

# THOMAS J. CAMPANELLA

## FACULTY POSITIONS

*Associate Professor / Director of Undergraduate Studies*

**Cornell University** Architecture, Art + Planning, Department of City and Regional Planning (2013 - present)

*Assistant / Associate / Full Professor*

**University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill** Department of City and Regional Planning (2002 - 2013)

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**Harvard University Graduate School of Design** Department of Urban Planning and Design (2008)

*Lecturer*

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Department of Urban Studies and Planning (2001 - 2002)

## CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

*Historian-in-Residence*

**New York City Department of Parks and Recreation** Appointed by Commissioner Silver in June, 2016 (current)

## EDUCATION

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

PhD (1999), History of Urbanism and Landscape, College of Architecture and Planning

**Cornell University**

MLA (1991), Graduate Program in Landscape Architecture, College of Architecture, Art and Planning

**SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry**

BS Environmental Studies (1986), Faculty of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Studies

## FELLOWSHIPS

**James Marston Fitch Fellowship** J. M. Fitch Foundation (2013)

**Rome Prize Fellowship** The American Academy in Rome (2011)

**Guggenheim Fellowship** John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (2009 - 2010)

**Fulbright Fellowship** United States Institute of International Education (1999 - 2000)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

**Brendan Gill Prize** The Municipal Art Society of New York (finalist, 2020)

**Spiro Kostof Book Award** The Society of Architectural Historians (2005)

**F. A. de Montequin Prize** The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (2003)

**John Reys Prize for Best Dissertation** The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (1999)

**Outstanding Article Award** Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Journal (1994)

**Michael Rapuano Memorial Medal** Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art + Planning (1990)

## PUBLISHED WORK

AUTHORED

***Brooklyn: The Once and Future City*** (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

***The Concrete Dragon*** (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2008)

***Republic of Shade: New England and the American Elm*** (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003)

***Cities from the Sky: An Aerial Portrait of America*** (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2001)

EDITED

***The Freedom of the City*** (Princeton University Press, forthcoming 2021). Reprint of Charles Downing Lay's 1926 classic; edited with an introduction and afterword by Thomas J. Campanella.

***The Resilient City: How Modern Cities Recover from Disaster*** (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005). Co-edited with preface and conclusion by T. J. Campanella and Lawrence J. Vale.

## CHAPTERS

- "Saved By a Salt Marsh," in Frederick R. Steiner, et al., ed., ***Design With Nature Now*** (Cambridge: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2019)
- "The Bucks Stopped Here: From Yeoman Lung to Kongjian Yu," in Michael Sorkin, ed., ***Letters to the Leaders of China: Kongjian Yu and the Future of the Chinese City*** (New York: Urban Research, 2018)
- "Schleptropolis" and "Empire of Brownstone and Brick" in Rebecca Solnit and Joshua Jelly-Schapiro, eds., ***Nonstop Metropolis*** (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016)
- "Sprawl of the Century," in Joel Kotkin and Alan Berger, eds., ***Infinite Suburbia*** (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2017)
- "The Spatial Ecology of the New York Elevated," in C. Bauer and R. Fletcher, eds., ***Under the Elevated: Reclaiming Space, Connecting Communities*** (New York: Design Trust for Public Space, 2015), pp. 15-19
- "Jane Jacobs and the Death and Life of American Planning," in Tim Mennel and Max Page, eds., ***Reconsidering Jane Jacobs*** (APA Planners Press, 2011), pp. 141-179
- "Urban Resilience" (with David R. Godschalk), in Rachel Weber and Randall Crane, eds., ***The Oxford Handbook of Urban Planning*** (Oxford University Press, Fall 2011)
- "'As a Witness Upon the Field of History'," in David Gobel and E. G. Daves Rossell, eds., ***Commemoration and the American City*** (University of Virginia Press, 2013).
- "Hillsborough in Time and Space: A View From Afar," in ***27 Views of Hillsborough: A Southern Town in Prose and Poetry*** (Eno Publishers, 2010), pp. 81-89
- "Recovering New Orleans," in ***Planetizen's Contemporary Debates in Urban Planning*** (Island Press, 2007), pp. 110-116
- "Transplanting the New Jersey Turnpike to China," in Joseph Rykwert and Tony Atkin, eds., ***Structure and Meaning in Human Settlements*** (University of Pennsylvania, 2005), pp. 293-306
- "Eden by Wire: Webcameras and the Telepresent Landscape," in Goldberg, ed., ***The Robot in the Garden*** (MIT, 2000). Reprinted in Graham, ***The Cybercities Reader*** (Routledge, 2004), pp. 57-63
- "Anti-Urbanist City Images and New Media Culture," in Lawrence Vale and Sam Bass Warner, eds., ***Imaging the City: Continuing Struggles and New Directions*** (Rutgers, 2001), pp. 237-254
- "Sir Norman Foster's Unexpected Guests," in Akiko Busch, ed., ***Design Is*** (Princeton, 2001), pp. 202

