

SKYLAR BISOM-RAPP

GET GO GROUP, CO-FOUNDER

PROFILE

Skylar is a designer, planner, and economic development professional living in Ellensburg Washington. He is an Associate Principal at Practice for Architecture and Urbanism (PAU) in New York, where he works on a broad range of projects from storefront cultural spaces to neighborhood-scale master plans. In 2020, he co-founded Get Go Group with Molly McNamara to pursue projects that marry design ambition and contextual sensitivity while blurring the lines between disciplines in the development process. Skylar also writes, speaks, and teaches courses on cities and the role of design and planning professionals.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture

Columbia University, 2016

Master of Science in Real Estate Development

Columbia University, 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

University of California, Berkeley, 2012

SKILLS + QUALIFICATIONS

Real estate financial and market analysis, GIS mapping, web design (html, php, css, javascript), photography, 3D modeling, research and writing, basic woodworking and welding, proficient Spanish

RECOGNITION

- » William Kinne Traveling Fellowship, 2015
- » CURE Award for Transdisciplinary Work, 2015
- » Glascock & van Buren Graduate Fellowship, 2014
- » UC Berkeley CED Undergraduate Thesis Prize, 2012
- » Fong & Chan Architects, Merit Scholar, College of Environmental Design, 2011

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Practice for Architecture and Urbanism (PAU), New York, NY

Associate Principal (2023-Present); Senior Associate (2020-2023); Senior Strategist (2017-20); Strategic Analyst (2015-17)

- » Led a team for a rezoning and master plan for a 2,000-unit affordable housing project in East New York, Brooklyn.
- » Project manager for a 1.9m million SF waterfront redevelopment master plan in Sydney, Australia for the Lendlease Group.
- » Senior planning oversight for PAU's ongoing, as-needed, planning services in the Corktown neighborhood of Detroit, MI for the Ford Motor Company following PAU's master plan for their acquisition of Michigan Central Station.
- » Advised a client group pursuing a 600-acre transit-oriented brown field development site in Orange County, CA for mixed-use walkable community.
- » Provided historical research, writing, and economic development analysis for 20 state-owned parcels in Downtown Niagara Falls, NY, for the Empire State Development Corporation. Interviewed several local hotel developers to advance new hospitality concepts for the classic road trip destination, including glamping, lodges, and vacation rentals.
- » Project managed the design and engineering teams of the 180-acre Sunnyside Yard Master Plan in Queens, NY leading the integration of work from 14 different sub-consultants and serving as the lead author and editor for the final planning documents.

Pollen Architecture & Design, Austin, TX

Design & Development Analyst, Summer 2015

- » Produced a feasibility study for the now-realized Next Door Creative Offices in Austin, Texas
- » Guided the Pollen team on real estate metrics for the office's first design/development project; performed market and zoning analysis, built the proforma and participated in concept design for the 25,000 SF creative office development.

Estudio Teddy Cruz, San Diego, CA

Intern, 2011-2012

Florman Architects, San Diego, CA

Intern, 2005-2008

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture Planning & Preservation, New York, NY

- » Adjunct Associate Professor, Theories of City Form, 2016-2019; Design, Density & Delirium: The New York Alternatives Workshop, 2018
- » Teaching Assistant, Architectural Drawing & Representation I & II, 2013-2014

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS + PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- » "How to Make Room for One Million New Yorkers," by Vishaan Chakrabarti for The New York Times, December 30, 2023. Data analytics and site selection criteria development.
- » "The Right to the Right of Way," Exterior Interiors: Rethinking City Streets, Center for Architecture, New York, NY, January 12, 2021.
- » 'I've Seen a Future Without Cars, and It's Amazing', by Farhad Manjoo with The New York Times, July 9, 2020. Team lead for concept, animation, and illustrations.
- » "Infrastructure for People: Long-term Planning at Sunnyside Yard," American Society of Civil Engineers / Institute of Transportation Engineers Joint Webinar, September 16, 2020.
- » "A Public Future for Sunnyside Yard: Long-Term Planning for the Next Century" with Adam Meagher, former Director of the Sunnyside Yard, Feb. 25, 2020, Center for Architecture, New York, NY.

