AGENDA

9:00 AM  HOUSEKEEPING & INTRODUCTIONS
          Christy Foushee, Director External Affairs
          Henry Jardine, Acting Director

9:10 AM  OPENING REMARKS
          Henry Jardine, Acting Director

9:15 AM  INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP REVIEWS - FY21
          Debra Lehman-Smith, Founding Partner, Lehman Smith McLeish
          Christian Bailey, Founding Principal, ODA

9:45 AM  EMBASSY EFFECT AND EMBASSY 2050: INNOVATING THE
          FOUNDATION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

          OBO MODERATOR:
          Angel A. Dizon, III, Managing Director

          EMBASSY EFFECT SPEAKERS:
          Curtis Clay, Director of Architecture
          Jason Dallara, Director of Real Estate Acquisitions and Disposals

          EMBASSY 2050 SPEAKERS:
          Rick Sullivan, Director of Design and Engineering
          Jamie Cook, Partner, Krueck & Sexton Partners
          Kimberly Gray, Northwestern University, Chair in Civil and
          Environmental Engineering; Professor of Civil and Environmental
          Engineering and Chemical and Biological Engineering

10:45 AM  BREAK
AGENDA

11:00 AM ROUNDTABLE: E.O. 140008 - TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AT HOME AND ABROAD

FEATURED PANELISTS

INDUSTRY
Claire Weisz, Principle-In-Charge, WXY Studio
Daniel Sesil, Partner, LERA Consulting Structural Engineers
Nat Oppenheimer, Senior Vice President, Senior Principal, Silman
Stacy Smedley, Executive Director, Building Transparency

ACADEMICS
Anna Dyson, Hines Professor of Sustainable Architectural Design and Professor at the School of the Environment at Yale
Christopher Boone, Arizona State University, Dean, College of Global Futures, Professor, School of Sustainability
Kimberly Gray, Northwestern University, Chair in Civil and Environmental Engineering; Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Chemical and Biological Engineering

OBO MODERATORS
Angel A. Dizon, III, Managing Director
Rick Sullivan, Director of Design and Engineering
Curtis Clay, Director of Architecture

12:55 PM INDUSTRY & PUBLIC INPUT
Christy Foushee, Director, External Affairs

1:25 PM CLOSING REMARKS
Henry Jardine, Acting Director

1:30 PM MEETING ADJOURNMENT
OBO LEADERSHIP
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Henry Jardine
Acting Director

Victoria Hartke
Acting Principal Deputy Director

Jeff Reba
Comptroller

Angel A. Dizon, III
Managing Director – Program Development, Coordination, and Support

Tracy Thomas
Managing Director – Construction, Facility, and Security Management

Adam Lamoreaux
Managing Director – Operations

Gary Seibert
Acting Managing Director – Planning and Real Estate
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DR. JERALEE ANDERSON PhD, PE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREENROADS INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Jeralee Anderson manages the daily operations and programs of Greenroads International (www.greenroads.org), a nonprofit organization focused on education and certification of sustainable transportation infrastructure located in Seattle, Washington. She received her doctorate in sustainability and civil engineering from the University of Washington as well as a Certificate in Business Administration from the Foster School of Business. Dr. Anderson worked in a variety of structural, geotechnical and construction engineering positions after receiving her undergraduate engineering degree with a minor in music performance from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. At Greenroads, she oversees a portfolio of hundreds of streets, highways, bridges, rails and trails of more than USD $35 billion in 11 states and 8 countries.

She is a licensed professional engineer in Washington State and California and serves as a volunteer member of the Standing Committee on Environmental Analysis and Ecology for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science. In 2013, President Obama recognized Dr. Anderson and her domestic and international work at Greenroads International as a Champion of Change for Transportation Technology in the 21st Century. In 2021, Dr. Anderson was highlighted as one of the Top 20 Under 40 Young Professionals by Engineering News Record in the U.S.

In her free time, she is an avid reader, weightlifter and dog lover. She is an active volunteer, fundraiser, and foster mom for the Seattle Beagle Rescue.
P. CHRISTIAN BAILEY  AIA, LEED AP, SARA
FOUNDING PRINCIPAL, ODA

Christian Bailey is actively involved in design leadership in NYC as well as internationally. Christian is a Founding Principal and Director at ODA New York. He is a registered architect in the State of New York, New Jersey, Michigan, California, and Washington DC. He is also a LEED accredited professional as well as a member of the OBO’s Industry Advisory Board since 2019. In addition to being the SARA | NY Council Vice President, Christian is also a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He serves on the Board of Directors for OPEN – ODA’s non-profit organization – and on the Board of Trustees at FAPC. Christian has lectured on ODA’S work at many universities including Virginia Tech, Pratt Institute, NYCCT, and Laurentian University. Along with lectures, he frequently serves as a guest critic on design reviews and design award juries. Mentorship of young architects within the office plays an important role in Christian’s daily practice. Christian is currently teaching design studio at NYCCT.

Promoting Art in Architecture in the profession is of particular interest to Christian. ODAart and ODAsketch was initiated by him to promote art and expand creativity within the office culture. He has exhibited his work in multiple Art by Architects shows, solo shows, and is represented by The Art Arsenal with his abstract paintings.
SANDRA BROCK  PE, CFM, LEED AP BD+C  
VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, NITSCH ENGINEERING

Sandy Brock, a Vice President and Principal at Nitsch Engineering, has 34 years of expertise in the planning and design of sustainable sites. Her efforts for various private owners and state agencies in preparing strategic site plans and reports have given her a strong background in land use planning to meet local zoning and planning regulations. With her wide range of experience and knowledge, Sandy leads a number of initiatives and has served in a variety of roles at Nitsch Engineering; she currently leads the growing planning department.

Sandy graduated from the University of Massachusetts Lowell with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. She is a registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts, a LEED Accredited Professional, a Certified Floodplain Manager, and a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant Provider. Sandy brings a depth of environmental and technical knowledge to the industry, serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission, on the USGBC Sustainable Sites Technical Advisory Group, chair of the Grafton Conservation Commission, and a member of the Grafton Community Preservation Committee. Sandy has presented at various industry events on topics such as site development permitting and stormwater management best management practices. She is proud to have spent two years designing and constructing rural water supplies in Malawi, Africa for the Peace Corps.
CHRISTOPHER BUDD  LEED AP
PRINCIPAL, STUDIOS

Christopher joined STUDIOS in 1989 with a focus on large scale planning and environmental research. Christopher helped establish STUDIOS Consulting Services, a research based resource for workplace and institutional strategies. Throughout his tenure at STUDIOS he has developed ethnographic and survey-based tools to analyze employee populations, work processes, and environments in terms of their impact on the long term business and operational aspirations of his clients.

Christopher has unique experience with delivering large scale defense and security related facilities such as the 4.5 million sf renovation of the Pentagon. His focus on flexible infrastructures is based on the merging of construction, engineering, design and planning disciplines to create the highest long term value. These infrastructures support zero waste, near zero cost of modification, reduced labor, shortened schedules, and maximum user control.
JAMES BURNETT  FASLA
PRESIDENT, OJB LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Jim Burnett, FASLA is a leading voice in contemporary landscape practice through his writing, advocacy, and dedication to creating meaningful spaces that challenge the conventional boundaries of landscape architecture. After earning his Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University, Jim founded the Office of James Burnett in 1989 and has continued to lead the firm for more than 30 years. To date, OJB has garnered over ninety state and national design awards. Throughout his work, there has been a particularly strong focus on responsible place-making and the healing properties of landscape. Most recently, the work has focused on the transformation of American cities through the creation of active public spaces. Jim’s work in this area restores connections between disparate sections within cities, providing open space with a purpose through innovative programming and activation initiatives. His work includes the design of master plans, corporate campuses, academic landscapes, cultural and civic institutions, health and wellness facilities, urban parks, and other complex urban projects.

