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EDUCATION

B.A. 1962, Yale University

M. Arch. & Master of Urban Studies, 1967, Yale University

BOOKS

What Makes A Great City, Island Press, Washington DC, 2016

The American City: What Works, What Doesn't, McGraw-Hill, New York, Third Edition 2013,

The Planning Game: Lessons from Great Cities, W. W. Norton & Co., New York, 2013

Public Parks: The Key To Livable Communities, W. W. Norton & Co., New York, 2011

The American City: What Works, What Doesn't, McGraw-Hill, New York, Second Edition 2002

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space: A 21st Century Agenda, American Planning Association, 2001

Urban Parks and Open Space, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC, 1997

The American City: What Works, What Doesn't, McGraw-Hill, New York, First Edition 1996

EXPERIENCE

Yale University

1967–Present

Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning & Management

President & CEO

1980–Present

AGA Urban Realm Strategists (and predecessors)

New York City Planning Commission

1995–2005

Commissioner

NYC2012

1998–2001, 2003–2005

Managing Director of Planning & Design

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

2002–2003

Vice President for Planning, Design, and Development

Octagon Corporation

1984–1994

Developer and Property Manager of New York City Real Estate

- Managing agent for 400 to 1,000 apartments depending on the year
- President or vice president of four cooperative apartment corporations
- Responsible for planning and design of two apartment buildings (unbuilt)

New York City Planning Commission

1978–1980

Director of Comprehensive Planning

New York City Housing & Development Administration

1974–1978

Deputy Commissioner

Responsible for program development and operation of all NYC housing rehabilitation and preservation programs, including:

- J-51 Tax Exemption/Abatement Program
- Participation Loan Program
- Neighborhood Preservation Program

New York City Planning Department

1970–1974

Director, Housing & Community Development

Roy & Millard, Architects (New York, NY)

1968–1970

Design Partner

Headquarters Building of the Pennsylvania Joint Board of the Amalgamated
Clothing Workers of America

New York Urban Coalition

1969–1970

Architect-Planner

Philip Johnson & John Burgee, Architects (New York, NY)

1967–1968

Architect-Planner

Pomerance & Breines (Paris, France)

Summers 1965 & 1966

Designer

Louis de Marien (Paris, France)

1963–1964

Designer

Bureau d'Etudes Korsakoff (Saint-Forget, France)

1963-1964

Designer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Forum for Urban Design

President

2009-present

Board of Directors

2003-present

Urban Land Institute

National Fellow

1996-2004

Rose Center Advisory Board

2008-present

Trust for Public Land

National Advisory Council

1996-present

Society of American City and Regional Planning Historians

Board of Directors

2002-2008

Skyscraper Museum

Board of Directors

1997-2000

Ed Bacon Foundation

Board of Directors

2004-2008

AWARDS

AIA, New York Chapter, Award of Merit, 2012

APA, New York City Chapter, Distinguished Service Award, 2004

Municipal Art Society, Special Recognition Award, 2003

AIA, New York Chapter, Honorary Member of the New York Chapter, 2002

Municipal Art Society, New York City Masterwork Award for the Best Planning and Urban Design, presented to NYC2012 for the Olympic X Plan, 2001

AIA, Book Award in Urbanism for *The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*, 1996

