

## The DOORS

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A four foot retaining wall runs along 15th Avenue, separating the western edge of the University of Washington campus from the University District neighborhood to the east.

Today, the university has expanded its holdings and activities west of 15th Avenue. The western portion of campus has several spaces and facilities which have the potential to become neighborhood amenities. These places also present opportunities for students and the larger U-District population to mingle. However, the retaining wall along 15th Avenue acts as an impediment to campus access. The Doors installation speaks to this need to permeate the wall and positively connect the university with the public.

Three bright yellow doors were hung from the retaining wall, directly west of the university's Burke Museum using fabricated metal brackets. These doors stood slightly ajar, inviting curiosity and interaction. Opening the doors revealed posters for Burke Museum events, volunteer

opportunities and a map showing how to walk from the sidewalk to the museum. One of the doors also contained writing materials and a mailbox for leaving messages.

The Doors installation raised awareness of the Burke Museum in a playful and interactive manner. Furthermore, The Doors supported stronger connections between the University of Washington campus and the U-District, inviting people to visit the Burke Museum.