Jim is a Registered Landscape Architect in 26 US states and Canada. In 2004, Jim was elected to ASLA’s Council of Fellows, and in 2016 Jim was honored as the recipient of the prestigious ASLA Design Medal, an annual designation that is bestowed upon Landscape Architects for their ongoing commitment to the profession and an exemplary body of work sustained over a prolonged period of time. Jim was appointed to the US Department of the State Industry Advisory Group in 2016 and is currently serving his second term as a respected design peer. Jim is a member of the CEO Roundtable, a group of leading landscape architecture professionals who convene regularly to review best practices and address challenges facing the built environment.

OJB Landscape Architecture is the recipient of the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award for Landscape Architecture, 2020). The firm was also awarded the prestigious ASLA Firm Award in 2015.
Susannah C. Drake FASLA, FAIA is a recognized design leader in the practice and education of architecture and landscape architecture. She is currently Associate Professor in the ENVD program at The University of Colorado Boulder. She founded DLANDstudio Architecture + Landscape Architecture in 2005 to explore her vision for integrating art, science, and ecology into marginalized urban communities. Susannah lectures globally about resilient urban infrastructure, and her work and writings are cited frequently in academic publications. She was awarded the AIA Young Architects Award and was also recognized as a New York Architectural League Emerging Voice.

Her firm has received numerous city, state, and national AIA and ASLA awards for complex projects that require a synthesized, analytical, and research-based design approach. Many of her most catalytic projects were funded by grants that Susannah wrote in partnership with local community and environmental groups. Susannah’s large-scale planning work engages many disciplines and systems to create ecologically- and socially-progressive projects that are strategically conceived, well-crafted, and beautiful. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art and the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. In 2020 she received the inaugural Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian National Design Award for Climate Action. Susannah’s writings include chapters for Nature and Cities (2016), published by the Lincoln Land Institute, and a recent publication on Coastal Urbanism co-authored with Rafi Segal in A Blueprint for Coastal Adaptation (2021), published by Island Press. Susannah has led design studios at Harvard University, Washington University in St. Louis, Syracuse University, Cooper Union, and City College of New York. Susannah held the Morgenstern Chair at the Illinois Institute of Technology and was Cejas Fellow at FIU.

The served as President and Trustee of the New York ASLA and as a Trustee of the Van Alen Institute. She is currently on the boards of the Regional Plan Association and the Clyfford Still Museum. Susannah and her husband, Montgomery Cleworth, live in Colorado and Brooklyn and have a daughter and two sons. She received a BA in Art History and Fine Arts from Dartmouth College and MArch and MLA degrees from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.
ANNE MARIE DUVALL DECKER  FAIA
PRINCIPAL, DUVALL DECKER ARCHITECTS, P.A.

Anne Marie Duvall Decker, FAIA, is a founding principal of Duvall Decker Architects, located in Jackson, Mississippi. Duvall Decker is an expanded design practice whose work includes architectural design, community planning, real estate development, and facility maintenance. Duvall Decker is recognized for its design excellence and its innovative approach to inner-city planning and development. The firm has been honored with many peer design awards and has been selected for national design excellence projects such as the new Federal Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi (a GSA Design Excellence project) and the new Springdale, Arkansas Municipal Complex (a Walton Family Foundation Design Excellence project).

The firm’s work and approach have been highlighted in publications such as The New York Times, dwell, ARCHITECT Magazine, Journal of Architectural Education, Houses for All Regions, a book published by AIA’s Custom Residential Architects Network, the Oxford American, and in exhibits such as AIA’s Design for the Decades. In 2017, the Architectural League of New York selected Duvall Decker as one of its Emerging Voices, and in 2019, the firm was highlighted as a “Game Changer” by Metropolis.

Anne Marie is a recognized contributor to the advancement of the profession. She has served as a long-term board member and past president of AIA Mississippi and is currently Chair of the AIA Trust. Anne Marie is often invited to share the firm’s work and her experience as a lecturer, critic, teacher, and design juror, most recently serving on the jury for the 2018 AIA Institute Honor Awards for Architecture and as a selection committee member for the Architectural League of New York’s American Roundtable initiative.
Maureen Ehrenberg, FRICS, CRE, LAI is CEO of Blue Skyre, Innovation in the Built Environment. An internationally recognized expert on real estate business transformation, strategic redesign for the future of work and facility management, Ehrenberg serves as an advisor and board member to global organizations, investors, and real estate technology providers. With more than 25 years’ experience, she has deep expertise in providing real estate advice and services to companies around the world. Before founding Blue Skyre, she was Global Head of Real Estate Operations and Strategic Services for WeWork. She has held global executive roles with JLL, CBRE, and Grubb & Ellis Company. She serves on the Americas Board of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS); and the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Overseas Building Operations, Industry Advisory Group (IAG). She is a management trustee for the International Union of Operating Engineers, a trustee of Roosevelt University, and a member of the Real Estate Advisory Board for the New York State Teachers Retirement System (NYSTRS). She has also served on the Global Boards of CoreNet Global, IFMA (International Facility Management Association), and OCSRE (Open Standards Consortium for Real Estate). A frequent speaker, Maureen Ehrenberg has been recognized as an industry thought leader with an Innovator of the Year Award from CoreNet Global, the Chair’s Citation Award from IFMA, The Julie Devine Digital Impact and Lifetime Achievement Awards for Vision in technology from RealComm and has received several awards and recognition for leadership and service in the real estate industry. Maureen attended The Business School at City, University of London where she earned a BSc Joint Honours in Economics & Accounting.
BRYANT FARLAND
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SKANSKA

Bryant Farland joined Skanska USA Building Inc. in 2006 with responsibility for the Company’s design/build pursuits from a legal and commercial perspective. In addition to his role with Skanska USA Building he has been responsible for the legal affairs of Skanska Infrastructure Development Inc. including his role in bringing to commercial close Skanska ID’s first Public Private Partnership (P3) project in North America, the $2 billion Midtown Tunnel Project in Norfolk, VA. Mr. Farland was also the commercial lead for the Company’s multi-billion dollar P3 Project at LaGuardia Airport and remains the Executive Representative for Skanska as the Managing member of that design-build joint venture.

Currently, Mr. Farland is one of Skanska USA Building’s three Regional Executive Officers and a member of its Senior Leadership Team. Prior to his current responsibilities, Mr. Farland was a Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Skanska’s Strategic Projects overseeing company projects of particular size and complexity including all P3 and project-financed work. Prior to joining Skanska, Mr. Farland was a construction litigator with Smith Pachter McWhorter and he also worked as a legislative aid to Senator Patrick J. Leahy on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Bryant is a former member of the national Board of Directors for the Design Build Institute of America, a current member of Assumption University’s Grenon School of Business Advisory Council and is a frequent presenter at national conferences for alternative delivery including Public Private Partnerships (P3), Design/ Build and IPD.

