

2016 Urban Housing Forum: Room for Growth

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



David Baker FAIA | Principal, David Baker Architects

David Baker FAIA LEED AP founded San Francisco-based David Baker Architects in 1982. With a focus on sustainable affordable housing, the firm has come to be known for combining social concern with a signature design character. A leader in the affordable housing sphere, DBA has designed and built more than 8,000 affordable units in the San Francisco Bay Area and has received more than 250 local and national architectural design awards, including two ULI Global Awards for Excellence. In 2014 David was honored by the Non-Profit Housing Association as a Visionary Leader in Design and by Livable City as a Livability Innovator in Architecture and Urbanism. David Baker was selected as the AIA California Council's 2012 Distinguished Practice, in recognition of a career of dedicated commitment to the built environment. In 2010 he was given Hearthstone Builder Humanitarian Award, which honors the housing industry's 30 most influential and innovative people of the past 30 years.

From 1977 to 1982, David was principal of Sol-Arc, a firm dedicated to energy-efficient architecture. A progressive urban activist and bicyclist, he has also been a union carpenter, a teacher, and an active board member of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association). David has been dedicated to increasing the safety, sanity, and livability of San Francisco for decades through his urban housing designs and his advocacy for density, alternative transit, community engagement, and bicycle safety. Born and raised in a passive-solar rammed-earth house in Arizona of his father's design, David has held a lifelong interest in architecture, design, sustainable building, and the DIY ethic. His most recent projects are Zero Cottage—San Francisco's first net-plus Passive House certified home—and StoreFrontLab.org, an interactive exploration of the storefront as a place of community, creativity, and local industry.

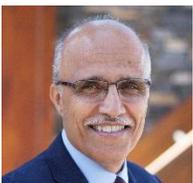
MODERATOR:



Rick Mohler AIA | Principal, Mohler + Ghillino Architects / Associate Professor of Architecture, University of Washington

Rick Mohler, AIA is a principal of Mohler + Ghillino Architects in Seattle and an Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Washington where he teaches design studio and serves as the Graduate Program Coordinator. Rick has worked for several notable firms including Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown in Philadelphia and Olson Sundberg Architects in Seattle. His work with his own firm, other firms and independent collaborations has been recognized through winning competition entries, design awards programs and publications. Rick is particularly interested in innovations in housing and urban design and he pursues these issues through both teaching and practice. His own house has been nationally recognized for housing innovation and he has explored issues related transit oriented development, housing and land use policy through a series of ongoing design studios at the UW. He is a founding co-chair of the Seattle AIA Future Shack Program, a member of the AIA Seattle Public Policy Board and a 2016 Affiliate Fellow of the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of Washington.

FORUM SPEAKERS:



Ali Modarres | Director of Urban Studies, University of Washington Tacoma

Ali Modarres is the Director of Urban Studies at University of Washington Tacoma. He earned his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Arizona and holds master and bachelor degrees in landscape architecture from the same institution. Dr. Modarres is the editor of *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning* and serves on a number of research and policy advisory boards. He specializes in urban geography and his primary research and publication interests are social and political dynamics of American cities.



Dawn Bushnaq AIA | Principal, Bushnaq Architecture + Studio

Founded in 2009, Bushnaq Studio embraces projects with challenging sites and programmatic complexity. With interests in formal and material richness; urban, social and environmental patterns; and housing and construction technology, the firm seeks to make thoughtful, responsive buildings informed by design research. The firm's Belltown Modular project, a 7-story factory-built apartment building, received the Woodworks 2015 Multistory Design Award and Honorable Mention at the 2014 AIA Seattle Honor Awards. Dawn is on the Board of Directors for the Pomegranate Center, an organization focused on "making neighborhoods more livable, sustainable, just and socially engaged". She also serves periodically as juror for design studios and awards programs. From 2009 –

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2013, Dawn was member and, then, Chair of Seattle's East Design Review Board. She holds a Master of Architecture from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies from Yale University.



