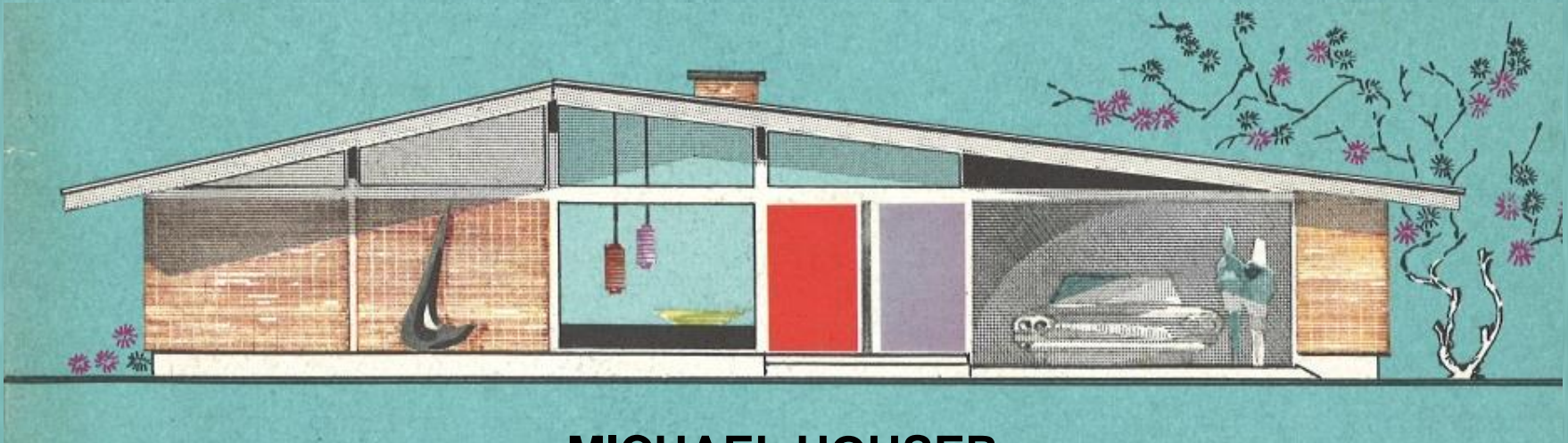




# MID-CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE

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1955-1980

Vertical slots contrasting with broad oblong openings

Overall heaviness to the building

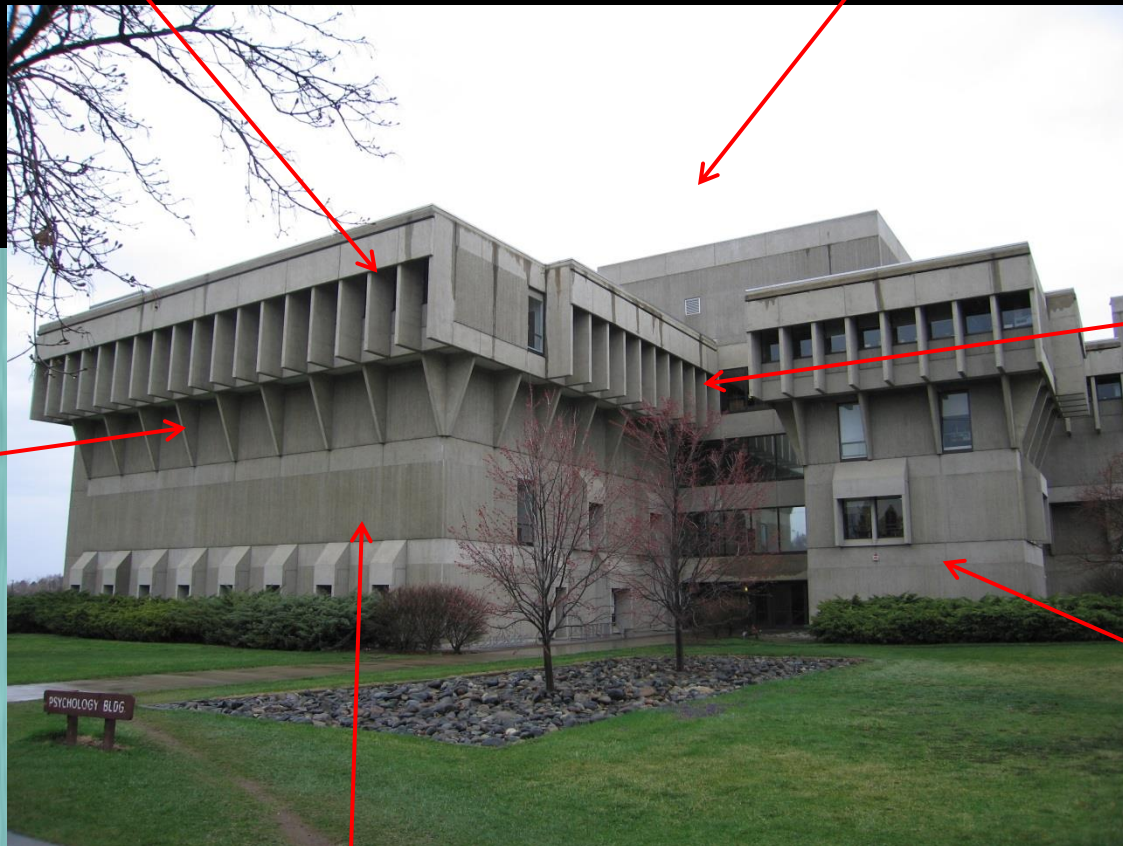
Waffle slabs for floor and roof systems

“Russian Wedge” shapes common

Combination of voids and solids giving walls an “egg-crate appearance”

Deeply recessed window and door openings

Bulky / Monumental massing



Rough exposed concrete walls

Psychology Building - CWU  
Ellensburg, 1972



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## History



**Unite d' Habitation** Le Corbusier,  
Marseilles, France, 1946-52



**Art & Architecture School – Yale** Paul Rudolph New Haven,  
1963



**Tricorn Wholesale Market**  
Owen Luder Portsmouth, England, 1965



**U.S. Mint** Philadelphia, c.1968



**Boston City Hall** Kallmann, McKinnell and  
Knowles, Boston, 1963-68

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## Large Scale Examples



Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma, 1970



Student Activity Center – Evergreen State,  
Olympia, 1972



State Parking Garage,  
Olympia, 1958



Physical Sciences Building –  
WSU, Pullman, 1973



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## Small Scale Examples



Prosser Public Library, Prosser 1972



Farm Credit Bank Spokane, 1970



Bank of California Annex  
Tacoma, 1964



IBM Building Business Space Design,  
Olympia, 1975



Dist. 81 Administration Offices  
Spokane, c.1978



First National Bank Enumclaw, c.1971