Mr. Farland and his family live in Potomac, Maryland.
CHRISTINA HUDSON
PROGRAM MANAGER, STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT, LEIDOS

Christina has worked for Leidos Engineering (formerly Science Applications International Corporation) for 25 years providing expertise in strategic risk management, climate change risk identification and adaptation, sustainability, facilitation, training development and delivery, and policy development and implementation, and program management. She and her team have supported multiple components of the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. Hudson’s recent focus is integrating climate and resiliency principles into strategic processes and policies, increasing climate change awareness, guiding selection and use of climate scenarios in master planning and infrastructure design, and identifying procedures and tools to assess climate effects and inform decision-making. Christina has led multiple climate risk workshops, development of climate adaptation and resiliency handbooks, and delivery of Introduction to Sustainable Facilities courses.

A childhood spent in developing countries, as the daughter of an international development professional, granted first-hand exposure to the lives of those less privileged. This perspective greatly influenced her passion to champion sustainability principles. Professional experience over 30 years allows her to leverage diverse tactics, strategies, and best practices to cultivate change in different corporate cultures. She practices continual learning by reading and listening to podcasts about different decision frameworks and change management theories and engaging with a broad set of professional colleagues.

Christina lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two sons and enjoys taking advantage of close proximity to Rock Creek Park. She received her M.S. in Environmental Science from Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in Art History from Carleton College.
NICO KIENZL  DDES, LEED FELLOW, ASHRAE HBDP
DIRECTOR, ATELIER TEN

Nico Kienzl is a founding director of Atelier Ten’s New York City office and member of Atelier Ten’s US and International Leadership Group. Nico has over 20 years of experience in sustainability consulting with expertise on the application of advanced building analysis for façade optimization, daylight and shading analysis, and optimization of building systems.

Nico has played a significant role on a wide variety of residential, commercial, institutional, cultural, and masterplan projects throughout the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. He has not only shaped the environmental performance of these projects, but also influenced the building industry in moving towards a more sustainable future. As Director, he has consulted on over 130 high-performance building projects worldwide. His exemplary contributions to green building and significant professional achievements led him to be among an elite group of 43 exceptional green building professionals worldwide to be named LEED Fellow of 2012. The LEED fellow is the most prestigious recognition awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Nico is a member of the Board of Directors for the Urban Green Council, Storefront for Art and Architecture and the Architecture League of New York. He served as a Representative Member and Peer Reviewer for the U.S. General Services Administration’s (GSA) Green Building Federal Advisory Committee and the GSA Design Excellence Program, respectively and is currently a Building Industry Advisor for the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Overseas Building Operations. Nico has held teaching engagements at various institutions including Harvard Graduate School of Design, Pratt Institute, and Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation.

He received a Doctor of Design from the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, holds a Master of Science in Building Technology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and received his diploma in Architecture from the Technical University of Munich.
CARA LANIGAN  STS, LEED AP BD+C
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, PROJECT DELIVERY CLARK CONSTRUCTION

Cara Lanigan is responsible for early risk identification and deploying best practices on Clark Construction Group’s projects across the country.

Cara works with project teams nationwide to enhance and optimize resource planning, team engagement strategies, staffing, and professional development initiatives.

Throughout her tenure with Clark, Cara has provided leadership on some of the country’s most complex projects including U.S. Penitentiary Coleman 2, San Antonio Military Medical Center, LCDR Vincent Otis Tolbert Joint Intelligence Operations Center at MacDill Air Force Base, and Fort Bliss Replacement Hospital.

Cara holds bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering and political science from Northeastern University and a juris doctor degree from Stetson University College of Law.

Cara was recognized as a Top Young Professional in Texas and Louisiana by Engineering-News Record in 2018.
DEBRA LEHMAN-SMITH
FOUNDING PARTNER, LEHMAN SMITH MCLEISH

Debra Lehman-Smith is the founding partner of LSM, a design studio with projects that are lauded as models of design excellence and catalysts for promoting organizational vision and change. Her client list includes corporate leaders Bloomberg, General Dynamics Headquarters/Gulfstream, Rockefeller Capital, Covington, Milbank, and Google.

The firm’s accolades span the business and design communities, with awards for design, workplace and excellence in real estate strategy from Business Week, the US General Services Administration and the American Institute of Architects. She has been responsible for award-winning environments for some of the world’s most respected organizations, and advises developers, architects and major corporations as they execute the world’s most innovative commercial real estate developments. Her projects have been recognized as a paradigm of business excellence, winning the British Counsel of Offices Best of the Best Award; Architectural Record’s Good Design is Good Business, IIDA’s Global Excellence Award; and National AIA Honor Award.

Ms. Lehman-Smith was named Designer of the Year by Interior Magazine and has been inducted into the Interior Design Hall of Fame. She is an advocate for public art and design education and has served as an advisor to universities and institutions nationwide, including the University of Texas at Austin and Visiting Committee at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

She currently serves as a Design Excellence Peer Reviewer for the General Services Administration and on the State Department Bureau of Overseas Buildings Industry Advisory Panel. Most recently as one of the design industry leaders, she was a Juror for Interior Design 2019 NYCxDESIGN Awards in New York City.
KATIE MCGIMPSEY PE
PRINCIPAL/ MANAGING DIRECTOR,
AFFILIATED ENGINEERS, INC.

Ms. McGimpsey is an expert at project management and client communication. She fully engages in any project and understands how to effectively negotiate the complexities and intricacies of working with a variety of stakeholders. She offers unique insight and excels at successfully resolving issues with all team members. She has been the engineering project manager for critically complex projects at NIH including the Porter Neuroscience Research Facility, Building 10 E Wing Renovation and the Surgery Radiology Laboratory Medicine Building, to name a few. Her experience covers all aspects for complex mechanical systems design for various new construction and renovation projects, including research, federal, healthcare, infrastructure and institutional facilities. She has attended Labs21 and Guidelines for Laboratory Design: Health and Safety Considerations at Harvard, and acted as a juror for the ASCE Charles Pankow Foundation Architectural Engineering Student Competition organized by the Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI). She has spoken at numerous AALAS and Tradeline conferences and was named one of Consulting Specifying Engineers 40 Under 40 in 2015. She has been working on the NIH campus for over 15 years, which includes numerous NIH Grant Reviews and several large-scale biomedical, animal research and healthcare facilities.
JONATHAN MOODY AIA
PRESIDENT / CEO, MOODY NOLAN

Driven by a passion to continue his father’s legacy, Jonathan D. Moody has entrenched himself in firm leadership driving growth and innovation. Moody Nolan has grown to over 230 employees and 11 offices across the nation. The firm’s designs have now won over 300 design citations including 47 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and 44 the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). Jonathan has helped continue and extend the firm’s position as the largest African-American owned architecture firm. Moody Nolan continues to garner national attention by promoting “diversity by design.”

Jonathan has more than 12 years of high-end design experience focused on integrating digital fabrication and social engagement into the design process. He approaches design with an overall goal of having a major positive impact on communities in need. For Jonathan, architecture is a medium through which people can be connected and inspired by giving tangible being into ideas. Over the last several years, he has passionately devoted himself to community service through mentoring and education programs focused on empowering underserved youth.

