

The Climate of Urban Design: Speaker Biographies



Edgar Adams, AIA
Professor, Roger Williams University

Edgar Adams has been a faculty member at the Roger Williams University School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation since 1992. He is a past coordinator of the Architecture Program and the current coordinator of the Urban Studies Program. He has a BArch and a MArch in Urban Design from Cornell University. Before commencing his graduate studies, he received an Eidlitz Traveling Fellowship to explore housing and town planning in England and the Netherlands and worked in Philadelphia at WRT. Since relocating to Rhode Island in 1994 he has practiced independently and with Andrea Homolacova Adams. Since joining Roger Williams University, he has taught a range of courses at all levels of the design curriculum, while maintaining his focus on urban issues. In 1994 he initiated the Prague Summer Study Abroad Program and in 1999 helped establish the RWU Rome Program, now based in Florence. His research interests include: smart growth, transit oriented development, regenerative urbanism, coastal resilience, housing and the role of place and the public realm in contemporary society. He has been a critic at the Harvard GSD, MIT, RISD, BAC, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Yale, Northeastern, Kent State and Waterloo (Rome) Universities.



Dean J. Almy III, AIA
Director, Graduate Program in Urban Design, The University of Texas at Austin

Dean J. Almy III is Associate Professor of Architecture and Fellow of the Sinclair Black Endowed Chair in the Architecture of Urbanism. He is Director of the Graduate Program in Urban Design and The Texas Urban Futures Laboratory at The University of Texas at Austin. He is also a Fellow of the Center for Sustainable Development and the Forum for Urban Design. He was the founding Chair of the Texas Society of Architects, Urban Design Committee. Dean has been awarded the Thomas Jefferson Prize from the University of Tennessee, an AIA/RUDAT award for scholastic excellence in urban design, a 2009 Great Places Planning Award from EDRA and Places, and was part of a team that has been awarded a 2017 Excellence in Sustainable Urban Design Award from the American Planning Association. He focuses his teaching and research on the integration of architecture, landscape, planning and infrastructure, and was the editor of *Center 14: On Landscape Urbanism*, published by The Center for American Architecture and Design.



Simon Atkinson
Professor, The University of Texas at Austin

Professor Atkinson won the School of Architecture Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Texas Exes Outstanding Teaching Award. He has been Visiting Professor at the University of Sheffield; North Carolina State University; Virginia Tech; University of Oklahoma; Washington-Alexandria Center; and lectured at over 50 universities and conferences. He is currently working on the design of sustainable city communities in Stockholm, Freiburg, Amsterdam, London, and Asheville, NC.



Andre Brumfield, Assoc. AIA
Principal, Gensler

Andre Brumfield is the Global Director of Gensler's Cities + Urban Design practice. He applies his extensive experience in the fields of urban design, planning, and architecture to focus on urban redevelopment and the revitalization of urban districts. Andre has committed his career to

improving cities and their neighborhoods. He has extensive experience in revitalizing distressed and economically challenged urban environments, working with developers, public agencies, and non-profit organizations to develop affordable and mixed-income housing. Andre has a strong background in transit-oriented development, corridor master planning, repositioning urban industrial centers and large-scale, high density master plans to create visionary and implementable master planning efforts.



Mindy Cooper, PLA, ASLA
Principal, dwg.

Mindy is a principal at dwg., an Austin-based practice focused on urban architectural landscapes. As a member of the dwg. leadership team she has had an active role in shaping many vibrant, resilient urban spaces through her team's work. Mindy is current chair of the AIA-Austin Urban Design Committee and a planning committee member of the AIA-Austin Leadership Collective program. Mindy is a licensed Landscape Architect in the states of Texas and Nebraska.



Ignacio Correa-Ortiz, AIA
Sr. Architect/Urban Designer, Regional Transportation District

Ignacio believes that the success of humanity depends on our ability to make the urban environment a healing organism. He is a licensed architect, certified urban designer and urban planner, and LEED accredited professional. Ignacio is the Denver Director of AIA Colorado, and a member of the Denver Planning Board, the Denver Architecture Foundation and the American Planning Association, Colorado Chapter. He is Denver's Regional Transportation District's Senior Architect and Urban Designer, he has master's degrees in architecture and in urban planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a professional degree in architecture from Universidad Santo Tomas in Colombia.



Thomas K. Davis, FAIA
Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville College of Architecture + Design

Thomas K. Davis is a professor at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. From 2004-2008, he represented the university as Design Director at its Nashville Civic Design Center. Since 2008, he and his service-learning and outreach engagement students have worked exclusively on civic design projects for Nashville. In 2013, Davis received one of six C. Peter McGrath University Community Outreach Exemplary Program Awards, and a national Collaborative Practice Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. He was a co-recipient in 2016 of the AIA Tennessee Samuel Morgan Lifetime Service Award for Contributions to Architecture in the Public Realm.