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017** "An Extraordinary Plan," in *Shelby Farms Park: Elevating A City* (edited by Tom Jones), Memphis, Susan Schadt Press, 2017, pp. 88-101
- 2016** *What Makes A Great City*, Island Press, Washington DC, 2016
- 2015** "Atlanta's BeltLine: the Emerald Necklace Shaping the City's Future," *Planning Atlanta*, American Planning Association, Chicago, 2015, pp. 204-233
- 2014** "Emerald Necklace Southern Style," *Planning Magazine*, January 2014, American Planning Association, Chicago, pp. 20-27
- 2013** *The Planning Game: Lessons from Great Cities*, W. W. Norton & Company, New York 2013
- The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*, 3rd edition (updated, revised, expanded, and in full color), McGraw-Hill, New York City, 2013
- "Foreword," to *Ed Bacon: Planning, Politics, and the Building of Modern Philadelphia*, by Gregory Heller, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 2013, pp. ix-xi
- 2012** "Creating Sustainable Cities," in *Toward a More Livable World* (edited by Jerry Williams and William Forbes), Stephen F. Austin State University Press, Nacogdoches, Texas, pp. 123-131
- 2011** *Public Parks: The Key to Livable Communities*, W. W. Norton & Company, New York 2011
- 2010** "The Lindsay Years," *Architects Newspaper*, July 26-27, 2010, New York,
- "Did Christopher Tunnard Renounce Modernism?" in *Yale Constructs*, New Haven, 2009
- 2009** "Planners as Leaders," in *Local Planning: contemporary Principles and Practice*, Gary Hack, Eugenie L. Birch, Paul H. Sedway, Mitchell J. Silver (editors), University of Philadelphia Press, Philadelphia, 2008, pp. 25-33
- 2008** "Greening Cities: A Public Realm Approach," in *Growing Greener Cities*, Eugenie L. Birch and Susan M. Wachter (editors), University of Philadelphia Press, Philadelphia, 2008, pp. 60-83
- "Negotiating the Mega-Rebuilding Deal at the World Trade Center: The Historical Context," *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law*, 2008, Knoxville, pp. 15-26
- "Central Park South," *Planning Magazine*, 2008, Chicago, pp. 46-48
- 2007** "Planning for the Public Realm," in *Planetizen Contemporary Debates in Urban Planning*, Abhijeet Chavan, Christian Peralta, Christopher Steins (editors), Island Press, Washington, 2008, pp. 75-79

- 2006** "Introduction: Planning Now for the Twenty-first Century," in *Urban Planning Today*, William S. Saunders (editor), University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 2006, pp. xi-xx
- "on Sprawl: A Compact History," *Urban Design Review*, 2006, New York, pp. 4-6
- "Foreword," in *Designing Public Consensus*, Barbara Faga, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, 2006, pp. vii-xiii
- 2003** "The Second Coming of Moses," *Topic Magazine*, Issue 3, Cambridge, England, pp. 88-94
- 2002** "Philadelphia's Planner: A Conversation with Edmund Bacon," *Journal of Planning History*, Volume 1, No. 1, February, 2002, Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, pp. 58-78
- "The Art of Creating Communities," *Great Planned Communities*, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC, 2002
- The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*, 2nd edition, McGraw-Hill, New York City, 2002
- 2001** *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space: A 21st Century Agenda*, American Planning Association, Chicago
- 2000** "An Insider's View—How the Planning Game Works in the Big Apple," *PLANNING*, Volume 66, No. 3, March, 2000, American Planning Association, Chicago, pp. 4-9
- 1999** "The Writings of Clarence S. Stein: Architect of the Planned Community," *CHPC Book News*, Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York, New York, February 1999
- "A Park's Agenda for the 21st Century," *The Millennium Vision: A Supplement to Parks & Recreation Magazine*, National Recreation and Park Association, Washington, DC, 1999
- "Baton Rouge Presses Ahead to Implement Downtown Plan," *Planning*, Volume 65, No. 9, September, 1999, American Planning Association, Chicago
- "A Clearing in the Distance—Frederick Law Olmsted and America in the Nineteenth Century, A Biography by Witold Rybczynski," *Urban Land*, October 1999
- 1998** "Make No Little Plans" in *Unbuilt Cincinnati*, David R. Scheer and J.A. Chewing editors, The Cincinnati Forum for Architecture and Urbanism, Cincinnati, 1998, pp. 20-25
- "Is the New Urbanism Passé?" (with commentary by Andres Duany), *Lusk Review*, Volume IV, No 1, Spring-Summer 1998, Berkeley, California, pp. 12-32
- "Plan Baton Rouge," *Planning*, Volume 64, No. 10, October, 1998, American Planning Association, Chicago, pp. 18-20

"Are Garden Cities Still Relevant?" in *Revolutionary Ideas in Planning—Proceedings of the 1988 National Planning Conference*, AICP Press, Boston, 1998, pp. 571–574

Urban Parks and Open Space, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC, 1998

1997 "Enhancing the Public Realm" in *ULI on the Future—Creating More Livable Metropolitan Areas*, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC, 1997, pp. 28–37