A former designer for the Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design and Eisenman Architects, Jonathan’s background is focused in 3D visual presentation and digital fabrication. Most recently, he has worked on a variety of civic, sports, education, healthcare, and institutional projects. While working on projects, Jonathan is also deeply engaged in strategic implementation of Moody Nolan’s long term aspirations.
REID NELSON  EX OFFICIO
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Reid J. Nelson is the Director of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s (ACHP) Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) and the agency’s current acting Executive Director. As OFAP Director, he provides direction to the ACHP’s office focused on overseeing and participating in the federal historic preservation review process established by the National Historic Preservation Act and known as Section 106 review; providing assistance and training to stakeholders on meeting their responsibilities under Section 106; and coordinating with others in the Administration on efforts to align the Section 106 review process with other federal environmental reviews. As acting Executive Director, he reports to the Chairman of the ACHP and provides executive oversight and budget control for the entire agency. Leading up to these positions, Reid worked at the ACHP for three years as an assistant director in OFAP, in charge of the Federal Property Management Section. Prior to coming to the ACHP, he worked with the Navajo Nation in its Archaeology and Historic Preservation Departments for 18 years, the last nine of which were as a program manager for the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department. Reid has also carried out additional archaeological and ethnographic research across the Western United States.
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MICHAEL NORTON
MANAGING DIRECTOR, GLOBAL REAL
ESTATE J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.

Michael Norton is the Global Head of Property Management for JPMorgan Chase and is responsible for managing the firm’s property and facilities management operations with over 7,400 properties worldwide, comprising over 80 million square feet of commercial, data center, and retail space.

Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase, Mike was the Global Head of Property Management and Operations for Tishman Speyer, one of the leading owners, developers and operators of first-class real estate in the world. Under his leadership, the firm became one of the top-tier operators globally. Prior to this, he was Head of Facilities at R.G. Vanderweil Engineers, one of the leading MEP, technology services, and power engineering firms in the United States. Mike is a Lt Col in the United States Marine Corps currently assigned to New York City’s Public Affairs – PAO – 1. He has held numerous assignments and billets over a 30 year career with a primary focus on air defense and air command and control.

Mike is a graduate of Salem State University with a BS in Political Science and also holds a Masters in business from Lesley University. Mike has recently served on various New York boards and charitable organizations: Chairman of the Management Division – Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), Treasurer and Officer of the Real Estate Advisory Board (RAB), Member of the International Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Member of the Real Estate Round Table – Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, Chairman of the New York City/Westchester County MS Society and Chairman of the Outreach Project, an organization that provides services to young teenagers with alcohol and drug dependencies.

Mike lives in Westchester with his wife Rosella and their two daughters, Alexa and Jenna.
NAT OPPENHEIMER PE
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, SILMAN

NAT OPPENHEIMER joined Silman in 1988. He has extensive experience in the areas of new construction, renovation, sustainable engineering, and historic preservation and is Principal in Charge of much of the firm’s institutional, cultural, and residential work. He has led over 3,000 projects at Silman, including the Whitney Museum of American Art, Grace Farms, The Reach at the Kennedy Center, and is currently leading the effort at the adaptive reuse of Metropolitan Warehouse in Cambridge for MIT.

NAT is a board member of the Architectural League of New York, currently serving as its Treasurer, and is a member of the US Department of State Bureau of Overseas Building Operations Industry Advisory Group. NAT is devoted to engineering education and teaches at The School of Architecture at Princeton University.

He has been an invited jury critic for the architecture schools at Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, Princeton, Rice, Parsons, and the University of Michigan. He is an Emeritus Board member of the Salvadori Center, a not-for-profit organization that uses the built environment as a motivational tool to teach math and science to students. Additionally, NAT is a member of the International Council at the Van Alen Institute.
ALAN ORGANSCHI
PRINCIPAL, GRAY ORGANSCHI ARCHITECTURE
DIRECTOR, YALE BUILDING LAB
YALE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Alan is a principal and partner at Gray Organschi Architecture in New Haven, Connecticut, recognized internationally for its integration of design, construction, and environmental research. He is also the founder of the fabrication workshop and construction management firm JIG Design Build.

As a member of the Senior Design and Technology Faculty at the Yale School of Architecture, Mr. Organschi directs the newly inaugurated Yale Building LAB, which conducts advanced research in the contemporary building sector, its global environmental impacts, and its potential to mitigate climate change through the adoption of bio-based building assemblies and circular economic construction practices.

His ongoing research project, the Timber City Initiative, examines the application of emerging structural wood fiber technologies to the construction of global cities. Timber City has been awarded grants from the Hines Fund for Advanced Sustainability Research in Architecture, the US Forest Service Wood Innovation Grant program, and the SITRA Finland innovation Fund for the Circular Economy. Mr. Organschi has written and lectured extensively on the carbon storage benefits of biogenic material substitution in urban building and is a co-author of the upcoming book Carbon: A Field Manual For Building Designers and the scientific paper “Buildings as a Global Carbon Sink” published in the journal Nature Sustainability in January 2020. That same year, the paper received the Acquila Capital Transformation Award, which honors scientific research that offers implementable solutions to the challenges of climate change.

Gray Organschi Architecture was recognized by the Architectural League of New York as an Emerging Voice in Architecture and has received American Architecture Awards for the three projects. In 2012, Mr. Organschi and his partner Elizabeth Gray were honored for their work with an Arts and Letters Award in Architecture by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
THOMAS PHIFER III FAIA
PARTNER, THOMAS PHIFER AND PARTNERS LLP

Since founding Thomas Phifer and Partners in 1997, Thomas Phifer has completed an expansion of the Glenstone Museum, an expansion of the Corning Museum of Glass, the Salt Lake City United States Courthouse, the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Raymond and Susan Brochstein Pavilion at Rice University, and numerous houses in the Hudson River Valley of New York State. Ongoing projects include the Museum of Modern Art and TR Warszawa Theatre in Warsaw, Cine Colombia headquarters in Bogotá, an outdoor performance pavilion in Austin, a student center and an International Studies Center for Indiana University, and the South Battery Park City Resiliency Project. Thomas Phifer is also engaged in private residences in Portugal, Texas, Maine and New York.

Thomas Phifer and Partners has received four Design Excellence awards from the General Services Administration and more than 20 honor awards from the American Institute of Architects, as well as numerous national and international citations. His projects have been published and exhibited extensively in the United States and overseas. A monograph on the work of Thomas Phifer and Partners was released in 2010 by Skira Rizzoli.

Thomas Phifer received the prestigious Rome Prize in Architecture from the American Academy in Rome in 1995 and was awarded the Medal of Honor from the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 2004. He was elected as an Academician of the National Academy of Design in 2011. In 2013, Mr. Phifer received the Arts and Letters Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 2016, he was honored by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects with the President’s Award and by the Sir John Soane’s Museum Foundation. He also gave the 2016 keynote lecture at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. In 2019, he was awarded the National Design Award in Architectural Design from the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum. Mr. Phifer is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and serves on the boards of the Architectural League of New York and the Sir John Soane’s Museum Foundation.
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MARK ROBBINS
PRESIDENT AND CEO, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ROME

