Catherine Baker — Principal, Landon Bone Baker Architects

Catherine Baker, AIA, is a partner at Landon Bone Baker Architects in Chicago. The focus of work at the firm is affordable housing and community-based design. At LBBA, Catherine manages various projects, including master planning of neighborhoods, new and renovated single-family housing, multifamily housing and daycare centers. Catherine is active in architectural education programs, focused mainly on CPS high school students. She also runs her office’s summer lab program, which employs high school students to initiate change in their neighborhood through environmental assessment studies and community asset mapping. In 2018, Catherine served as AIA Chicago Board President.

Andrew Dobshinsky — Planning Associate, OLIN

Andrew’s extensive background in digital media design and planning offers a unique perspective on planning for park systems and green infrastructure networks. He excels in finding the right analytical, communication, and graphic design tools to use with each project to best develop and achieve its individual vision. Andrew has led in developing plans for large and nationally-accredited park systems, including Dallas and Oklahoma City, and green stormwater infrastructure plans in Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Jonathan Evans — Senior Architect, MASS Design Group

Jonathan is a Senior Architect who joined MASS in 2018. Prior to MASS, Jonathan designed and managed architectural and urban design projects largely focused on public interest design. These ranged from affordable multi-family housing to urban design and planning work for non-profits and public agencies. He received his Masters in Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design where he was awarded the Alpha Rho Chi medal for leadership, service, and promise of professional merit.
Brandon Jones — Program Director of Cultural Resilience, Enterprise Community Partners

Brandon Jones is a community development practitioner with an expertise in cultural integration within urban development, and currently serves as the Program Director of Cultural Resilience for Enterprise Community Partners in the Bay area. Prior to joining the Enterprise team, Brandon was the Director of Creative Placemaking for WonderRoot, an Atlanta-based organization. Under Brandon’s leadership, the department leveraged cross-sector partnerships, civic engagement, and artistic strategies as tools for community development in the metro Atlanta region. He holds a M.A. in Cultural Sustainability and a M.A. in Business Management from Goucher College.

Michael Haggerty — Associate, Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners

Michael Haggerty, Assoc. AIA, AICP, is an Associate at Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners where he leads design and planning projects related to parks, housing, waterfronts, and resiliency. Current and recent work includes the East Harlem Resilience Study, a community vision for Carroll Park in Brooklyn, NY, and a public realm design for affordable housing developments in Brooklyn and the Bronx, NY. Michael began his career with the public art organization Creative Time in New York, and subsequently earned professional degrees in architecture and urban planning at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. Michael has also worked internationally across several countries in Asia and Africa. His work on participatory design in communities impacted by climate change in Indonesia has been widely recognized by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the SEED Award for Public Interest Design, and the American Institute of Architects of San Francisco.

Terry Schwarz — Director, Kent State – Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative

Terry Schwarz, FAICP, is the director of Kent State University’s Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC). Her work at the CUDC includes neighborhood and campus planning, commercial and residential design guidelines, and ecological strategies for vacant land reuse. Terry launched the CUDC’s Shrinking Cities Institute in 2005 to understand and address the implications of population decline and large-scale urban vacancy in Northeast Ohio. As an outgrowth of the Shrinking Cities Institute, she established Pop Up City, a temporary use initiative for vacant and underutilized sites in Cleveland. In 2009, Terry received the Cleveland Arts Prize for Design. She teaches in the graduate design curriculum for the KSU College of Architecture and Environmental Design. She has a Master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University.
Jeana Dunlap has worked extensively in local government, focusing on affordable housing finance, public infrastructure and place-based strategies for neighborhood improvement. She established the Vacant & Public Property Administration and collaborated with the Bloomberg Innovation Delivery Team to design interventions that reduce vacancy and abandonment in Louisville. In 2015, she partnered with local advocacy organizations to produce the Redlining Louisville Community Dialogue series that shed light on the history and current impacts of past and present forms of redlining practices. Jeana believes that both changing mindsets and facilitating change through the built environment are paramount to achieving vibrant communities. Jeana was a 2019 Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD).

Abe Kruger honed his expertise in sustainable construction over the last 15 years as a contractor, educator, and consultant in the residential construction industry. Abe is the cofounder of SK Collaborative, which provides consulting, design reviews and charrettes, training, and building certification under LEED for Homes, EarthCraft House, ENERGY STAR, the National Green Building Standard, and Enterprise Green Communities. SK Collaborative is currently certifying over 13,000 units of single- and multifamily housing across the country. He is the coauthor of the first residential green building textbook, Green Building: Principles and Practices in Residential Construction (Delmar/Cengage Learning).

Caroline Souza, AIA, LEED AP, is an Associate at David Baker Architects, a progressive firm based in San Francisco that creates acclaimed buildings and communities in diverse urban environments. She is the project architect for 1950 Mission Street, an 100% affordable mid-rise for local and formerly homeless families currently under construction in San Francisco’s housing-crunch Mission District, and she recently completed Five88, a 200-home workforce housing development in San Francisco that won the 2018 AIA/HUD Secretary’s Housing and Community Design Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing. Caroline has expertise in affordable, mixed-use, and modular housing, and is an active member of the Emerging Leaders Peer Network Steering Committee, which works to develop expertise and knowledge for affordable housing practitioners and advocates.
Lily Song, PhD is a Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD). Her teaching, international research, and critical scholarship focuses on community development as a heterogeneous and contested field of planning thought and practice. She is particularly interested in approaches to community development that build grassroots organizations and power, transform democratic institutions to be more accountable to poor and marginalized communities, and strengthen collective ownership and governance capacity over productive infrastructures and resources. She was previously a Provost Fellow at University College London and holds a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from MIT, where she was an active member of the Community Innovators Lab (CoLab) and MIT Energy Efficiency Strategy Project.

Jonathan Kurtz founded JKURTZ Architects in Cleveland in 2016. JKURTZ is practice in committed search for insight, beauty, and resonant meaning in relation to the places, landscapes, clients, and missions with which it is engaged. The studio produces works that manifest and generate culture. His work has received broad recognition by peers and publications for over 15 years, in which time he has led projects to win over 40 design awards. In 2012, he was the recipient of the Cleveland Arts Prize Emerging Artist Award for Architecture and recognized as one of 40 under 40 by Building Design and Construction Magazine. Jonathan holds a Master of Architecture with Distinction from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Architecture with Honors from Kent State University.

John Cary — Keynote Speaker — Author, Design for Good
John is the author of Design for Good: A New Era of Architecture for Everyone (2017) and The Power of Pro Bono (2010). In addition to his TED talk and other speaking, John frequently curates and hosts events for TED, The Aspen Institute, and other entities. A Senior Program Officer of The Audacious Project at TED, he is also a philanthropic advisor to foundations and nonprofits around the world. John is a co-founder of FRESH Speakers, Inc., a next generation speakers bureau, focused on diversifying thought leadership. A native of Milwaukee, Wis., John lives in a cohousing community in Oakland, Calif., with his partner and wife, author Courtney E. Martin, and their two daughters.

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