Sadra Dehghan, LEED Green Associate
Urban Designer, Perkins and Will

Aiming to improve the human experience within the built environment, Sadra focuses on application of data analysis for a more informed design and decision-making process for developing sustainable and resilient communities. With a research base focus in resilient thinking, he strives to push the boundaries of the practice forward through studying application of technologies such as machine learning with the goal of creating healthy resilient places which enhance the sense of place and community.



Ellen Dunham-Jones, FCNU
Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology

Ellen Dunham-Jones is a professor of architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology and directs the MS in urban design. Recognized by Planetizen as one of the 100 most influential urbanists, she is an authority on sustainable suburban redevelopment. She is co-author with June Williamson of the award-winning *Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs*, (Wiley, 2009, 2011) and the forthcoming *Retrofitting Suburbia Case Studies*. Her work on retrofitting and planning for autonomous vehicles has been featured in The New York Times, NPR, PBS, TED, Newsweek and other prominent venues. Architectural Record honored her as 2018 woman educator of the year. She hosts the REDESIGNING CITIES podcast.



David Gamble, AIA
Principal, Gamble Associates

David Gamble is Principal of Gamble Associates and a Lecturer and Design Critic in the Department of Urban Planning and Design at Harvard's Graduate School of Design (GSD). Gamble Associates is a Cambridge, MA-based practice that focuses on urban revitalization and community development. He serves on the AIA Regional and Urban Design Committee (2017-2021) and is the former co-chair of the Boston Society of Architect's Urban Design Committee. David is co-author of *Rebuilding the American City* (co-author Patty Heyda) which looks at the catalytic effects of urban design and planning projects with a focus on creative implementation strategies. His current research investigates urban redevelopment at the scale of smaller towns, and he is editing a collection of interdisciplinary essays about Boston's future.



Justin Garrison, AIA
Urban Designer, Lake Flato Architects

Justin is an urban designer & architect at Lake|Flato's Austin urban development office as well as a guest studio critic in the Urban Design Department at The University of Texas at Austin. He has several years of master planning experience and helps lead several urban design and planning projects across the nation. He is driven by his passion to build community and design memorable places that draw on a project's context, culture and surroundings. He was the 2017-2018 Chair of AIA Austin's Urban Design Committee where he promoted programs that teach and inform professionals and the public about the design and development of quality urban spaces and environments in Austin. Justin earned a Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M University, and two Masters degrees in Architecture and Urban Design from the University of Michigan.



Raymond Gastil, AICP LEED ND AP
Director, Remaking Cities Institute

Ray Gastil holds the David Lewis/Heinz Endowments Directorship of Urban Design and Regional Engagement. In this role, he directs the Remaking Cities Institute (RCI) and teaches architecture and urban design. Gastil previously served as the Pittsburgh City Planning Director from 2014 to 2019, where he led initiatives to improve neighborhood planning, resilient communities, comprehensive planning, and complete streets. He held similar positions in Seattle and in the Manhattan Office of the New York City Department of City Planning. He was the founding Executive Director of the Van Alen Institute in New York City from 1995 to 2004. In this role he led exhibitions, publications, and design competitions, including *Open: New Designs for Public Space* and *Beyond the Edge: New York's New Waterfront*. Earlier, he served as transit-oriented and regional design director for Regional Plan Association. He has lectured and published widely on urban design, urban development, and waterfronts. His recent publications include *Success Looks Different Now: Design and Cultural Vitality in Lower*

Manhattan. From 2011 to 2013, Gastil served as Visiting Professor and Chair in Design Innovation at Penn State University. He has also taught architecture and urban design at the University of Pennsylvania, Pratt Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania State University, and at the University of California, Berkeley. Gastil is a graduate of Yale University with a Master of Architecture from Princeton University.



Anne Haynes, AIA
CEO, Houston Land Bank

Anne Gatling Haynes is the first CEO/President of the Houston Land Bank, where she has been leading the organizational restructuring of a 20-year affordable housing program for the City of Houston. Most recently, she was the founding Director of Transformative Development at MassDevelopment, a quasi-public economic development finance agency for Massachusetts. She designed and led the Transformative Development Initiative [TDI], a place-based integrated approach to district development in the Commonwealth's network of Gateway Cities. In prior public service positions, Anne led the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven (EDC), as CEO, and served the City of New York as the Design Director/Program Manager for Mayor Michael Bloomberg as a lead representative for the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development on municipal development projects. Prior to public service, she was a Senior Associate at Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects of New Haven. Anne received her Masters in Architecture at Yale University, and Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Virginia. In 2013, she received an MBA in the MIT Sloan Fellows Program in Innovation and Global Leadership.