Mark Robbins is President of the American Academy in Rome — the preeminent overseas center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities. Robbins is an artist, architect and educator, and longtime advocate for the arts and design. He was previously Executive Director of the International Center of Photography in New York City, an institution dedicated to the presentation and interpretation of the reproduced image. From 2004 to 2012, Robbins was Dean and Professor at Syracuse University School of Architecture and University Senior Advisor on Architecture and Urban Initiatives, where he developed strategies to transform the school and the city through an active engagement between design and urban revitalization. This work was modeled on his earlier portfolio as Director of Design at the National Endowment for the Arts during the Clinton administration, in which he led a series of national programs to strengthen the presence of innovative design in the public realm, including the New Public Works initiative and the Mayors Institute on City Design. From 1993 to 1999, Robbins was the first Curator of Architecture at the Wexner Center for the Arts, establishing programs that were a laboratory for new work, and was also Associate Professor at the Knowlton School of Architecture at Ohio State University. Robbins has edited 2 five-book series on design and social impact and is a frequent lecturer on art and architecture. He is a recipient of numerous awards including a Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome, and fellowships from the Radcliffe Institute and the New York Foundation for the Arts. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Virginia, Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) and the Harvard Graduate School of Design.
Darrell Rounds is the Sustainable Workplaces North American EV Infrastructure Strategy Lead for General Motors. He has more than 24 years of facilities management and engineering experience, most recently as the Operations Group Manager for the Renaissance Center and Regional Facilities Operations. As a Technical Group Manager, he led operations and maintenance activities for 16 facilities totaling 53 million square feet and $7.2 billion in asset replacement cost. He has also held several other strategic positions, working with our business partners to achieve key process improvements in facility maintenance, industrial cleaning, and engineering services. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University and his Master of Science in Construction Management from Eastern Michigan University. He carries the designation of Facilities Management Administrator (FMA®) from BOMI International and is a Certified Energy Manager (C.E.M.) with the Association of Energy Engineers.

In addition to being a member of the Board of Directors for the National Institute of Building Sciences, Darrell is also a member of the ProFM® Institute’s commission that developed the ProFM® facilities manager certification. He is a member of BOMA International’s Industrial Committee as well as BOMA Metro Detroit’s Professional Development and Supplier Committees.

Darrell prides himself in being a change agent and a value creator. He is a thought leader within the FM space, having been featured as a columnist for Facility Maintenance Decisions magazine, as well as a guest on several FM industry podcasts. He enjoys collaborating with others to advance the great profession of Facilities Management.
DAVID RUBIN  PLA, FASLA, FAAR
FOUNDING PRINCIPAL,
DAVID RUBIN LAND COLLECTIVE

David A. Rubin, PLA, FASLA, FAAR is the founding principal of DAVID RUBIN Land Collective, a landscape architecture, urban design, and planning studio committed to practicing with an emphasis on socially-purposeful design strategies. David’s visionary contribution to the field in “empathy-driven design” is a hallmark of the studio, earning increasing renown for fusing issues of social justice in cities with excellence in the design of public spaces. Educated at Connecticut College and Harvard University, he has taught and lectured at a number of institutions, including Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, and Southern California Institute of Architecture. David is a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome and a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. His projects have received awards and honors from the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Institute of Architects, among others.

David’s current work includes the National World War I Memorial, new comfort stations throughout the National Mall, and Franklin Park in Washington, D.C., multiple projects for the Fort Wayne Riverfront in Indiana, and a new plaza for Temple University in Philadelphia. His studio’s work includes diverse typologies in locations from Los Angeles to Rome, New York City, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia. He has had the pleasure of working in collaboration with the OBO on both the US Embassy Berlin and the US Embassy London Competition.
FRANK SCIAME
CEO/CHAIRMAN, SCIAME CONSTRUCTION

Frank Sciame established F. J. Sciame Construction Co. in 1975 and he has led the firm to its current position as one of the tri-state’s (NY-NJ-CT) leading construction management firms, with current projects underway valued at about one billion dollars. Sciame has steadily grown the firm over this period, primarily for producing consistently high-quality work. He is the most frequently nominated construction professional in a survey of our GSA Peers.

With a degree in architecture from CCNY, Sciame also is sought out as a construction partner to top designers. He has been referred to as a builder with the vision of an architect and the eye of a constructor. Completed projects include The Morgan Library and Museum, Pratt Institute School of Architecture, the restoration of Historic Front Street, Central Synagogue Restoration, Harvard Club of New York City, and the South Court Addition to New York Public Library’s Main Branch. Current projects include the new laboratory building at Cooper Union, FDR Four Freedoms Park Memorial on Roosevelt Island; and numerous projects for Universities including New York University, Columbia and Princeton. In 1996 Sciame also formed the real estate development firm Sciame Development.
GROUP MEMBERS

DR. BARRY SCRIBNER PhD
PRESIDENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FEDERAL SERVICES JLL

Dr. Scribner is an International Director and President of JLL’s DoD and Federal Services team. He co-founded in 1999 JLL’s government specialty to provide real estate strategy, planning and execution services to public sector clients worldwide. These services span public-private partnership (P3) transactions, development underwriting, project financing, acquisitions/dispositions, leasing transactions, portfolio management, and Integrated Facility Management (IFM). He led strategic planning and innovative execution services for one of the nation’s most successful public-private partnership programs – the U. S. Department of Defense Housing Privatization Initiative for both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force encompassing over 104,000 homes, 18,000 hotel rooms and $16.2B in capital investment on 66 military installations. Dr. Scribner has led development and transaction teams that have served over 200 public-sector clients across the United States (e.g., the Department of State, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation), many under innovative, multiple-year, partnering-based contracts. Public Sector IFM clients include several DoD installations, quasi-federal agencies (USPS), state governments, transportation agencies and P3s for higher education campuses. He has also overseen development advisory and transaction services in Korea, Germany, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The more than 450 diverse professionals that he manages provide strategy, finance, development, IFM, financial negotiation and execution services for complex, large-scale, public sector projects.

Dr. Scribner earned a Ph.D. in Public Economics from Harvard University and a B.S. in engineering from the United States Military Academy. He is a member of the American Economic Association, Urban Land Institute, Association of Defense Communities (ADC) and a member of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance’s Financial Task Force. He is also a member of the Counselors of Real Estate (CRE).
With LERA since 1983, Dan’s extensive expertise lives in special design projects that answer to function and innovation. He specializes in long span, column-free spaces, high-rise buildings, creative solutions and research initiatives. He has also led several major forensic investigation projects domestically and internationally.

Dan is currently Partner-in-Charge of a wide range of high-profile, sensitive and complex projects and leads LERA’s structural design efforts for Global Building Modules (GBM), a steel-framed modular system inspired by shipping containers. He is currently serving as Partner-in-Charge for NYC HPD’s new modular affordable housing development at 581 Grant Ave in Brooklyn, NY. Throughout his career, Dan has led the design of several of LERA’s landmark projects and has led the structural design of sculptures for such notable artists as Richard Serra, Beverly Pepper, Jonathan Borofsky, Donald Lipski, Alyson Shotz, and Andrew Rogers, among others.

Dan is a widely published author, having written articles in STRUCTURE Magazine, Modern Steel Construction and Civil Engineering Magazine, among others, and is a frequent speaker at design and engineering events. He serves on the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Overseas Building Operations (OBO) Industry Advisory Group and the Marquette University College of Engineering Thought Leaders Council. For his actions following the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, he received the Medal of Valor from The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Dan holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Marquette University, and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.
GROUP MEMBERS

STACY SMEDLEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUILDING TRANSPARENCY

Stacy has a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of Washington, and over 18 years in the architecture and construction professions. Her resume includes the first LEED for Homes Platinum certified project in Washington State as well as the first project in the world to be certified under Living Building Version 2.0 standards. As Sustainability Director at Skanska, Stacy has led sustainable initiatives, and is considered a subject matter expert in LEED, Living Building Challenge and carbon emissions associated with buildings and construction.

