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# CV experts region Boston/Washington

## Keller Easterling

Keller Easterling is an architect, urbanist, and writer. Her book, *Enduring Innocence: Global Architecture and Its Political Masquerades* (MIT, 2005), researches familiar spatial products that have landed in difficult or hyperbolic political situations around the world. A previous book, *Organization Space: Landscapes, Highways and Houses in America*, applies network theory to a discussion of American infrastructure and development formats. A forthcoming book, Extrastatecraft: the Power of Matrix Space (Verso, 2013), examines global infrastructure networks as a medium of polity. Ms. Easterling is the coauthor, with Rick Prelinger, of *Call It Home: the House that Private Enterprise Built*, a laser disc history of suburbia recently released on DVD. She is also the author of a book and database titled *American Town Plans*. Easterling is a professor at Yale school of Architecture.

#### **Damon Rich**

Damon Rich is a designer and artist. In his exhibitions, graphic works, and events, sometimes produced in collaboration with young people and community-based organizations, Rich creates fantastical spaces for imagining the physical and social transformation of the world. His work represented the United States at the 2008 Venice Architecture Biennale, and has been exhibited at PS 1 Contemporary Art Center, Storefront for Art and Architecture, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, and the Netherlands Architecture Institute. In 1997, he founded the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), a nonprofit organization that uses art and design to improve civic engagement, where he was Executive Director for ten years. Damon has taught architecture and planning courses at the Cooper Union, Syracuse University, Pratt Institute, and the Parsons School of Design, and has written about architecture and politics for publications including *Perspecta*, the Nation, Domus, and *Architecture*. Damon currently serves as the Chief Urban Designer for the City of Newark, New Jersey, where he leads design efforts with public and private actors to improve the city's public spaces.

# Kairos Shen

Kairos Shen is the Director of Planning at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Boston's economic development and planning agency. He manages the BRA's planning division that include the basic functions of community planning, urban design, zoning, waterfront planning and infrastructure planning. Shen is part of the leadership team that sets the BRA's economic development and planning agenda to achieve citywide, neighborhood and economic sector growth and development in all of Boston's communities. Kairos Shen has been intimately involved in many of Boston's most important planning efforts in the last ten years. They include the Interim Guidelines for the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, the plans for East and West Fenway neighborhoods, the implementation of Boston's new \$700 million convention center, the planning of the 1000 acre South Boston Waterfront, and plans for the future of Fenway Park.

In addition to undertaking and supervising many of the planning and design studies, he regularly participates in community meetings that is essential to the success of any planning effort.





# Jonathan D Solomon

Jonathan D Solomon is Associate Dean at the School of Architecture at Syracuse University. His work explores public space and the contemporary city, through design projects such as Ooi Botos Gallery, a shophouse in a Hong Kong street market converted into a gallery for contemporary Chinese photographic art; research projects such as his 2004 book 13 Projects for the Sheridan Expressway, the 26th volume in the Pamphlet Architecture series; curatorial projects such as 2010's Workshopping in the US Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale; and publication projects through 306090 books, where he has served as a founding editor since 2001. Solomon has taught design at the City College of New York and, as a Banham Fellow, at the University at Buffalo, as well as the University of Hong Kong, where he led the Department of Architecture as Acting Head from 2009 to 2012. He is a licensed architect in the State of Illinois and Member of the American Institute of Architects.

## Alexandros Washburn

Alexandros E. Washburn is the Chief Urban Designer of the City of New York, Department of City Planning. He leads a design studio within government for projects ranging in scale from skyscrapers to micro-unit apartments and acts as the design eyes for City Planning in zoning, policy and project review. He is a graduate of the Harvard Design School, and in past lives he has been a partner at W Architecture and Landscape Architecture, the president of the Moynihan Station Redevelopment Corporation, and Environment and Public Works advisor in the United States Senate.