Patty Heyda
Associate Professor, Washington University in St. Louis

Patty Heyda is Associate Professor of Urban Design and Architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. She studies American cities, critical urban redevelopment and design in the privatized political economy. Her book with David Gamble, *Rebuilding the American City* (Routledge, 2016), details the paradigms and challenges of American urban design and planning in 15 diverse downtowns across the United States. A forthcoming volume focuses on urbanization complexities unique to American small towns (Routledge, 2020). In St. Louis, Heyda's Erasure Urbanism and Invisible Cities design/research projects explore the mechanisms of redevelopment reproducing displacement, exclusion and erasure. Her professional experience includes several years working for Architectures Jean Nouvel in Paris, and Atelier 8000 in Prague. In the United States, she completed large scale framework plans with Chan Krieger Associates (NBBJ) for Washington, D.C.'s Anacostia River, and with HOK for the Missouri River in St. Louis. Heyda serves on the governing board of the international Steedman Fellowship in Architecture, the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange and the Association of Women Faculty at Washington University. Heyda has Architecture degrees from Harvard University and Tulane University.



Ryan Losch, AIA, AICP
Senior Associate/Urban Designer, Page

Ryan brings a dynamic background in both architecture and urban design, leading Page's urban design projects in the Austin office. His experience includes buildings, urban designs, large-scale planning, park plans, and land use strategies, with a strong emphasis on planning projects for academic communities and urban settings. Notable recent projects include the transformative Texas Capitol Complex Master Plan and a visionary multi-campus master plan for The University of Texas at San Antonio.



Tim Love, FAIA
Associate Professor/Founding Principal, Northeastern University

Tim Love is a tenured associate professor at the Northeastern University School of Architecture where he teaches courses on urban design and development, housing studios, and graduate-level research studios that explore the social, financial, and regulatory context of urban design. In addition, he has written about the impact of codes and conventions on urban design practice and pedagogy for journals including *Places* and the *Harvard Design Magazine*. Love is also the founding principal of Utile, a 60-person architecture and planning firm located in downtown Boston. Recent projects include *Envision Cambridge*, a citywide plan for Cambridge, Massachusetts; an open space and redevelopment plan for the east sector of Buffalo Bayou in Houston; and a master plan for Eastern Market in Detroit, a food production and processing district that also includes a large public market.

Dr. Amanda Masino, FAIA, PhD
Associate Professor of Biology and Chair of Natural Science, Huston-Tillotson University

Amanda Masino is a geneticist whose approach to research applies scientific investigation to community-engaged transformative goals. She applies this “Science + Social Justice” model as Associate Professor of Biology and Chair of Natural Science at Huston-Tillotson University (HT), a historically black college or university (HBCU) in Austin, Texas. Amanda co-created and directs HT’s STEM Research Scholars Program, which in the last five years has provided over 90 HT undergraduates with in-depth funded research experiences, and the St. David’s Foundation Scholars, which seeks to diversify health fields. Her own research includes investigations of affordable housing impacts, urban wildlife as environmental sentinels, and heart health disparities. She is Executive Director of the Austin Community Data Coalition, a non-profit that organizes collaborations for community research, and Co-Director of the Dumpster Project, a K-12 environmental learning program. Amanda co-created HT’s new Environmental Justice major, co-founded and organizes HT’s annual Building Green Justice Forum, and mentors environmental student group Green is the New Black. Amanda also serves on the City of Austin Zero Waste Commission.



Thaddeus Pawlowski
Managing Director of the Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes, Columbia University

Thaddeus Pawlowski is the managing director of the Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes (CRCL) at Columbia University. CRCL uses the tools of urban planning and design to empower communities and ecosystems to survive and thrive in a world in crisis. With the Resilience Accelerator program, CRCL conducts multidisciplinary research, intensive public convenings and analysis and visualization of potential futures for the built environment. Before founding CRCL, Thaddeus worked in New York City government advancing climate change adaptation policies in through urban design projects, zoning and disaster recovery programs. He was awarded a Harvard Loeb Fellowship in 2014 and teaches urban planning seminars and urban design studios at Columbia GSAPP where he brings the challenges of frontline communities into the classroom. He lives in Red Hook Brooklyn where he is active advancing a community-based plan for climate adaptation.