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Profile: John W. Reps." ***Journal of Planning Education and Research*** 36:1 (Fall 2015), pp 514-517
- "Playground of the Century: A Political and Design History of New York City's Greatest Unbuilt Park." ***Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*** 72:2 (June, 2013), pp. 189-204
- "Mimetic Utopias: Themeing and Consumerism on China's Suburban Frontier." ***New Geographies*** Volume 1 (Spring 2009), pp 78-87
- "'Mark Well the Gloom': Shedding Light on the Great Dark Day of 1780." ***Environmental History*** 12:1 (January 2007), pp 35-58
- "Longer View: Urban Resilience and the Fate of New Orleans." ***Journal of the American Planning Association*** 72:2 (Spring 2006), pp 1-6 (co-authored with Phillip Berke)
- "Planning for Postdisaster Resiliency." ***Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*** 604 (March 2006), pp 192-207
- "'The Civilizing Road': American Influences on the Development of Highways and Motoring in China, 1900-1949." ***Journal of Transport History*** 26:3 (March 2005), pp 87-98
- "'A Welcome Alternative to City Life': Perspectives on China's Suburban Revolution." ***Urban Design International*** 1:2 (Fall 1996), pp. 112-119
- "Sanctuary in the Wilderness: Deborah Moody and the 1643 Town Plan for Colonial Gravesend." ***Landscape Journal*** 12:2 (Fall 1993), pp. 106-130

## ESSAYS AND CRITICISM

- "How Life in Our Cities Will Look After the Coronavirus Pandemic," ***Foreign Policy*** (1 May, 2020)
- "Ballyhoo on the Hudson: New York's Floating-Billboard Problem," ***The New Yorker*** (18 Sept, 2019)
- "Robert Moses on the Heights," ***New York Magazine*** (23 July, 2019)
- "Opinion: Watering New York's Transit Deserts," ***New York Times*** (13 August, 2018)

"Broom With a View," **Slate** (16 April, 2018)

"Brooklyn's Levittown Before the Levitts," **Citylab** (04 January, 2018)

"Under a Tungsten Sun: Mapping the Edison Bulbs of Brooklyn," **Citylab** (24 October, 2017)

"How Low Did He Go?: Robert Moses and the Bridges of Nassau County," **Citylab** (10 July, 2017)

"After 75 Years, the Cheese Stands Alone." **New York Times** (17 July, 2016), MB1

"New York's Washington Monument." **Wall Street Journal** (14 May, 2014)

"Robert Moses, Peddle Pusher?" **Wall Street Journal** (26 June, 2012), D5

"The Rise and Fall of Edward G. Lawson." **Landscape Architecture** (March, 2012), pp. 120-127

"Art at the Scale of Landscape." **Wall Street Journal** (September 17-18, 2011), C13

"The Roman Roots of Gotham's London Plane." **Wall Street Journal** (20 July, 2011), D5

"Icon of a Fair, a Borough, the World." **Wall Street Journal** (11 September, 2010), W13

"Portal to the Future: Shanghai World Expo 2010." **Architectural Record** (August 2010), pp. 52-134

"China: As We Once Were." **Journal of Architectural Education** 63:2 (March 2010), pp. 63-64

"After the Inferno." **Obit** (February, 2009 – excerpted in **Wall Street Journal** on 3 March, 2009)

"China's Global Beacon" (with Wu Wei). **Metropolis** (December 2006), pp. 40

"Steve Nygren's Workable Utopia." **Metropolis** (May 2006), pp. 48-52

"The Great Egg of Beijing." **Wired** 12:6 (June 2004), pp. 31

"Sir Gordon Wu's American Dream." **Harvard Asia-Pacific Review** 7:1 (2003), pp. 91-94

"Schooled in Design." **Wired** 10:11 (November 2002), pp. 94

"Henry David Thoreau and the Yankee Elm." **Arnoldia** 61:2 (Fall 2001), pp. 112-119

"New Life for an Old Airport." **Architecture** (May 2001), pp. 96-97

"Jin Mao Tower, Shanghai." **Architectural Record** (January 2000), pp. 82-89

"Terminal Bliss." **Wired** 8:11 (November 2000), pp. 88

"Hupcapitalism." **Wired** 8:09 (September 2000), pp. 79

"Kuala Lumpur International Airport." **Architectural Record** (July 2000), pp. 150-153

