

# LARISSA BEGAULT

BA (Hons) AA Dipl ARB MA

**Urbanist and Architect**

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As an urbanist and architect with 6 years+ experience, my experience in design and applied research targets supporting inclusion in public spaces. I have worked at the intersection of public space development and broad issues such as health equity, climate justice and safety. My practice includes multi-method research, local engagement, on-the-ground data collection, design strategy and policy recommendation to reconcile the often understated relationship between physical, social and political structures that play out in space, in order to make the urban process and resultant spaces more just.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2019 -Present  
New York

### **PRINCIPAL, MAKE PUBLIC**

wemakepublic.com

Founding partner of Make Public, a consulting firm focussing on social impact assesment of the public realm towards justice. As principal, I am charge of business development, managing client relationships and project delivery. Projects include:

#### **Center for Court Innovation and Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice - Participatory Evaluation**

- Created a participatory research framework to assess the social impact of 15 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design projects.

- Designed data collection tools including intercept survey and observations and trained community managers in data collection and analysis.

#### **NUMO Alliance - Toolkit for Just, Joyful and Sustainable Tech-Disruptive Mobility Pilots**

- Created the framework architecture of a toolkit to support decision makers on tech-disruptive mobility pilot projects to ensure outcomes that make cities just, joyful and sustainable.

#### **Rebuild by Design - Social Resilience Framework**

- Researched, created and applied a framework to align, track and assess public space project and engagement for Singapore's climate adaptation strategy.

2017 -2019  
New York

### **RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, GEHL INSTITUTE**

www.gehlinsitute.org

As a Senior Research Associate, I lead qualitative research, conceptualized and implemented evaluation frameworks, designed research tools, drafted policy memos and recommendations, and engaged with stakeholders and communities through workshops and convenings. Projects include:

#### **Public Life in Climate Adaptations Planning**

- Lead the research process and deliverable of social indicators framework that places social resilience as central to the success and sustainability of climate adaptation projects. Research included: stakeholder interviews, national policy and initiative scan and analysis, local case study analysis and secondary research.

#### **Inclusive Healthy Place Framework (IHP):**

- Participated in the 2 year research process and co-wrote the final report. Drafted policy memos on issues of inclusion and health in public spaces and an analysis of existing frameworks around health and place, as well as supporting evidence from secondary social research on the correlation between health and the public environment.

2015 - Present  
New York

### **MEMBER, IN•SITECOLLABORATIVE**

www.insitecollaborative.com

Co-founder of a multidisciplinary collective that uses research, communication and design to makes urban development more transparent, participatory and equitable.

#### **Philadelphia Assembled mural**

- Conceptualized and delivered a mural mapping historical and current community led resistance in Philadelphia as part of a larger art as social practice initiative, Philadelphia Assembled. The accumulated urban art interventions and mural were exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

## WORK EXPERIENCE (Continued)

- 2015- Present**  
New York      **ADJUNCT FACULTY, PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN**  
- Developed the syllabus a taught the course Visualizing Urban Change for Environmental Studies and Urban Design students.
- 2015 - 2017**  
New York      **POST GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW, THE HEALTHY MATERIALS LAB**  
[www.healthymaterialslab.org](http://www.healthymaterialslab.org)  
- Developed an engagement tool that support healthier choices for small scale renovations in NYCHA developments.  
- Researched and communicated 3 in depth case studies of best practices in the affordable housing sector.  
- Developed an online course on the issues of health and materials and ways to change practice in the design field.
- 2014**  
New York      **PROJECT ASSISTANT, WE ACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**  
[www.weact.org](http://www.weact.org)  
- Advised on RFP development for the transformation of a Marine transfer station in Harlem to better serve the community and address the waterfront as a dynamic public area.
- 2010 - 2013**  
London      **ARCHITECT, FEILDEN FOWLES ARCHITECTS**  
[www.feildenfowles.co.uk](http://www.feildenfowles.co.uk)  
- Delivered residential private development and oversaw the works from RIBA Stage A-L as well as developed masterplans for two school campus.
- 2007**  
Havana      **URBAN + COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCHER, CENTRO NACIONAL DE CONSERVACION, RESTAURACION Y MUSEOLOGIA (CENCREM)**  
[www.cencrem.co.cu](http://www.cencrem.co.cu)  
- Developed a strategic economic, social and spatial proposal for an under-served municipality of Havana with CENCREM - a UNESCO platform for Caribbean islands.
- 2007**  
Santiago      **PROGRAM ASSISTANT, LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN AND ASIAN SOCIAL HOUSING SERVICE**  
[www.selavip.org](http://www.selavip.org)  
- Assisted on the management and administration of the organization by investigating, analyzing and choosing various proposal for emergency housing schemes worldwide.

## SKILLS

- Language**      Bilingual French and English, fluent Spanish.
- Research**      Qualitative and quantitative research and analysis, secondary and archival, policy research, ethnography, site mapping, observation and analysis.
- Computer**      Adobe Suite, Microsoft Suite, Vector Works 2D and 3D, Microstation 2D and 3D, Autocad, Sketchup.

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2015**  
New York      **MA Theories of Urban Practice**  
Parsons The New School for Design
- 2013**  
London      **RIBA Part III - Architectural Practice**  
London Metropolitan University
- 2010**  
London      **RIBA Part II and AA Architecture Diploma**  
Architectural Association
- 2007**  
Brighton      **RIBA Part I and BA Honours Architecture**  
Brighton University

## EXHIBITIONS + CONFERENCES

- Irresistible Resistance*, Earth Week panel, the Tishman Environment and Design Center, The New School, April 2016
- Actionable Theory*, Parsons Festival, Industry City, NYC, May 2015
- Perpetual Renewal: Investigating Urban Renewal in the Lower East Side*, Parsons The New School for Design + 596 Acres, Governor's Island, NYC, August 2014.
- Fear: Mechanisms of Belonging*, LONDON +10 Exhibition, Architectural Association Gallery, London, February 2010.

## PUBLICATIONS + PRESS

- Begault and Gardner, "How Better Urban Planning Can Improve Gender Equality" in *Behavioural Scientist*, April 9, 2019.
- Begault and Borowicz, "Methodologies for Reconstructing New Landscapes of Consumption and Production" in *Urban Creativity Scientific Journal*, #1 issue, 2015.
- Warekar, Tanay, "Reclaiming Williamsburg Through Walking Workshops" in *Greenpoint Gazette*, April 1 2015  
Features interview excerpts and description of walking workshops
- "Fear: Mechanisms of Belonging" in *London + 10* ed. Carlos Villanueva Brandt. London: Architectural Association Publications, 2010.  
Features architecture Diploma Thesis project.