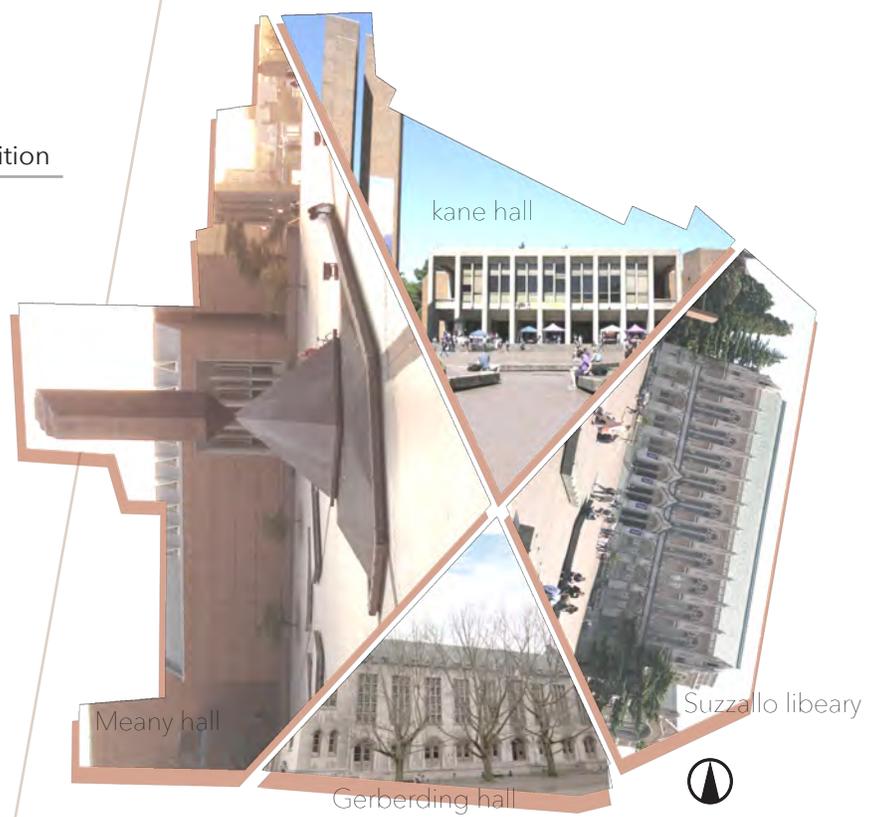


1968
Quad grassy field

1969 Excavated underground garage; replacing the field into brick to prevent rain water leaking into garage



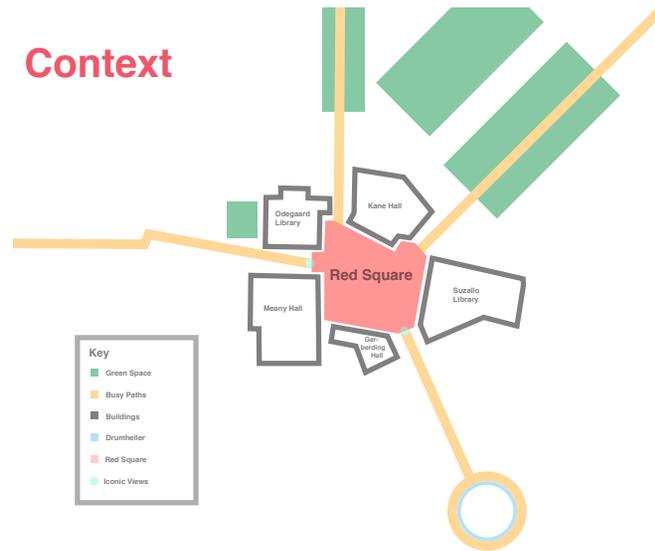
1971
Red square



Red Square

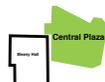


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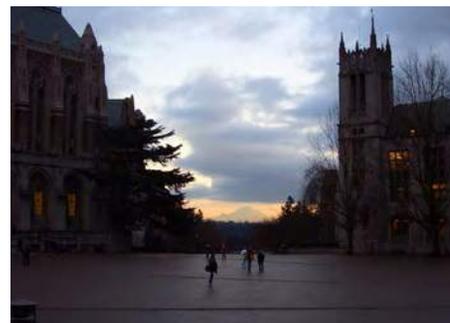
Red Square is the at the heart of the UW campus. As a wide open space, it can hold and support many different programs, protests, shows, events, and fairs. It also is an iconic sight every UW student walks through at some point on their way to class.