In her role at the newly established nonprofit, Building Transparency, Stacy leads the continued management and development of the free, open-access Embodied Carbon in Construction Calculator (EC3) tool and works to educate and engage the building industry on actionably reducing embodied carbon emissions of building materials.

Stacy has served in various advisory and leadership roles, including: Co-Chair of the Washington Businesses for Climate Action; Advisory Board Member for the University of Washington Carbon Leadership Forum; Construction Taskforce Chair for the Embodied Carbon Network; Advisory Group Member for AIA Materials Working Group; Emerging Professional Regional Chair for USGBC; Membership Chair for the Cascadia Green Building Council. She is a 2020 Grist 50 Fixer, a 2019 ENR Top 25 Newsmaker, and shared a Living Building Challenge Hero award for her work on the Bertschi School Living Science Building.
JANE SMITH  FAIA, IIDA  
PARTNER, SPACESMITH

Jane Smith, FAIA, IIDA is the founding partner of Spacesmith LLP, an architecture, planning, and interior design firm with offices in New York City and Hudson, NY. With a diverse portfolio and many repeat clients, Spacesmith has completed work for federal, state, and city agencies, schools, non-profits, and private sector clients with a strong expertise in workplace design.

For twelve years, Jane served as the Chair of the BFA Interior Design: Built Environments Department at SVA, the School of Visual Arts, New York City, guiding, and mentoring the next generation of designers. During her tenure at SVA, Jane developed a rigorous program with an expert faculty that engaged students, designers, and architects in an ongoing dialogue of collaboration, professional competency, and creative exploration.

Jane is dedicated to making meaningful contributions to the practice of architecture and serving the community. She is an active member of the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter, where she served on the Board Executive Committee for five years and on the AIA New York State Board for four years. Additionally, Jane served as the co-chair of the Architecture Leadership Council for the NY Building Congress where she facilitated conversation between prominent architecture firm principals and public/private sector real estate officials. She is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for Olana Partnership, a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire the public by preserving and interpreting Frederic Church’s OLANA, a National Historic Landmark within the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Jane received the AIA New York State President’s Award for outstanding contributions to the profession in education, industry, or government by an AIANYS member. Her work was recognized by the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, for one of 100 outstanding structures and built environments designed by women in New York City. She is a regular participant on juries and panels for various educational and industry organizations.

Jane holds a degree in Architecture, cum laude, from Arizona State University and a master’s degree in finance from the Stern School of Business, New York University.
JULIE SNOW

FAIA, NOMA

FOUNDING PRINCIPAL, SNOW KREILICH ARCHITECTS

Julie Snow leads a studio-based practice in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The studio’s interest in pragmatic and critical programmatic reflection results in innovative designs that expand our understanding of architectural performance. Design strategies engage issues of how architecture performs within each project’s, social, cultural and economic context.

The practice has been recognized with numerous awards including the AIA’s 2018 Architecture Firm Award, an honor that recognizes a practice that consistently has produced distinguished architecture for at least 10 years. Projects have been recognized with several AIA Honor Awards, a Holcim North American Bronze Award, a Progressive Architecture Design Award, the Chicago Athenaeum’s American and International Architecture Awards, Architect Magazine Annual Design Review, the Design Distinction Award from I.D. magazine, several Business Week/Architectural Record Awards and several US General Services Administration’s Design Excellence Awards. The work of the studio was exhibited at the Chicago Architectural Foundation.

Julie Snow has held several visiting professor positions including the Graduate School of Design at Harvard, USC, and Washington University, St. Louis, as well as teaching at the University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture where she received the Ralph Rapson Award for Distinguished Teaching. She was selected as an “Emerging Voice” by the New York Architectural League in 1998. In 2005, Princeton Architectural Press published the first monograph on the studio’s work in its series on emerging designers from around the world. In 2011 she was awarded the Architecture Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
GREGORY STARR
SECURITY CONSULTANT

Gregory B. Starr led the security and law enforcement arm of the U.S. Department of State from 2013 to 2017. As head of Diplomatic Security, Mr. Starr led a force of Special Agents, Diplomatic Couriers, Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, general service staff, and other specialists.

He previously served as Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, returning to Diplomatic Security on February 1, 2013 as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, and acting Assistant Secretary.

Previously, Mr. Starr served as United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security where he oversaw the formulation of security policies and the implementation of programs to ensure the conduct of activities in a secure environment at U.N. headquarters and overseas locations around the globe.

His overseas assignments have included Senior Regional Security Officer at the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv (1997-2000), as well as Senior Regional Security Officer position in Tunis, Tunisia and Dakar, Senegal; and was assigned to the Regional Security Office in Kinshasa, Zaire (presently the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

Mr. Starr is the recipient of Department of State awards including Senior Foreign Service Performance awards, and Superior and Meritorious Honor awards. He began his career as a Special Agent in July 1980 and joined the ranks of the Senior Foreign Service in 2001. Before his retirement from the U.S. Department of State in 2009, Mr. Starr held the rank of Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service.

A New York native, Mr. Starr received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master’s degree in Forensic Science from the George Washington University.
ROBERT SVEDBERG  FAIA
PRINCIPAL, TVSDESIGN

Rob Svedberg is the principal in charge of tvsdesign’s public assembly practice. His work is known for integrating very large buildings into complex urban environments that preserve and enhance the life of our cities. Rob’s projects include the expansion of New York’s Jacob Javits Convention Center, Mumbai’s Jio World Centre, the Puerto Rico Convention Center, the expansion and transformation of the Las Vegas Convention Center and Nashville’s Music City Center. Rob’s work has won more than thirty national, regional and local design awards and has appeared in multiple publications. Rob is regularly asked to speak on the emerging trends in the global meeting industry and on the design of large mixed-use destinations.

Rob is a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects, sits on the Board of Directors of the Council for Quality Growth, and is a founding member of the City of Atlanta’s SPI-1 Development Review Commission. Rob is a licensed Architect in twelve states, two Canadian provinces and Puerto Rico. He received his undergraduate degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a M. Arch degree from Rice University.
JEREMIAH WATTS
PRINCIPAL, D|WATTS

Jeremiah Watts is the co-founder of D|WATTS Construction, where he is responsible for providing executive oversight managing projects from design development through construction occupancy. D|WATTS is currently ranked by the Washington Business Journal as a top 25 interior focused GC and the fastest growing construction firm in the Washington DC region 2 years running (‘19’ and 20’). In his spare time, Jeremiah enjoys spending time with his Wife Beata and kids Jaden (5) and Jasmine (1). Jeremiah also serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Woodley House, a DC based non-profit focused on housing and support for people struggling with mental illness. Jeremiah holds a BS in Public and Private Sector Organizations from Brown University.
MARION WEISS FAIA
COFOUNDER, WEISS/MANFREDI

Marion Weiss is cofounder of WEISS/MANFREDI Architecture/ Landscape/Urbanism based in New York City and the Graham Chair Professor of Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. She was honored by Architectural Record with the Women in Architecture Design Leader Award in 2017 and her firm won the 2018 Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Architecture and the 2020 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in architecture.

Weiss/Manfredi operates at the nexus of architecture, art, landscape, and urbanism and projects including the Olympic Sculpture Park exemplify this cross disciplinary design approach. The Sculpture Park has been recognized internationally and Time Magazine identified the park as one of the top 10 projects in the world.