"Shanghai - Pudong International Airport." **Architectural Record** (July 2000), pp. 160-162

"Portal Call." **Wired** 8:05 (May 2000), pp. 76

"Let a Hundred Subdivisions Bloom." **Metropolis** (May 1998), pp. 19, 28-29

"The Rugged Steed: Mythologies of the SUV." **Harvard Design Magazine** 1:3 (1997), pp. 29-32

"American Curves." **Harvard Design Magazine** 1:2 (Summer 1997), pp. 40-43

"(Re)placing the City of Bricks." **Wired** 5:10 (October 1997), pp. 117-118

"Who Says the Net Makes Cities Obsolete?" / "Be There Now" **Salon** (August, 1997)

"The Lost Creek." **Terra Nova: Nature and Culture** 1:4 (Fall 1996), pp. 112-119

"The Visible City: Mexico City." **Metropolis** (September 1996), pp. 27-32

"The Visible City: Shanghai." **Metropolis** (March 1995), pp. 33-38

"China's Gardens of Time and Space." **Places** 10:1 (Summer 1995), pp. 4-7

"Reckoning with a Tragedy in Concrete." **Metropolis** (July / August 1995), pp. 11, 15-16

"Pipe Life." (with Shrinath Tandur) **Metropolis** (March 1995), pp. 76-77

"The Greening of China." **Metropolis** (March 1995), pp. 35, 38

"Battlewagons of Suburbia." **Metropolis** (January 1995), pp. 47-49

"Bomb Crater Fish Ponds in Vietnam." **Places** 9:3 (Fall 1994), pp. 48

"A Moth Flies in Brooklyn." **Orion: People and Nature** (Autumn 1994), pp. 18-19

"Transforming the Good Earth." **Landscape Architecture** 84:6 (June 1994), pp. 38-39

"Public Landscapes of the Pacific." **Landscape Architecture** 84:8 (August 1994), pp. 48-50

## BOOK REVIEWS

Ethan Carr, *Mission 66: Modernism and the National Park Dilemma* (University of Massachusetts, 2007), *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* 69:1 (March 2010), pp. 117-118

Karl Haglund, *Inventing the Charles River* (MIT, 2002), *New England Quarterly* (March 2003), pp. 137

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"Utopian Cities." In D. Goldfield, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Urban History* (Sage, 2007)

"Edward J. Logue." In D. Goldfield, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Urban History* (Sage, 2007)

"Soul City." In S. Reich, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration* (Greenwood, 2006)

"Elm Street." In Feintuch and Watters, eds., *Encyclopedia of New England Culture* (Yale, 2005)

## GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Thomas J. Campanella, *Autosopia* AAP Cornell – West Sibley Hall Gallery (23 April – 13 May, 2017)

Charles Giraudet, *Goldwater: Autopsy of a Hospital* AAP Cornell - Bibliowicz Gallery (Oct – Nov 2016)

Alan Turner, *Sanctuary* AAP Cornell - Bibliowicz Gallery (September - October 2015)

## EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Short-Term Research Fellowship **New York Public Library** (2010)

John Nolen Fund Research Grant **Cornell University** (2010 / 2009)

Summer Research Stipend **National Endowment for the Humanities** (2009)

Benjamin Franklin Research Grant **American Philosophical Society** (2009)

Project Research Grants **Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts** (2003 / 2000 / 1995)

New England Regional Consortium Fellowship **Massachusetts Historical Society** (2003 - 2004)

Robert J. Eidlitz Traveling Fellowship **Cornell University** College of Architecture, Art and Planning (1990)

E. Gorton Davis Traveling Fellowship **Cornell University** Landscape Architecture Program (1990)

## DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

**AAP Dean Search Committee** Cornell College of Architecture, Art and Planning (2017-2018)

**Cornell-NYC Visioning Committee** Cornell University (2018)

**Director of Urban and Regional Studies Program** Cornell University (current)

**Director of Graduate Admissions** UNC Department of City and Regional Planning (2011 - 2013)

**Chancellor's Committee on Buildings and Grounds** University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (2004 - 2013)

**Campus Arts Advisory Committee** University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (2008 - 2013)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Friends of the Lott House** Board member, Brooklyn, NY (2014 - present)

