

Great Places – Meet the Esteemed Jury Panel

Each year, EDRA assembles a jury with diverse backgrounds in design, research, and practice. The jury evaluates how each project, no matter what the discipline, addresses the human experience of well-designed places. Special attention is paid to the transferability of research on this topic into design and planning practice. The jury will select exceptional submissions from four categories: **place design, place planning, place research, and a book prize.**

This year's panel includes Mark Gillem, University of Oregon/Urban Collaborative; Brian Orland, University of Georgia; David Rubin, Land Collective; Randa Tukan, HOK; and Jay Walljasper, writer and storyteller.



**Mark Gillem,
PhD, M.Arch.**

Professor Mark L. Gillem teaches architecture and urban design through a joint appointment in the Departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. He is the director of the PhD Program, the University of Oregon's Urban Design Lab, and the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments.

His teaching and research focus is on sustainable urbanism, which is an ecological approach to building that integrates architectural and landscape design with socio-cultural and environmental needs. In addition, he conducts post-occupancy evaluations of buildings and urban spaces using qualitative and quantitative methods. In the studio, he challenges students to balance theory and practice through the use of participatory methods in order to foster collaboration in the shaping of sustainable urban form.

He is the author of *America Town: Building the Outposts of Empire* (University of Minnesota Press, 2007), which received the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)/Places Journal/Metropolis Magazine Book Award in 2008. He is also the author or co-author of dozens of articles on sustainable urban design and numerous peer-reviewed book chapters.

He is a licensed architect, a certified planner, and a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He is also the Principal of The Urban Collaborative, an urban design firm that prepares plans and urban design policies for clients worldwide, to include the Master Plan for NASA's Johnson Space Center. His professional work has received 15 national awards and numerous regional and local awards and he has been a featured speaker at hundreds of events around the world.



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**David Rubin,
ASLA, FAAR**

David A. Rubin is the founding principal of LAND COLLECTIVE, a landscape architecture and urban design studio committed to practicing with an emphasis on socially-purposeful design strategies. 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, University of Pennsylvania School of Design, and Southern California Institute of Architecture.

David is the 2011-12 recipient of the Rome Prize in Landscape Architecture from the American Academy in Rome. His projects have received awards and honors from the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects, among others.

David founded LAND COLLECTIVE to devote himself to crafting landscapes which affect positive social change through empathy-driven design. His current commissions include a 6-acre public park in downtown Westfield, Indiana, the new Cummins Distribution Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the University of Pennsylvania's new South Bank Innovation Campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania called Pennovation Works. He also recently completed a vision study with the Mayor of Baltimore for the Bromo Arts & Entertainment District, which will begin to be implemented in spring of 2016.

Rubin's key built works include: the creation of a new campus and commons for Eskenazi Health Services Hospital, Indianapolis; the landscape at the California Memorial Stadium at the University of California in Berkeley, CA; the 3-star Sustainable Sites certified Canal Park, and the Potomac Park Levee on the National Mall, both in Washington, D.C.; and the design of Lenfest Plaza at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, PA. His studio's work includes diverse typologies in locations from Los Angeles to Rome, New York City, Washington, D.C., the Cayman Islands, Indianapolis, Saint Louis, and Philadelphia.



**Randa Tukan,
ARIDO, IDC,
NCIDQ, LEED**

Randa Tukan is a Senior Vice President, Director of Interiors for HOK's Canadian Practice and global director of hospitality, based in HOK's Toronto office.

With over 25 years of experience in interior architecture and design, both in Canada and around the world, her expertise extends far beyond the world of interiors, encompassing architecture, urban planning, landscape, and branding in a multitude of market sectors from retail to hospitality, corporate and healthcare. Her design vision is a fully integrated one, ensuring that the expectations of her clients are met and enhanced.

Randa holds a Master of Liberal Arts degree in Fine Arts from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design from the Maryland Institute College of Art. She is a member of the advisory board for Humber College interior design program, and a site visitor for the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

With a strong focus on innovative design, Randa's hospitality projects have won numerous design awards for many of the world's best-known hotel brands such as Intercontinental, Marriott, Shangri-La, and Hyatt. Her projects and ideas have been published in numerous design and travel publications including *Sleeper*, *Architizer*, *Boutique Design*, *En Route*, and *Travel & Leisure*. Her visionary hotel of the future concept, *Driftscape*, is the winner of the Radical Innovation Award for 2016.



Jay Walljasper

An award-winning writer, Jay Walljasper chronicles stories from around the world that point us toward a greener, more equitable and more enjoyable future. His focus goes beyond today's headlines to discover the surprising real life going on all around us, and to highlight everyday people who are making a difference in the world

Jay is the author of *The Great Neighborhood America's Walking Renaissance*; *Book*; *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons* and the e-book *How to Design the World for Happiness*.

He is Urban-Writer in Residence at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a Senior Fellow at Project for Public Spaces as well as a consultant on creating great communities and communications strategy. He was editor of *Utne Reader* magazine for 15 years, and a contributing editor of *National Geographic Traveler*.

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