The firm’s projects have been exhibited internationally including the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale, The Museum of Modern Art, the Sao Paulo Biennale of International Architecture and Design, the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, The Guggenheim Museum, the National Building Museum, Harvard University, the International Landscape Architecture Biennale in Barcelona, and the Design Centre in Essen, Germany. Princeton Architectural Press has published three monographs on WEISS/MANFREDI’s work: Site Specific, Surface/Subsurface and PUBLIC NATURES: Evolutionary Infrastructures.

Her firm is recipient of the Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and was named one of North America’s “Emerging Voices” by the Architectural League of New York. The firm has also won the New York AIA Gold Medal and the Tau Sigma Delta Gold Medal.

Marion received her Master of Architecture at Yale University and her Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Virginia where she was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnae in 2020. She is currently Professor of Practice in Penn’s Weitzman School of Design and has also taught design studios at Harvard, Yale, and Cornell University. Marion is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects and a National Academy of Design inductee.
Claire Weisz FAIA is a founding partner of WXY, whose work as an architect and urbanist focuses on innovative approaches to public space, structures, and cities. The firm, globally recognized for its place-based approach to architecture, urban design, and planning, has played a vital role in design thinking around resiliency: combining the infrastructure of public space with working districts for and with communities. Her work in New York spans from the Spring Street Sanitation Garage/Salt Shed, the new Rockaway Boardwalk, SeaGlass Carousel to conversions of a former juvenile detention site into an affordable live work campus. Weisz was named one of Fast Company’s Most Creative People in Business in 2017, and was most recently awarded the Medal of Honor from AIANY in 2018. Her practice WXY was named New York State Firm of the Year in 2016, and, more recently, ranked number eight in Fast Company’s World’s Most Innovative Companies 2019: Architecture. Claire received her professional degree from The University of Toronto with Honors and her Master’s in Architecture from Yale University. Claire co-founded The Design Trust for Public Space, and has been an visiting Professor at NYU Wagner School of Public Service, Yale, City College and Columbia’s GSAUPP.
ELIZABETH WHITTAKER AIA
FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL, MERGE ARCHITECTS

Elizabeth Whittaker, AIA is the founder and principal of MERGE Architects. She has lectured extensively in the US and abroad, and the work of MERGE has been widely published both nationally and internationally, including Architectural Record Magazine’s 2014 Design Vanguard issue, naming MERGE one of the top ten emerging practices in the world.

Elizabeth is also a recipient of the 2015 AIA Young Architects Award, one of eight recipients of the Architectural League of New York’s “2015 Emerging Voices” program, recognizing the top eight emerging voices in architecture in North America, and was awarded the sole recipient of Architectural Record’s 2017 “Next Generation Leader”—an honor that awards one female architect in the country each year. In addition, Elizabeth was most recently nominated for election to the National AIA College of Fellows, the AIA’s highest honor for exceptional work and contributions to the profession and society in the US.

She has served on the BSA/AIA Board of Directors, the BSA/AIA Rotch Traveling Fellowship Committee and the BSA/AIA Nominating Committee. Elizabeth graduated from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design with Distinction where she received numerous awards during her graduate studies including the Core Studio Prize, the Faculty Design Award, and the John E. Thayer Award for overall academic achievement.

Elizabeth approaches architecture as a discipline embedded in both practice and academia. She has taught design studios in several Architecture programs including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, the Boston Architectural College, and Harvard University Graduate School of Design, where she was also Lead Faculty in Architecture in their Career Discovery Summer Program from 2011-2015. She has been teaching Core Architecture Studios at Harvard since 2009, and currently holds a faculty position as Associate Professor in Practice of Architecture at the Graduate School of Design.
ACADEMIC ADVISORS
Christopher Boone is Dean of the College of Global Futures at Arizona State University. Previously, he served as Dean of the School of Sustainability at ASU. Among other affiliations, he is a member of the University Leadership Council on Diversity and Inclusion in International Affairs Education and a board member for the Global Consortium for Science and the Environment. Boone’s research contributes to ongoing debates in sustainable urbanization, environmental justice, urban ecology, and global environmental change. At ASU, he has taught classes on sustainable urbanization, urban and environmental health, principles and methods of sustainability, environmental justice, sustainable design and innovation, and interdisciplinary methods for socio-ecological research. He has a PhD from the University of Toronto and was a post-doctoral fellow at McGill University.
Dr. Kimberly Gray is the Roxelyn & Richard Pepper Family Chair & Professor of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Northwestern University. She has a secondary appointment in the Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering and the Pritzker School of Law. She is a member of the Center for Catalysis and Surface Science, the Transportation Center and the Searle Center on Law, Regulation, and Economic Growth. Gray received her Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University and was a research engineer for the Lyonnaise des Eaux in Paris, France. Her areas of expertise are environmental chemistry, nanotechnology and applied ecology in natural and engineered environmental systems with particular focus on energy and sustainability applications. The overarching goal of her work is to reinvent the flow of materials and energy in cities based on ecological principles in order to combat climate change. She works on nanotechnologies tailored to improve environmental performance such as self-regenerating micropollutant absorbents or fouling-resistant membranes. She studies the unexpected impacts of nanomaterial release in ecological systems. She and her students are developing a biorefinery approach to valorizing biomass wastes such as lignin and producing high value products in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. She leads a research team focused on nature-based strategies to manage stormwater and enhance environmental quality in low-income communities. Finally, she is also conducting a study for the U.S. State Department on the sustainable, resilient, and adaptive design of embassies of the future. Gray is the author of over 150 scientific papers and reports and lectures widely on energy, climate, and environmental issues.

Gray was the Associate Director of the NSF Environmental Molecular Science Institute for Environmental Catalysis and the Director of the Environmental Science, Engineering and Policy Program at NU, receiving the NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award. She is a former president of the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors. She co-directed the Northwestern Institute for Sustainable Practices. She received the McCormick Excellence Award in Research, Teaching and Citizenship and was a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer for her work in the areas of urban sustainability, energy, and ecological restoration. Gray was an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellow, selected by the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University.
ANNA DYSON
HINES PROFESSOR OF SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND PROFESSOR AT THE SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT AT YALE

Anna Dyson is the Hines Professor of Architectural Design at the School of Architecture, at Yale. She is the founding Director of the Center for Ecosystems in Architecture (CEA). Yale CEA is committed to collaborative models for sustainable building systems research that unite interdisciplinary academic research with building and development practices.

Anna founded the Center for Architecture Science and Ecology (CASE) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a new collaborative model for building systems research that unites interdisciplinary academic scholarship with building and development practices. In her work, she strives to connect scientific pursuits with the aesthetic, social, and conceptual aspirations of architectural design inquiry. Anna has been recognized with multiple international awards for her designs and innovations, and her work has been exhibited at venues including the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), The World Future Energy Summit (WFES), The National Building Museum, and The Center for Architecture. She holds multiple international patents for building systems inventions and is currently directing interdisciplinary research funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR) to develop new building systems that integrate advances in science and technology from diverse research fields.