Scot Carr AIA | Partner, Public47 Architects LLC

Scot Carr has a particular interest in materials and sustainable solutions to design problems. His past work ranges from a bike shop, to cancer patient housing, to a net-energy producing building in Seattle, to the design and construction of a museum in the Pike Place Market, to numerous residential and multi-family projects. With over 18 years of experience, he has completed several successful projects as architect, project manager, and builder in the tradition of architect who embraces both the theoretical and pragmatic aspects of making buildings. His previous experience welding, and working with metal and wood provides projects with valuable insights and construction efficiencies. Scot's design work has been published and exhibited in the region, and he has taught design studios at University of Washington. He lives in Capitol Hill with his wife, daughter, and son. In his spare-time, Scot enjoys competing in endurance races, having completed numerous ultramarathons and triathlons, including the Ironman World Championships in Kona, HI.



Edna Cho | Senior Housing Planner, City of Vancouver

Edna Cho is a Senior Housing Planner at the City of Vancouver. She has worked in Community Planning and Housing Policy at the City of Vancouver for more than a decade. Her experience developing and implementing policy spans the range from city-wide initiatives to grass-roots community involvement. Over the last several years, she has worked on developing key rental housing policies in Vancouver, including the Rental 100: Secured Market Rental Housing Policy, Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy, Vancouver Housing and Homelessness Strategy, and contributed to a number of housing initiatives and research projects. She holds a Master of Arts in Urban Studies from Simon Fraser University.



Rex Hohlbein | Principal, Rex Hohlbein Architects

Rex Hohlbein is a practicing architect in Seattle Washington, working as the Principal of Rex Hohlbein Architects since 1987. Born and raised in Seattle, he studied at Washington State University, receiving his Bachelor of Architecture in 1982. In 2011 he began the Facebook Community page 'Facing Homelessness' as a photo-journal project to build community awareness for those living without shelter and other basic needs. Through the sharing of photos and personal stories he highlights the unique beauty of each person, asking the viewer to break through the negative stereotype against those living on our streets. The 'Facing Homelessness' Facebook page currently has over 33,000 followers representing forty-five countries. It is a project under the nonprofit 'Facing Homelessness' of which Rex is the founding and current Executive Director.



Ray Johnston FAIA | Co-Founder, Johnston Architects

Ray Johnston was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and grew up in Tacoma, Washington. He developed an interest in the built environment as an undergraduate at Whitman College where he designed and produced theatrical sets for the Harper Joy Theater. As an architect, Ray acquired expertise in the management and design of complex private commercial projects, where the emphasis was on design quality with a careful eye toward strict time and budget constraints. Many of these projects have become award-winning successful commercial enterprises. In 1990, Ray formed Johnston Architects with a focus on residential and public projects.

To Ray, architecture is a "magnificent obsession." He built JA on the knowledge that the most successful projects stem from effective communication, skill, and attention to detail. His experience has given him the insight and ability to recognize each project as a distinct expression of its community, requiring a specific solution rather than a standard stylistic treatment.

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Bradley Khouri AIA | Principal, b9 Architects

Bradley Khouri, AIA, is the Principal and founder of b9 architects and focuses on creating positive change in the urban environment through innovative place-specific modern architecture with an emphasis on community in the work. Bradley has served on the Board of Directors of AIA Seattle and Design in Public as well as on the Seattle Planning Commission. Bradley teaches Architectural Design studios part-time at the University of Washington, College of Built Environments and serves on juries regularly. Bradley has lectured on topics including the relationship between BIM and small practice, density and housing, material sourcing and sustainability as well as community development and social connectivity in b9's work. Bradley received his Master of Architecture at Harvard University in 1996 and B.A. at Washington University in 1992 and has been practicing for 20 years, 15 years in Seattle, Washington. Outside of b9, Bradley spends time with family and friends, advocating for critical urban design issues and skiing whenever there is enough powder.