Timeline

- 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Meany Hall Built 
- 1926 Suzallo Library completed, forming eastern border to the site 
- 1949 Administration building (now Gerberding Hall) completed 
- 1965 Administration building (now Gerberding Hall) completed 
- 1971 Current brick ground and parking garage installed 
- 1972 Kane Hall and Odegaard Library built 
- 1974 New Meany Hall built. Final and current layout of Red Square 



Central Plaza between 1965 and 1971.



Red Square today with the view of Mt. Rainier in the distance

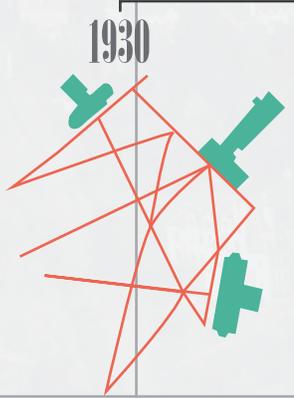
RED SQUARE:

THE CENTRAL PLAZA at University of Washington has had many different identities over the course of the University's history at it's North Seattle location. Paths that crisscross the quad have changed as new buildings are added and new sensibilities adopted. Today, the iconic brick of Red Square holds protests, student tables and food trucks.

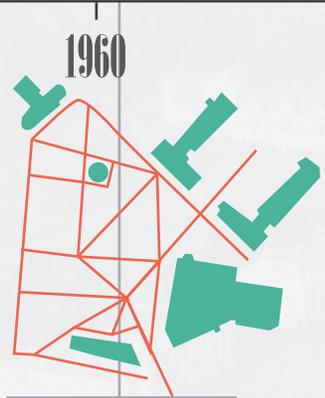
Red Square is a central hub for campus activism



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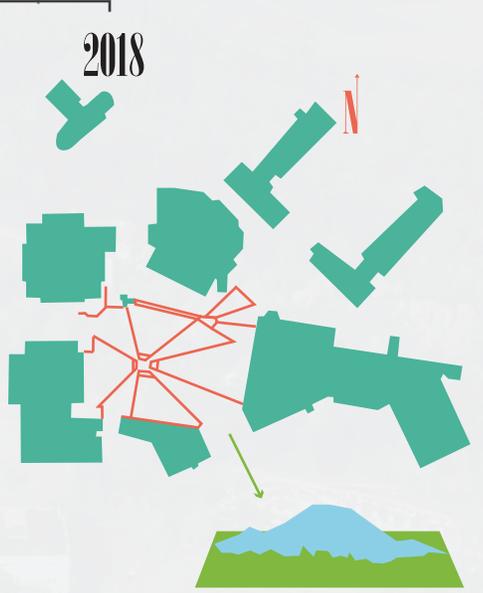


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Construction of the parking garage below Red Square circa 1970.



Taking the pulse at

RED SQUARE

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PAST

1909

Site is used for temporary government building during Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition

1926

First phase of Suzzallo Library and Quadrangle construction completed.

1969

Suzzallo Quadrangle excavated and underground parking lot constructed. Grass is replaced with bricks.

1970

Gerberding and Suzzallo damaged in bombing.

1999

WTO protest in Red Square and downtown Seattle.

2011

Food trucks introduced at Red Square.

2017

Trump inauguration day protest results in non-fatal shooting.

PRESENT

Odegaard



Memorial Way



Kane



Historic Quad



Hub



RED SQUARE



Meany



Gerberding



Rainier Vista



Suzzallo



Red Square

GATEWAY TO CAMPUS

Welcome to Red Square, the heart of campus and gateway to UW's innovation and opportunities.

