Education | Ph.D., University College London, May 2009

- Urban Planning and the Built Environment
- ORSAS Scholarship, 2004-2007, University of London Research Fellowship 2007

M.Arch, Columbia University, May 2001

Lowenfish Memorial Prize

B.A., Brown University, May 1994

Honors, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Career Summary

Adam's professional experience has been primarily with planning and urban design firms in London and New York City, with more than 15 years' experience in planning and urban design roles for public and private sector clients, including work for UK and US government departments, UK and US agencies, community development corporations, cultural institutions and private developers. Adam is currently a teaching adjunct in graduate programs at Cornell University, Columbia University and Parsons School for Design, and he has previously taught at NYU-Poly and both the Bartlett Schools of Planning and Architecture.

Board Memberships and Affiliations

Fellow, Urban Design Forum, 2016 -

Board Member, New Partners for Community Revitalization, 2014 – 2017 Executive Board, New Partners for Community Revitalization, 2015 - 2017 Certified Professional, American Institute of Certified Planners, 2012 -

Professional Planning Experience

2011- current: WXY Architecture + Urban Design

Managing Principal and Partner. This role includes:

- Project lead on planning and urban design projects
- Joint responsibility for staff that has grown from 11 to 45 from 2011 2018, including hiring, office budget management and business development
- Examples of current and recent projects include:
 - Brooklyn Navy Yard Master Plan (Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp.)
 - Anable Basin Master Plan and Feasibility Study (Plaxall)
 - North Brooklyn Brownfield Opportunity Area Study (Evergreen)
 - East Harlem Neighborhood Plan (City Council Speaker's Office, Community Board 11)
 - Storm Surge Barrier Studies for Newtown Creek and the Gowanus Canal (NYC Economic Development Corporation / NYC Office of Rebuilding and
 - Sunset Park Brownfield Opportunity Area Study (UPROSE)
 - Rockaways Parks Conceptual Master Plan (NYC Economic Development Corporation / NYC Department of Parks and Recreation)
 - Brooklyn Tech Triangle Strategic Plan (Brooklyn Navy Yard / Downtown Brooklyn Partnership / DUMBO BID)
 - East River Blueway Plan (Manhattan Borough President's Office)
 - Boston Geospatial Analysis of School Assignment Options (Boston Public Schools)
 - Regional Planning for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (NYSERDA)
 - Electric Vehicle Carshare, Battery Park City (BMW)

2009 - 2011: URS Corporation Limited, London

Associate Director, Economics and Development. This role included:

- Deputy Head of Economics and Development services for the UK (London, Manchester, Bristol, Glasgow offices)
- Joint responsibility for a consultant team of 20 planners, economists and social scientists with three main business streams:
 - Development planning, including strategic planning policy, master plans, strategic infrastructure studies (green, social, transport and physical infrastructure), regional and sub-regional spatial and economic strategies and site-specific design briefs and socioeconomic assessments
 - Planning and economics of climate change, including local climate change strategies, advice to regional development agencies, and decentralised energy

- network planning
- Business planning, financing and evaluation, including the evaluation of development options, providing business case to fund social and physical infrastructure, researching sectors and offering funding expertise (including community infrastructure levy and tax increment financing)

2005 - 2008: Urban Practitioners, London (now Allies + Morrison: Urban Practitioners)

Director, (2008-9), Associate, Urban Design and Planning (2005-8). This role included:

- Directing and managing projects including master plans, development options appraisals, national guidance projects and planning research
- Coordinating spatial planning and urban design team work, including the development
 of plans and case studies addressing climate change mitigation and the creation of new
 templates for drawings and reports.

2004 - 2005: Era Ltd (Associate), London UK

2001 - 2003: Sam Schwartz LLP (Urban Designer)

Teaching Experience

2017 - current: Columbia University (MSUP), New York City, Seminar

2013 - current: Cornell University (MUP), New York City, Urban Design Studio

2015 - current: Parsons The New School for Design (MSc Design + Urban Ecologies)

2015 – 2016: NYU-Poly (Certificate for CleanTech Professionals), Foundations of Clean

Infrastructure (Spring 2015 and upcoming Spring 2016)

2010: Bartlett School of Planning (MSc Urban Planning), Master Planning Studio 2008 – 2009: Bartlett School of Architecture (MSc Urban Design), Urban Design Studio

Publications

Selected recent essays and policy study publications

- Big Dreams in a Post-Master Planning World in Architect d.b.a, Center for Architecture Press, 2016
- Integrated Freight Management Strategies, 2016, NYS Energy Research and Development Agency and NYS Department of Transportation
- New York Electric Vehicle Tourism Feasibility Study, 2015, NYS Energy Research and Development Agency and NYS Department of Transportation
- City of New Rochelle Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement Downtown Overlay Zone School Capacity Analysis Chapter, 2015, City of New Rochelle
- New York City Green Loading Zones Study, 2015, NYS Energy Research and Development Agency and NYS Department of Transportation
- 10 Steps to Creating a Conversation: Community Design for Affordable Homes and Sustainable Places, 2014, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Corporation for Supportive Housing and Court Monitor James Johnson (US ex rel. ADC v. County of Westchester)
- Brooklyn Tech Triangle Strategic Plan, 2013, Downtown Brooklyn Partnership / Brooklyn Navy Yard
- East River Blueway Plan, 2013, Manhattan Borough President's Office
- Sunset Park Brownfield Opportunity Area Study, 2013, UPROSE / NYS Department of State
- A Study of Assignment Policy Effects: Community School District 1, 2013, Community Education Council 1 and NYC Department of Education
- Creating EV-Ready Towns and Cities: A Guide to Planning and Policy Tools, 2012, US Department of Energy / Transportation and Climate Initiative
- Siting and Design Guidelines for EV Charging Infrastructure, 2012, US Department of Energy / Transportation and Climate Initiative
- A Regional Assessment of EV Ownership and EV Charging Infrastructure, 2012, US Department of Energy / Transportation and Climate Initiative
- A Cluster Analysis of EV Charging Infrastructure Deployment, 2012, US Department of Energy / Transportation and Climate Initiative
- School Choice: The Good, The Bad, and the Untested (The Daily Good, Dec. 22, 2012)
- Earls Court Socioeconomic Impacts Assessment 2011 (CapCo Development)
- Adapting the Landscape from Liverpool to Manchester 2010 (North West Regional Development Agency)