**Town Planning Board** Planning commissioner for Town of Hillsborough, NC (2005 - 2011)

**Orange County Rail Station Task Force** Led rail station site analysis and selection process (2008 - 2010)

**Triangle Transit Authority** Member of Artist Selection Committee, Art-In-Transit Program (2004)

**Durham Area Designers** Assisted in planning several community design charrettes (2002 - 2004)

**Habitat for Humanity of Orange County** Moderated community meetings for Sunrise Road project (2004)

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Council member **Society of Fellows** The American Academy in Rome (2019 - present)

Jury Member **2019 Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award** Society for Architectural Historians (2018)

Jury Member **John Reps Prize for Best Dissertation** Society for American City and Regional Planning History

Editorial Advisory Board Member **Journal of the American Planning Association**

Contributing Editor **Places: Design Observer**

Manuscript Reviewer **Yale University Press**

## INVITED LECTURES

- Brooklyn Historical Society** "Brooklyn: Field of Dreams" (November 2019)
- The Gotham Center for New York City History** "Brooklyn: The Once and Future City" (October 2019)
- The Tompkins Center for History and Culture** "Brooklyn: The Alchemy of Identity" (December 2019)
- University of Pennsylvania** "Saved by a Salt Marsh." Design with Nature Now Conference (June 2019)
- Cornell AAP + Atkinson Center** "Monuments and the Alchemy of Offense." Atkinson Forum in American Studies: Place, Memory, and the Public Monument (November 2018)
- University of California - Berkeley** "Vast Designs and Expectations: The US, China and the Politics of Getting Things Done." He Jingtang Architecture Exhibition and Sino-US Architecture Forum (August 2018)
- American Planning Association - Missouri State Chapter** "The Gavel and the Sledgehammer." Missouri Planning Conference 2017 (October 2017)
- Columbia GSAPP** "Brooklyn and the Architecture of Aspiration." Lectures in Planning Series (October 2017)
- Roosevelt Island Historical Society** "How Jamaica Bay Nearly Became a Great World Port." (June 2017)
- Brooklyn College** "Across the Tudor Plain." Building the Outer Boroughs Conference (March 2017)
- Kansas State University** "Nature, Race and the Origins of the American Highway." Ekdahl Distinguished Lecturer (October, 2016)
- Beijing Forum 2015** "The Rise, Fall and Renewal of American Urbanism – A Cautionary Tale." Keynote speaker – Forum 2015: Harmony of Civilizations (November, 2015)
- National Association for Olmsted Parks** "The Bridge." Keynote speaker - Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.: Inspirations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (October, 2013)
- Historic Districts Council** "The Parkway and the Plane Tree." The Great Outside: Preserving Public and Private Open Spaces – Cooper Union (March, 2012)
- Rice Design Alliance** "China, America, and the Urbanism of Ambition." Keynote speaker - Chinese Architecture + Urbanism (Houston / Dallas / Austin, September – October, 2011)
- American Academy in Rome** "From Rome to Robert Moses." Patricia H. Labalme Friends of the Library Lecture (November 2011)
- Preservation North Carolina** "Life in the Past Lane: History, Preservation and the Creative Economy." Keynote speaker – Preservation North Carolina Annual Conference (October 2010)
- The Cultural Landscape Foundation** "American Curves: The Public Works Legacy of Clarke and Rapuano." Shaping the American Landscape: New York and Region (October 2009)
- University of California - Berkeley** "The China Challenge." Keynote speaker - Opening the Gates: A Critical Appraisal of China's Urban Development Practices (February 2009)
- University of Pennsylvania** "Mimesis and Memory on China's Suburban Frontier." Provost's Seminar on Historical Memory, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation (February 2009)
- Columbia Business School - Paul Milstein Center for Real Estate** "The Concrete Dragon." Featured author - Discussion Across Disciplines: An Academic Roundtable (September 2008)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies** Respondent – Preparing for China's Urban Billion - A Research Report by the McKinsey Global Institute (May 2008)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** "China and the Urbanism of Ambition." Changing Cities: Celebrating 75 Years of Planning Better Futures at MIT (April 2008)
- University of Michigan** "Utopia on the Outskirts: Emergent Suburbia in Post-Mao China." Keynote speaker – Global Suburbs Conference - Taubman College of Architecture and Planning (March 2008)
- Università IUAV di Venezia** "Reclaiming Shanghai: Urban Choreography and the Borrowed City." Conferenze 2007: 5 Città / 5 Progetti, Faculty of Architecture (April 2007)
- Tulane University** "Historical Perspectives on Urban Resilience." How Cities Respond to Disaster: A Panel Discussion on Urban Resiliency (March 2006)
- German Historical Institute** "Nature, Nationalism and the Origins of Elm Street." The Place of Nature in the City in Twentieth-Century Europe and North America (November 2005)
- National Building Museum** "Urban Resilience and Post-Katrina New Orleans." New Orleans: Building in the Aftermath (November 2005)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** "September 11<sup>th</sup> and the City." The Resilient City: Trauma, Recovery and Remembrance (February 2002)