Kevin Tabari AIA | Partner, Public47 Architects LLC

Kevin Tabari, AIA is a principal and co-founder of PUBLIC47 Architects. He brings a passion for design exploration rooted in a belief that the inherent constraints and challenges associated with a project are often a source for inspiration and innovation. He is particularly interested in the challenges and opportunities associated with urban housing. He recently completed the Anhalt Apartments, a renovation and addition to an historic Capitol Hill building, which was recognized with an Award of Honor at the 2015 AIA Awards. He is currently working on mixed-use buildings in North Queen Anne and Capitol Hill. Prior to forming PUBLIC47, Kevin worked for Weinstein A+U and served as project lead on a number of notable projects, including Agnes Lofts, 2026 East Madison, and Jewish Family Service. He is a frequent critic at University of Washington, and recently instructed an architecture studio at Washington State University focused on mixed-use urban housing.



Catherine Weatbrook | Co-Chair, City Neighborhood Council & Co-Chair Urban Design and Transportation Committee, Ballard Partnership for Smart Growth

Catherine Weatbrook, an engineer who focused on user interface design and complex interactions, joined the neighborhood planning efforts in the mid 1990's. She has successfully worked with builders of residential and commercial buildings to shape the buildings to benefit their context in the community. Understanding how people interact with their environment is an important, yet frequently ignored part of developing an area. Increasing density makes thoughtfully planning for these interactions more important. Catherine continues to mentor various community based organizations on influencing change in their neighborhoods in unique ways.

FORUM PANELISTS:



Marty Curry | Affiliate Assistant Professor of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington

After 25 years as a professional planner with the City of Seattle, many of those as Director of the Seattle Planning Commission, Marty Curry has spent the past 10 years teaching in the University of Washington's Urban Design and Planning Department/College of the Built Environment. She has taught in the undergraduate and graduate programs including 3 courses in the Masters in Infrastructure Planning Program. She is particularly interested in engaging students in a collaborative learning environment that focuses on the intersection of various areas of planning and a systems approach to current and future challenges facing the planning community. In her undergraduate CEP courses students are introduced to field work in Seattle's neighborhoods, focusing on housing and livability factors. Ms. Curry has a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Washington, and has focused much of her planning career engaging citizens in a wide range of planning processes. In addition to teaching in the CEP and MIPM programs Ms. Curry does consulting with non-profit and community organizations and public agencies. From her years of public service and community volunteer work, Ms. Curry has developed knowledge and expertise in neighborhood planning, comprehensive planning, Infrastructure systems planning, sustainability, housing and human services, and public involvement and communications. Through all of these runs a theme of addressing and balancing social, environmental, and economic sustainability and justice issues.

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Liz Dunn | Principal Dunn + Hobbes

Liz Dunn holds a BMath in Computer Science from the University of Waterloo (Canada), an MBA from INSEAD (France), and an MSc in City Design from the London School of Economics. She worked in a variety of software engineering and product development roles at Microsoft, Microsoft Europe and DreamWorks Interactive, and as an independent consultant to several software and media clients, before starting her real estate development company, Dunn & Hobbes LLC, in 1997. In addition to leading the company's development projects, Liz is the founding director of the Preservation Green Lab for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a think tank that works with selected partner cities and environmental organizations around the nation on policy initiatives that incorporate reuse of existing buildings and neighborhood fabric into those cities' larger sustainability objectives - ranging from environmental performance to economic resiliency and cultural diversity. In 2011-2012, Liz is a visiting fellow to the University of Washington's Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies.