History of Red Square

1909

Red Square was the site of a temporary U.S. Government building during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. After the exposition, the building was removed, and the plaza was left as an open green.

1969

The field at Red Square was excavated, and an underground parking garage was built beneath the plaza. Red Square was paved with the brick that gives the plaza its name.

Today

Today, Red Square is the heart of the UW campus and the site of many activities, from displays of school spirit to festivals to student activism. Red Square is the center of campus and the gateway to the many opportunities offered at UW.



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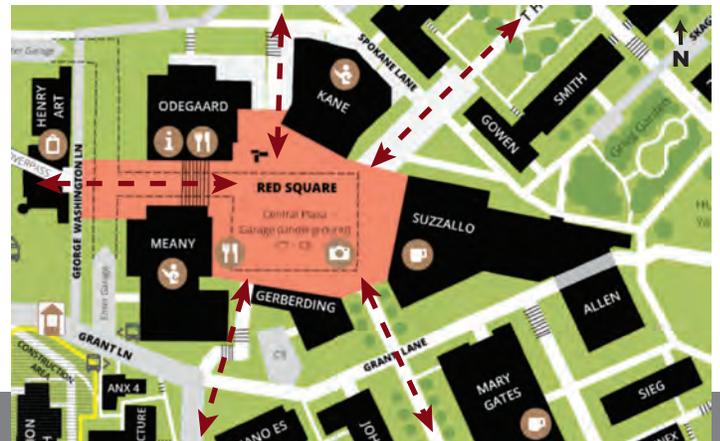
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Campus Connections

As a major gateway and threshold, Red Square links five arterial routes across campus. It is surrounded by several important buildings, including Kane Hall and the Suzzallo and Odegaard Libraries.