Recipient of the Innovator Award from Architectural Record in 2015, Dyson holds many international patents on building systems innovations for the collection and distribution of clean energy, water, air quality and material life cycle. Her work has been exhibited internationally at venues including the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), The World Future Energy Summit (WFES), and The Center for Architecture. Designs for novel systems have been recognized with over twenty awards, including a 1st prize from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for the Integrated Concentrating Solar Façade and Climate Camouflage systems, multiple Architect R&D for systems including the Solar Enclosure for Water Reuse (SEWR) and the Active Modular Phytoremediation System (AMPS). Multiple systems are being deployed, with the AMPS system recently installed into the Public Safety Answering Center (PSAC II) in the Bronx, included in the Best Architecture of 2017 by the Wall St. Journal, as the first full scale test of the production of fresh air from within a building through plant-based air handling systems.
SPEAKERS
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JAMIE COOK
PARTNER, KRUECK SEXTON

Since joining KSP more than two decades ago, Jamie has built enduring relationships with his clients, colleagues, and other project partners. Honest and forthright, he is an exceptional communicator who approaches his work with pragmatism and an unwavering commitment to bridging competing interests. Clients always know he has their best interests in mind.

Jamie’s impeccable organizational skills and attention to detail equip him to effectively manage complex projects simultaneously. Over the course of his KSP career, he’s worked on some of the firm’s most challenging and sensitive assignments.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of Washington and a master’s degree in architecture from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design.
RICK SULLIVAN  
DIRECTOR OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF OVERSEAS BUILDINGS OPERATIONS

Rick Sullivan is the Director of the Office of Design and Engineering at the Department of State’s Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations. He is responsible for overseeing all facets of the design, engineering, standards, and technical support of over $20B of worldwide diplomatic capital construction projects and in support of all U.S diplomatic missions.

Rick formerly was the Director of Mechanical Engineering at OBO and had various assignments as a U.S. Naval Officer. Mr. Sullivan has 20 years’ experience in the design and construction industry. He has been recognized with numerous awards for leadership and superior performance at the Department of State. He has a B.S. in Engineering from the United States Naval Academy. Rick is married to Marla Sullivan and has two children.
CURTIS CLAY
DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF OVERSEAS BUILDINGS OPERATIONS

Curtis Clay is the Director of Architecture at the Department of State’s Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations. Mr. Clay is responsible for overseeing a wide range of architectural project design functions that support the design, construction, and renovation of diplomatic posts overseas.

Mr. Clay is a licensed architect in Virginia and the District of Columbia and supervises all phases of architectural design and construction. He has over 20 years of experience in the design and construction industry including government, commercial, institutional, and private work.

OBO is the single real property manager for all U.S. Diplomatic facilities around the world, managing a portfolio of properties in over 290 locations around the world, valued at over $71 Billion. OBO’s mission is to provide safe, secure, and resilient facilities that represent the U.S. Government to the host nation and support its staff in the achievement of U.S. Foreign policy objectives.
Jason Dallara, an attorney and CPA, has been involved with the real estate industry for his entire career. For the last 20 years, he has worked with the U.S. Department of State assisting with the management of 20,000+ U.S. Embassy and Consulate properties in over 250 cities worldwide. Mr. Dallara currently serves as Director of the Office of Real Estate Acquisitions and Disposals, which is responsible for all purchases and sales of U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and other diplomatic properties overseas. These responsibilities include all site acquisitions for new Embassies as well as Asset Management activities. Mr. Dallara manages 150+ transactions in over 75 countries with a transaction value of $2 billion.

In prior roles with the State Department, Mr. Dallara served as Chief Strategist for Planning and Real Estate and led efforts such as the London Embassy relocation business case, the Radio Free Europe headquarters project in Prague, and briefings on public-private-partnerships. Mr. Dallara also served as Director of the Office of Master Planning and Evaluations which led worldwide planning and real estate evaluation efforts. Mr. Dallara is also very active in external outreach and recruiting. He has had over 20 speaking engagements at national real estate symposiums and well-known Universities. He has also helped lead his real estate group to win nine (9) national awards in the categories of Asset Management, Public Projects, Master Plans, and Best Practices.

Prior to his role in government, Mr. Dallara was a senior real estate attorney at the law firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Atlanta. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Virginia and a juris doctorate from Emory University.
FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROJECTS
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FY21 MAJOR PROJECT MILESTONES

COMPLETED PROJECTS
- U.S. Embassy Maputo, Mozambique
- U.S. Embassy Niamey, Niger
- U.S. Embassy Reykjavik, Iceland

DESIGN AWARDS
- U.S. Embassy Bangui, Central African Republic
- Chief of Mission Residence, Beijing, China
- U.S. Embassy Juba, South Sudan
- Chief of Mission Residence, Kathmandu, Nepal
- U.S. Embassy Moscow Office Annex
- Chief of Mission Residence, Nairobi, Kenya
- U.S. Embassy Port Louis, Mauritius

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS
- U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar
- U.S. Consulate General Lagos, Nigeria*
- U.S. Embassy Lilongwe, Malawi*

SITE ACQUISITIONS
- U.S. Embassy Almaty, Kazakhstan
- U.S. Embassy Amman, Jordan
- U.S. Embassy Dublin, Ireland
- U.S. Embassy Hanoi, Vietnam
- U.S. Embassy Medan, Indonesia
- U.S. Embassy Port Louis, Mauritius
- U.S. Embassy Praia, Cabo Verde
- U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- U.S. Embassy Tallinn, Estonia
- U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
FY21 ONGOING MAJOR PROJECT WORK

NEW EMBASSIES & CONSULATES

DESIGN

U.S. Embassy Brasilia, Brazil
U.S. Consulate General Curaçao
U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar
U.S. Embassy Hanoi, Vietnam
U.S. Embassy Juba, South Sudan
U.S. Embassy Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
U.S. Consulate General Lagos, Nigeria
U.S. Embassy Lilongwe, Malawi
U.S. Consulate General Medan, Indonesia
U.S. Consulate General Milan, Italy
U.S. Consulate General, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

CONSTRUCTION

U.S. Embassy Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
U.S. Embassy Athens, Greece
U.S. Embassy Beirut, Lebanon
U.S. Consulate General Casablanca, Morocco
U.S. Consulate Chiang Mai, Thailand
U.S. Embassy Colombo, Sri Lanka
U.S. Consulate General Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
U.S. Consulate General Erbil, Iraq
U.S. Embassy Guatemala City, Guatemala
U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo, Mexico
U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, India
U.S. Embassy Kampala, Uganda
U.S. Consulate General Merida, Mexico
U.S. Embassy Mexico City, Mexico
U.S. Embassy Montevideo, Uruguay – Rehabilitation
U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Kenya
U.S. Embassy Nassau, The Bahamas
U.S. Embassy New Delhi, India
U.S. Consulate General Nogales, Mexico
U.S. Embassy Stockholm, Sweden – Rehabilitation
U.S. Consulate General Sydney, Australia – Lease Fit Out
U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa, Honduras
U.S. Embassy Windhoek, Namibia
UPCOMING PROJECT MILESTONES

NEW EMBASSIES & CONSULATES

GROUNDBREAKINGS
- U.S. Embassy Bangkok, Thailand  Fall 2021
- U.S. Embassy Podgorica, Montenegro  Fall 2021
- U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  Fall/Winter 2021

TOPPING OUTS
- U.S. Consulate General Erbil  Fall 2021
- U.S. Consulate General Guadalajara, Mexico  Fall 2021

DEDICATIONS
- U.S. Embassy Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea  Fall/Winter 2021
- U.S. Embassy Maputo, Mozambique  Fall 2021
- U.S. Embassy Ankara, Turkey  Spring 2022
- U.S. Embassy Asuncion, Paraguay  Winter 2022