"Up Close," *Planning*, Volume 63, No. 5, May, 1997, American Planning Assoc., Chicago, p. 33

"Ground Zero" and "City of Angels," *Biz*, Volume 64, No. 10, Summer, 1997, Ontario, pp. 11–19

"Fellows Forum," *Urban Land*, Volume 56, No. 10, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC, October 1997, P. 114

1996 *The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*, McGraw-Hill, NYC, 1996

"For Spacious Skies," *New York Times Book Review*, November 17, 1996, NYC

"A Conversation with Alexander Garvin," *Oculus*, Volume 58, No. 8, April, 1996, NYC, pp. 8–10

"Creating a Vibrant Area," *Los Angeles Times*, June 9, 1996, Los Angeles, p. M1 and M6

1989 "The City of Tomorrow," *World Order*, vol. 21, No. 3 + 4, Wilmette, Illinois, Spring-Summer, 1989, pp. 25–46

1985 *Action Plan for Revitalizing Palisade Avenue*, Englewood Economic Development Corporation, Englewood, NJ

1983 "We Can Solve Urban Problems," *World Order*, vol. 17, No. 2, Wilmette, Illinois, Winter 1982–1983, pp. 31–42

1981 "What We Have Learned from the Housing Allowance Experiment," *Book News*, Citizens Housing & Planning Council, New York, January 1981, pp. 8–9

"Helping Adam Smith's Invisible Hand," *Bulletin of the Association for Preservation Technology*, Vol. XIII, No. 2, International Preservationists, Washington, DC, Spring 1981, pp. 27–30

1980 "New York City's J-51: The Program that Restored 700,000 apartments," *Tax Incentives for Historic Preservation*, Gregory Andrews, editor, Preservation Press, Washington, DC, 1980, pp. 137–146

"Recycling New York," *Perspecta #16*, Journal of the Yale School of Architecture, MIT Press, Cambridge, 1980, pp.73–86

1979 *Capital Needs & Priorities for the City of New York*, Statement of the New York City Planning Commission Pursuant to Section 214(d) of the City Charter

1978 *Action Plan*, Mayor's Task Force on Loft Conversion, N.Y.C.

1977 "HDA's Loan Participation Program," *Bronx Realtor Review*, Vol. 50, No. 2, New York, 1976, pp. 8 and 33

1976 *The J-51 Handbook*, NYC Housing & Development Administration, New York

Participation Loan Program, NYC Housing & Development Administration, New York

Neighborhood Preservation Program: Annual Report, NYC Housing & Development Administration, New York

1975 "Housing Policy—The Past," *The Livable City*, Municipal Art Society, New York

1974 "Could Robert Moses Do It in the 70's," *World Order*, vol. 9, No. 1, Wilmette, Illinois, Fall, 1974, pp. 16–28

1973 *Crown Heights Area Maintenance Program (CHAMP)*, NYC Planning Dept.,

- vol. 1—*Strategy*
- vol. 2—*Facts*
- vol. 3—*Neighborhood Business Analysis*

Neighborhood Preservation in NYC, NYC Planning Dept.

Large Scale Development in NYC, NYC Planning Dept.

New Dwelling Units in NYC, 1972, NYC Planning Dept.

1972 *Infill Zoning*, NYC Planning Dept.

New Dwelling Units Completed 1921–71, NYC Planning Dept.

1971 "City Housing Crisis," *New York Law Journal*, NYC, October 20, 1971

"Welfare Island—the Island Everybody Wants," *City Notes*, Bulletin of the Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, April 1971, pp. 15–19

"More Housing Will Not Solve New York's Housing Problems," *City Notes*, Bulletin of the Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, December 1971, pp. 11–13

The Waterfront, NYC Planning Dept., 1971

- 1970** "Reducing the Cost of Housing," *City Notes*, Bulletin of the Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, March 1971, pp. 8–12
- 1969** "Fine Old Maps," *Yale Review*, Vol. LVIII, No. 4 Yale University, New Haven, pp. 620–22
- "Vincent Scully's Invitations to a Country," *The New Journal*, December 14, 1969, New Haven, p. 3
- 1968** "The Three Faces of Harlem," *World Order*, vol. 2, No. 2, Wilmette, Illinois, Winter 1967–1968, pp. 20–25