SEEING RED

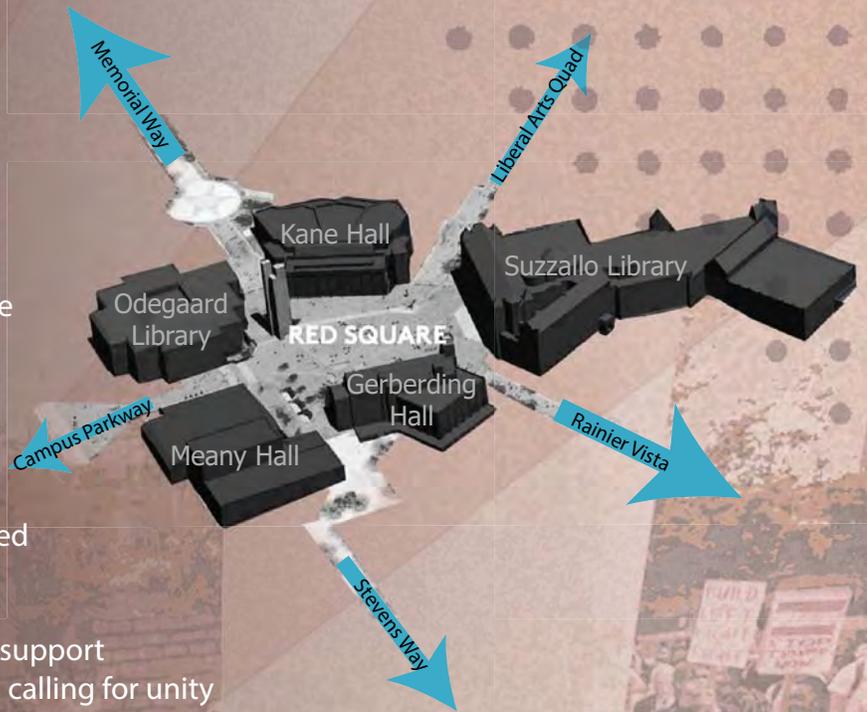
Protests in UW's Iconic Square

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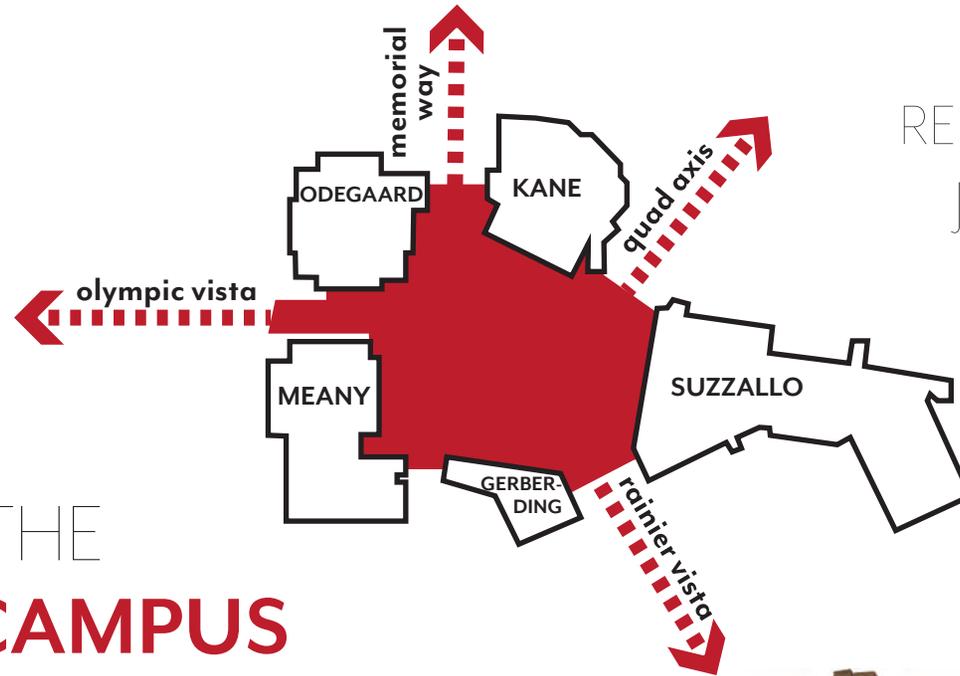
Inauguration Day Protest. Photo by L. Kelly.

- **Today.** UW Police wish to heighten surveillance in Red Square. Would this impact its role as a place of protest? How can the university balance safety with democratic expression?
- **May 15, 2018.** Student Employee Protest. Nearly 1,000 students demand increases in pay and benefits.
- **February 10, 2018.** UW College Republicans and Patriot Prayer Group and counter-protesters converge. 400-600 people clash on Red Square. 5 are arrested.
- **January 20, 2017.** Inauguration Day Protests on Red Square in response to Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos speaking at Kane Hall. One person is wounded by gunshot.
- **November 12, 2015.** About 200 UW rally in support of students of color at University of Missouri, calling for unity against institutional racism.
- **October 12, 2011.** Occupy Seattle. Between 100 and 200 students and some professors gathered at Red Square.
- **November 20, 1999.** World Trade Organization protest march, involving over 1,500 individuals. Students gathered in Red Square and then marched across the University Bridge towards downtown.
- **1970s.** Anti-war rallies. Thousands of students protest U.S. action abroad, in Vietnam and the Middle East.
- **1971.** Stone masons lay the square with red brick. The designer, Paul Hayden Kirk, wished for Red Square to be "open for the people to use and the big groups to get together."



RED SQUARE

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CAMPUS



1895

UW moved to undeveloped site on the north shore of Union Bay



1909

The US Government Building, a major attraction of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, occupied today's Red Square. It was torn down shortly after the exposition



1965

An earthquake prompted demolition of old Meany Hall, opening the westward axis. Plans were made to build a parking garage under the Quadrangle



1972

Construction of Kane Hall and Odegaard Undergraduate Library (and a new Meany Hall in 1974) formalized Red Square's perimeter

1971

A 1000 car underground parking garage was opened under a brick-paved plaza, which was coined "Red Square"

WHAT'S WITH THE RED BRICK?

There were concerns about how heavy turf would be since the plaza sits atop a parking garage

It is said that the red brick paving was inspired by Piazza del Campo in Sienna, Italy (right)



Piazza del Campo



Red Square