Celine Rendon
Community Engagement Specialist, City of Austin Office of Sustainability

Celine Rendon assists with the development, implementation, and coordination of various activities to promote, support and integrate community involvement into the Austin Community Climate Plan revision process. Celine is a recent graduate from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. She has worked and volunteered with People Organized in Defense of

Earth and her Resources (PODER) focusing on environmental, economic, health, and cultural impacts of land use and community development. During the summer of 2018, Celine was the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Fellow for the City of Austin's Office of Sustainability, working towards the development of an equitable community resilience plan.



Taryn Sabia, Assoc. AIA
Professor and Director, Florida Center for Community Design and Research,
University of South Florida

Taryn Sabia is the Director of the Florida Center for Community Design and Research (FCCDR) at the School of Architecture and Community Design (SACD) at the University of South Florida. As a statewide research center, the FCCDR works to assist the citizens of Florida in creating more livable and sustainable communities and to support academic research for SACD. As a Research Associate Professor, Sabia shifts between the academic studio and the community design center, helping faculty and students work collaboratively through FCCDR with other university departments, professional organizations, agencies and municipalities, non-profit organizations, and the public.



Linda C. Samuels, RA, PhD
Associate Professor of Urban Design, Washington University in St. Louis

Linda C. Samuels is an associate professor in Urban Design at Washington University in St. Louis. She teaches the Infrastructural Urbanism studio in the Master of Urban Design program, interdisciplinary options studios, and core seminars on urban theory and advanced sustainability in the Doctor of Sustainable Urbanism program. Dr. Samuels was co-PI on a Mellon Humanities Divided Cities grant entitled Mobility For All By All which aims to increase the social and environmental benefits of the proposed St. Louis Metrolink expansion for residents living along the alignment. Her publications include *Top/Up Urbanism* (2017) in *Amplified Urbanism*, *Stitches and Insertions* in Cuff and Sherman's *Fast-Forward Urbanism* (2011), and, most recently, *A Case for Infrastructural Optimism* in TAD: Technology | Architecture + Design (2019). She is currently writing a book with Routledge Press entitled *Infrastructural Optimism*. Samuels received her doctorate in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her Master's in Architecture from Princeton University. Before coming to Wash U, she was the founding Director of the Sustainable City Project, a multi-disciplinary research, teaching, and outreach initiative at the University of Arizona.



Brenda Case Scheer, FAIA, FAICP
Professor of Architecture & Planning, College of Architecture & Planning,
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Brenda Case Scheer is an urban designer and architect. She was dean of Architecture and Planning at the University of Utah from 2002-2013, following a successful architecture practice and academic career. Scheer has more than 32 papers and book chapters, 32 research grants, as well three books. Recent publications include "Performance and Urban Design: Form based codes as Evaluation" in *Architecture Beyond Criticism: Expert Judgment and Performance Evaluation* and "Strip Development and How to Read It" in *Fixing Sprawl*. Her most recent book is *The Evolution of Urban Form: Typology for Planners and Architects* (2010). She is currently co-director of the university's Masters of Real Estate Development, and a jointly appointed professor of architecture and urban planning.



Samantha Whitney Schwarze, AIA
Associate Principal and Urban Design Area Leader, Overland Partners

Samantha Whitney Schwarze is an architect and urban designer at Overland Partners in San Antonio. Her project experience includes mixed-use development, master planned communities, district frameworks, revitalization strategies, and urban streetscapes. She holds a post-professional Master of Architecture with a specialization in Urban Design from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Architecture from Syracuse University.



Dr. David Smiley
Assistant Director, Urban Design, Columbia University

David Smiley is an architect, an architectural and urban historian, and is the Assistant Director of Columbia GSAPP's Urban Design program. He co-teaches studios which examine urbanization, systems and inequality in the Hudson Valley, and leads seminars about 20th century cities, modernist urbanism and the role of urban discourse in shaping strategies of intervention. He has written about urban and suburban issues. In *Pedestrian Modern: Architecture and Shopping, 1925-1956* (Minnesota, 2013), Smiley studies the ways American architects interpreted shopping centers as modernist architectural and urban projects rather than, or alongside, their role as sites of consumption. Smiley contributed an essay on Broadacre City to the 2017 Museum of Modern Art catalog and exhibit, Frank Lloyd Wright at 150: Unpacking the Archive. Smiley is currently doing research on the rhetorics and politics of pedestrianization since 1945. Smiley earned his M. Arch. at Columbia's GSAPP, and his PhD at Princeton University.