Mark Hinshaw FAIA | Chief Urban Designer for Yesler Terrace, Seattle Housing Authority / Principal, Walker Macy

Mark is a Principal Planner and Urban Designer with Walker Macy with a nationally recognized portfolio of creative and transformative urban design projects. For seventeen years prior to joining Walker Macy, Mark headed a staff of planners, architects and urban designers, developing plans for a wide range of policies, programs and projects in cities and towns throughout the greater Pacific Northwest and elsewhere in the country. This work included downtown plans, corridor plans, master plans for town centers, gateways and civic centers, urban parks, and transit-oriented development sites. It also included developing land use regulations as well as design standards and guidelines that would govern streets and private development. Mark has also occasionally worked in the public sector, most recently for Seattle Housing Authority. Mark is known nationally for his presentations, panels, books and articles about approaches to and critiques of contemporary urban design. His recent book "True Urbanism," predicted the recent and escalating rediscovery of city centers as good places to live.



Marty Kooistra | Executive Director, Housing Development Consortium

Marty Kooistra is the Executive Director for the Housing and Development Consortium of Seattle-King County. He has been a champion of community revitalization and affordable housing for over 26 years, serving in leadership roles both domestically and globally. Marty came to the Puget Sound in 2008 serving as the CEO of Habitat for Humanity Seattle-South King County. Marty began his career as founder and CEO of a successful diversified construction business. A bachelor's degree in social work allowed him to merge his passion for the built environment with his commitment to social justice and led him directly to the affordable housing sector. He was awarded an Archibald Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship for study at the Joint Center for Housing in the Graduate School of Design and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Recently, Marty served as a member of the City of Seattle Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda Committee (HALA)



David Neiman AIA | Principal, Neiman Taber Architects

David Neiman, AIA is a Partner at Neiman Taber Architects, an award winning Seattle firm specializing in urban housing with a focus on issues of livability, affordability, community, and access to housing for all. Through a combination of innovative design, involvement in public policy, and development of his own projects, David has helped to pioneer new approaches to housing in Seattle and to shape the public policy that guides its development.

Prior to founding his own firm in 2000, David was an associate architect with the Seattle Office of NBBJ, focusing on large public projects including Safeco Field and The UW Bothell Campus. David holds a B.A from the University of Washington, an M. Arch from the University of Pennsylvania, and has been a licensed architect in the state of Washington since 1997. He was a recent member of the Mayor's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) Committee and chair of the NW Seattle Design Review Board.

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Leslie Brinson Price | Senior Policy Advisor, Mayor’s Office of Policy and Innovation, City of Seattle

Leslie Brinson Price is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Mayor Murray’s Office of Policy and Innovation where she currently leads the development of housing and homelessness policy. She was also the staff lead on the Mayor’s Housing Affordability and Livability Committee, a 28 member external task force charged with developing housing strategies to address housing affordability and growth in Seattle over the next 10 years. Prior to joining the Murray administration, Leslie was a Senior Policy Analyst with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, where she developed allocation policies for Washington State’s Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Tax- Exempt Bond programs, evaluated program performance, and managed the allocation of funding. Leslie holds a master’s degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois - Chicago and a bachelor degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley.



Ed Weinstein FAIA | Principal, Weinstein A+U

Ed Weinstein is an award-winning architect who has practiced in Seattle for 45 years. He is the founding principal and design lead of Weinstein A+U. Under his direction, the firm’s portfolio includes a diverse range of projects including civic, institutional, commercial, adaptive reuse, mixed-use, and multi-family housing. Ed is recognized as one of our region’s leading designers. His firm has received 66 Seattle Chapter, Northwest and Pacific Region, and National AIA Design Awards. He is a Fellow of the AIA and received the AIA Seattle Medal of Honor, the region’s highest recognition for lifetime achievement in Architecture. Weinstein A+U’s urban housing projects range in scale from infill townhouses to high-rise apartment towers, with a special expertise in the design of “five-over-one” mixed-use projects. These projects have earned numerous design awards and have been utilized as positive exemplars for Seattle’s Design Review program. Ed Weinstein’s extensive experience with Design Review, his knowledge of housing conventions, his understanding of real estate economics, and his fundamental perceptions of the market place have combined to make him an exceptionally effective urban housing architect.