**Institute for Cultural Landscape Studies - Arnold Arboretum** "Republic of Shade: New England and the American Elm." Public Lecture Series (December 2001)

**Municipal Art Society of New York** "Sky Pictures: The Fairchild Air Survey Company." Lecture Series 2001)

**Korea Development Institute - Center for Global and Urban Dynamics** "Science Parks and the Regional Context." International Symposium on Seoul Digital Media City (May 2001)

**University of Pennsylvania School of Design** "Exploring China's Post-Mao Landscapes." Structure and Meaning in Human Settlements (October 2000)

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** "Anti-Urbanism and the Image of the City in New Media Culture." Digital Cities: Urban Environments and Interactive Technologies (September 1998)

**Radcliffe Seminars - Radcliffe College** "Sanctuary in the Wilderness: Deborah Moody and the Town Plan for Colonial Gravesend." Women Land Design Symposium (April 1993)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS**

**Leonard Lopate At-Large** Interviewed on WBAI radio about urban and landscape history of Brooklyn (2019)

**Citizen Jane: Battle for the City** Featured expert in documentary film about Jane Jacobs (November 2016)

**Echo of Moscow 91.2FM** Guest on "District Quarter" program on architecture and urbanism (October 2013)

**KPOJ 620AM** Discussed rapid Chinese urbanization on Portland, Oregon talk radio show (June 2008)

**Canada Television** Guest on "Canada AM" to discuss Wenchuan Earthquake in China (May 2008)

**UNC-TV** Interviewed on "North Carolina Now" about urban recovery and resilience (September 30, 2005)

**Smart City Radio** Guest on program about resilience and rebuilding New Orleans (September 19, 2005)

**WBUR Boston** "On Point with by Tom Ashbrook" interview on planning New Orleans (September 1, 2005)

**Seattle Public Radio** Guest on KUOW "Conversation" program about New Orleans (September 2, 2005)

**North Carolina Public Radio** Guest on "State of Things" program on street name politics (June 23, 2003)

**Wisconsin Public Radio** Guest on "Best of Our Knowledge" program on trees and culture (August 3, 2003)

**BBC Television** Featured expert in "Cities of the Future" documentary about the rebirth of Shanghai (1995)

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK**

**United States Consulate – Yekaterinburg, Russia** Advised city planning and preservation officials in Perm, Russia on a range of issues confronting this post-industrial metropolis on the edge of Siberia (2013)

**Hillsborough - Orange County Rail Station** Prepared master plan for a mixed-use, transit-centered development in downtown Hillsborough, North Carolina, anchored by a new Amtrak station (2009 - 2010)

**Seoul Digital Media City** Contributed to conceptual design and development of commercial core and "Digital Media Street" in Digital Media City, a major new town in Seoul, South Korea (2001-2002)

**Project 2022: Strategies for a Competitive Hong Kong** Coordinated writing and production of a commissioned report on Hong Kong's role in the greater Pearl River Delta regional economy (2000)

**The Chinese University of Hong Kong** Developed open space and viewshed master plan for 339-acre Shatin, Hong Kong campus on behalf of the Campus Development Office (1995)

**City of Suzhou Canal Revitalization Study** Led an international team of consultants to develop strategies to clean and restore the ancient canal system of Suzhou, People's Republic of China (1995)

**Metropolitan Bangkok Strategic Planning Project** Assisted in developing land use and urban design plans for a series of satellite new towns in metro Bangkok for the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (1994)

**Deloitte, Touche, Tohmatsu** Reviewed environmental impact statements from Boston's Central Artery and Prudential Center Redevelopment as prototypes for EIS initiative of Tokyo Metropolitan Government (1993)

**Cornell University Office of Transportation Services** Developed Cornell's first campus bikeway plan, "Cornell Cycles: A New Call for Transportation Alternatives," using analysis of use patterns and Cornell Bicycle Survey (1991)

**Office of Roger Trancik FASLA** Developed growth management plan for Yates County, New York, outlining strategies to encourage economic development while preserving pristine rural landscapes (1990)

**EDAW, Inc.** Assisted with development of parks and urban design projects, including historical research for Arverne oceanfront community in Queens, New York (1989 Summer Intern Program)

The Olmsted Center **New York City Department of Parks and Recreation** Prepared drawings for Cobble Hill Park and south entrance of Flushing Meadow Park; researched plants for restoration of Alley Pond Park (1988)