Alex Wall
Design Critic and Co-area Head MDes Urbanism-Landscape-Ecology, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Alex Wall is Design Critic in Landscape Architecture and Co-area head of MDes Urbanism-Landscape-Ecology at the Harvard University GSD. Between 2014-2017 he was Practice Professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia where he was Director of the Urban Design Certificate Program. Between 1998-2014 he was Professor of International Urban Design at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany. He received his diploma at the Architectural Association, London in 1978. Between 1982 and 1989 he worked at OMA in London and Rotterdam. His most recent papers include "The Urban Surface: shifting fields for curated events," in B. Cannon Ivers ed., *Staging Urban Landscapes* (Basel: Birkhaeuser, 2018) and "Sprawl is Dead, Long Live the Low-Density City," is part of MIT's *Infinite Suburbia* project (2015-16). Between 2009-2013, he was a partner of UMnet / \ `asp´ - Stuttgart, winning the competitions for the urban center of the Tuzla Logistics City, Istanbul, and was consultant for the offices' 2019 Framework Plan for the Rosenstein district of Stuttgart. He is working with the second-stage finalists in a competition for a regional structure plan for Berlin-Brandenburg (2020).



Paul Ward, AICP
Urban Designer, Perkins and Will

Paul is an Urban Designer with Perkins and Will in Austin, Texas and holds a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin. He brings a thoughtful approach to complex planning and design projects across many scales, striving to design places that are more humane, equitable, and resilient. His work on urban districts and university campuses seeks to integrate robust community involvement with data-driven design strategies to develop context sensitive approaches that serve the community and reach broader performance targets. Paul is part of Perkins and Will's Resilience Lab, whose remit is to research, develop, and integrate resilience strategies into projects of all scales across the firm so communities can better deal with increasing risks resulting from climate change.



Julia Watson
President, Julia Watson LLC

Designer, activist, academic and author, Julia is a leading expert on indigenous technologies, as seen in her monograph *Lo-TEK, Design by Radical Indigenism*, published by Taschen. She is an Adjunct Professor of Urban Design at Harvard's Graduate School of Design and Columbia

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, where she is also a Faculty Affiliate of the Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes. She is the Principal of Julia Watson, a landscape and urban design studio that approaches design as a 'rewilding', with a portfolio of projects including the Reef Resilience Initiative with the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, The Cultural Landscapes of Bali Tourism Management and Bio-cultural Conservation Plan for Bali's first UNESCO World Heritage site, and for private estates with the art collector Artur Walther, the owners of PACE Galleries, and the artist Rashid Johnson. She has published extensively, most recently with *Lo-TEK, Design by Radical Indigenism* (Taschen, 2019). She co-authored *A Spiritual Guide to Bali's UNESCO World Heritage* with Dr. J. Stephen Lansing, and has authored chapters and articles on the topics of spiritual landscapes and traditional ecological knowledge.



June Williamson, RA
Associate Professor and Chair of Architecture, The City College of New York

June Williamson is Chair of Architecture and Associate Professor at the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York. She is author of *Designing Suburban Futures: New Models from Build a Better Burb* and co-author with Ellen Dunham-Jones of the

award-winning *Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs*. A follow-up volume *Retrofitting Suburbia Case Studies* is forthcoming. A frequent speaker and consultant, her writing is published in the books *Retrofitting Sprawl*, *Social Justice in Diverse Suburbs*, *Independent for Life: Homes and Neighborhoods for an Aging America*, and others, as well as numerous journals, magazines, and blogs. She organized the "Build a Better Burb: Be Bold" and "ParkingPLUS" urban design challenges for Long Island's Rauch Foundation (buildabetterburb.org). Over a 30 year career, she has practiced and taught architecture and urban design in New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, and Boston. Williamson received a B.A. with Distinction in Architecture from Yale University, an M.Arch. from MIT, and an M.U.P. in Urban Design from The City College of New York.



Martin Zogran, Assoc. AIA
Urban Design Principal, Sasaki

Martin is a principal and urban designer in Sasaki's urban practice. With over 20 years of experience designing urban centers across the globe, Martin's experience with mixed-use districts, campus planning, and large-scale framework plans spans many scales, from small urban infill sites

to large scale regional plans. He searches for creative methods to combine economic goals, regulatory requirements, and ecological systems thinking into exciting and innovative places that foster long-term value. At Sasaki, Martin participates in the leadership of big-picture thinking for the urban design practice in order to foster and maintain Sasaki's unique inter-disciplinary approach to urban design. He is also a contributing leader of in-house think-tank sessions on current planning and urban design topics, and promotes building professional development and skills for the wide array of urban design and campus planning practices within the firm. Before joining Sasaki, Martin was an assistant professor of Urban Design for five years and a design critic for five years at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. Martin completed a MAUD degree with distinction at Harvard, and received his BArch degree from Rice University.