

Georgeen Theodore

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Professor Theodore focuses on the relationship between strategic planning and local development

Biography

Georgeen Theodore is an architect, urban designer, and Professor at New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Architecture and Design, where she directs the Master of Infrastructure Planning (MIP) program. Theodore is founding partner and principal of Interboro, a New York City-based architecture and planning research office. Since its founding in 2002, Interboro has worked with a variety of public, private, and not-for-profit clients, and has accumulated many awards for its innovative projects, which are listed below. Prior to co-founding Interboro, Georgeen participated and led large-scale mixed-use and waterfront projects nationally and internationally, including the Governors Island Development Framework Plan, San Pedro Waterfront Plan, and Downtown Camden Strategic Development Plan. During the late 1990s, she managed the planning and design of highly complex, large-scale retail projects in Europe and the Middle East, including the Bluewater Shopping Centre outside of London, England and the expansion to the Bur Juman Centre in downtown Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Georgeen is an expert in coordinating complex urban projects that involve many diverse stakeholders, infrastructures and ecosystems. She leads Interboro's ongoing neighborhood planning and urban design projects in Detroit, including the Campau / Davison / Banglatown Neighborhood Framework Plan and the DTE Energy Campus and Neighborhood Master Plan. As a full professor with tenure at NJIT in Newark, she has worked with students, advocates, and local leaders on urban design projects that focus on community building and social inclusion in urban development, industrial revitalization, post-disaster planning, and post-Sandy rebuilding. Her students' work has been nationally and internationally recognized. As a result of her professional and academic work, Georgeen is an internationally sought-after expert on urban design and resiliency. She lectures globally and is frequently invited to serve as a juror of international urban design competitions. Since 2013, she has proudly served on the editorial review board of the Journal of Architectural Education, the biannual peer-reviewed academic journal of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), where she actively participates in the Design Reviews Committee.

Areas of Expertise

Equitable Economic Development, Participatory & Dialogic Processes, Regional Development, Sustainable Building Design, Strategic Planning, Local Communities, Sustainable and Resilient Urban Landscape, Transportation Planning, Urban Design, Equitable and Accessible Environment

Affiliations

Interboro Partners

Event Appearances

Education

Harvard University
M.A. Architecture in Urban Design

Rice University
B.A. Architecture

Accomplishments

Newark Neighborhood Frameworks and Priority

2019 Studio worked with Newark Mayor Ras Baraka to develop city-wide neighborhood frameworks and priority projects. Two projects were awarded funding by the city and have been selected for implementation in Spring 2020.

Schindler Global Award Competition

2019 Studio took home First-Honorable Mention prize for designing an urban solution for Mumbai's eastern waterfront, which will have 725 hectares open for development.

Open Space Frameworks for Lycabettus Hill, Athens, Greece

2018 Studio partnered with the City of Athens, Greece, 100 Resilient Cities and Rebuild by Design to create stakeholder-driven open space frameworks for Lycabettus Hill.

Curry Stone Design Prize Social Design Circle

2017

Refugee Resettlement and Community Development Project

2017 Studio partnered with the International Rescue Committee, Church World Service, and Interfaith-RISE to develop strategies for refugee resettlement and community development in New Jersey.

Schindler Global Award Competition

2014 The studio's work was selected as one of twelve winning submissions in the international juried competition. The submission was subsequently awarded first prize in the 2015 student showcase at the American Planning Association's Northeast Conference.

\$125M Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Rebuild by Design Competition Award Winner

2013-2014 Led the Interboro team in the Housing and Urban Development-sponsored Rebuild by Design competition for Community Development Block Grants for post-Sandy rebuilding on Nassau County's south shore.

University of Michigan's Networks Studio Expertise Workshop
2013

Rice Design Alliance Spotlight Award
2013

Museum of Modern Art PS1's Young Architects Program
2011

Architectural League's Emerging Voices Award
2011

Co-Curator of American Contribution to Rotterdam Architecture Biennale
2008

Juror of 53rd Annual Progressive Architecture Awards
2008

AIA New York Chapter's New Practices Award
2006

Young Architects Award
2005

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