MORTGAGE RISK
CLASSIFIED BY DISTRICTS

2022

~LEGEND~

— 'A' DISTRICT
— 'B' DISTRICT
— 'C' DISTRICT
— 'D' DISTRICT

NOT CLASSIFIED, OR
AREAS NOT BUILT UP

P — PARKS, FOREST PRESERVES
ETC.

— CEMETERIES

— MUNICIPAL USE

MORTGAGE RISK DISTRICT ESTABLISHED
BY THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION.

IN CLASS 'A' DISTRICTS THE F.H.A. WILL
INSURE LONG TERM MORTGAGES;

IN CLASS 'B' DISTRICTS, MORTGAGES OF
20 YEARS OR LESS;

SITE
AREA

CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY
35 EAST WACKER DRIVE   CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Beyond Representation: Mapping as a Projective and Processual Medium

2022
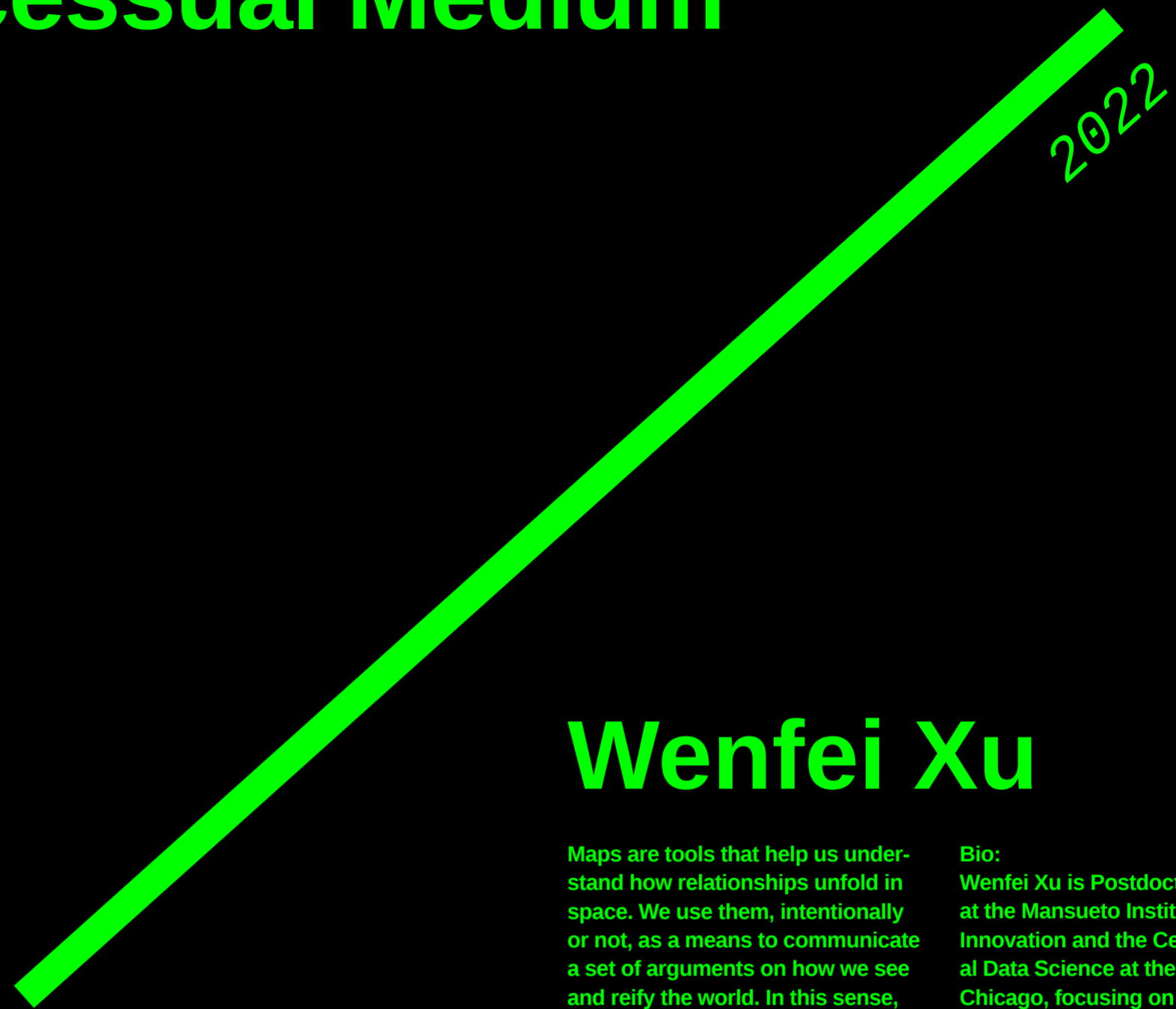
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Maps are tools that help us understand how relationships unfold in space. We use them, intentionally or not, as a means to communicate a set of arguments on how we see and reify the world. In this sense, maps are social constructions that embed a set of norms. Beyond representation, however, in what ways have maps been used as instruments that propose and project social, economic, and environmental futures? Who makes and uses these maps and how does this affect their impact? How does the usage of maps change over time and what does this reveal about the "processual" (Kitchen and Dodge, 2007) nature of maps as continually emergent? This talk explores the actors, institutions, social networks, and ideologies that shaped the 1930s Home Owner's Loan Corporation's "redlining" maps in the United States, how these maps reflect a racialized notion of risk, and their problematic use in contemporary approaches to reparative justice.

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