- Thurrock Spatial Strategy Overview 2010 (Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation planning policy)
- London Borough of Camden Strategy Infrastructure Study 2009 (Core Strategy)
- Stewarts Road Study 2010 (London Borough of Wandsworth and Design for London)
- East Thurrock Master Plan 2009 (Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation planning policy)

UK climate change policy publications

- Adapting the Landscape from Liverpool to Manchester 2010 (North West Development Agency, Regional Plan green infrastructure evidence base)
- London Borough of Waltham Forest Climate Change Strategy 2010 (Core Strategy Evidence Base)
- Anglesey Energy Island Framework 2010, Welsh Assembly Government and Anglesey County Council (Core Strategy, Anglesey County Council)
- Challenges to Achieving Low Carbon Objectives and Implementing Decentralized Energy in Central London, Central London Forward (2010)
- City of London Decentralized Energy and Pipes Study 2010, City of London Corporation and London Development Agency (Forthcoming 2011)

UK national and regional research and guidance publications

- Manual for Sustainable Cities (2009), UK Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) (project team member)
- Designing the Gateway (2009), CABE

Selected citations

- "The Brooklyn Navy Yard is Reinventing Architecture And Itself" in Curbed New York, September 2018.
- "Inside the Effort to Design a Better Subway for New York City" in Architectural Digest, September 19, 2018
- "Advice for Ben Carson: How to not Make America's Housing Crisis Worse" in Fast Co Design, January 12, 2017
- "These New Apartments Come with A Shared Car" in Fast Co Design, January 11, 2017
- "How East Harlem Wrote its Own Development Plan" in Next City, June 20, 2016
- "East Harlem Holds its Own" in Landscape Architecture, June 7, 2016
- "Choosing the Unwalkable Suburbs, or Settling for Them?" in Citylab, May 10, 2016
- "Desegregation Approach Depends on Parent's Choices," on WNYC, February 25, 2016
- "New Car-sharing Program Could Put Charge into NYC's Electric-Vehicle Use" in Crain's New York, December 22, 2016
- "Can A Game Help Build Affordable Housing" in Citylab, February 9, 2016
- "Finding Easier Ways to Charge Electric Vehicles" in NY Times, April 23, 2015
- "A Plan to Turn A Queens Railway into a Park" in NY Times, October 14, 2014
- "WXY: Architecture + Urbanism" in Planetizen, April 2014
- "Designing Desirable Neighborhoods" in Epoch Times, November 2013
- "LES School Diversity Study Raises Questions about "Dezoning" in NY Chalkbeat, November 2013
- "Towards a Cure for Range Anxiety" in NY Times, February 11, 2013
- "A Deeply Thought-Out Plan For EV Charging Stations" in Fast Company Design, March 2013
- "Can Urban Planning Turn Brooklyn into the Next Silicon Valley?" in Wired, September 2013
- "East Side Story" in The Architects' Newspaper, August 2012
- "The East River Blueway Plan" in *Urban Omnibus, May 2012*

Conferences and Lectures

- School-Oriented Development: Creating Building Blocks for Communities and Social Equity, APA Metro NY Annual Conference, November 2018
- The Extraordinary Mixed-Use Revival of Brooklyn Navy Yard, propmodo live conference, November 2018
- D15 Diversity Plan: New Tools to Address School Integration, Hindsight Conference,

- November 2018
- Is Arnstein's Ladder Still Relevant, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Conference, October 2018
- Mobility and the Public Realm, Municipal Art Society (MAS) Summit, October 2018
- Anchoring Manufacturing: The Brooklyn Navy Yard, Urban Design Forum panel discussion, October 2018
- Cities Rising: Rebuilding, Retooling and Relearning, a panel discussion at the Smart Cities NY conference, May 2018
- Revitalizing Cities, a panel discussion at the Smart Cities NY conference, May 2018
- Affordable Housing Plans in Action, a presentation and panel discussion at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2018
- Rethinking the Industrial Campus, a presentation and panel discussion at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2018
- Autonomous Vehicles Mobility, a workshop at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2018
- Integrated Freight Strategies, a presentation to the Institute of Transportation Engineers Freight Conference, July 2018
- The New Mobility, a panel discussion at City Age conference, Washington DC, Dec 2017
- EVs, AVs & Ride- Sharing: Transitioning to a Future of Urban Mobility that We Want, a
 presentation and panel discussion at the APA Metro NY annual conference, November
 2017
- Walking the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan, a walking tour at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2017
- Exploring the QueensWay, a walking tour at the American Planning Association annual conference
- 520 Miles of NYC Waterfront, a public tour of the Long Island City waterfront for the NYC Department of City Planning, May 2017
- Smart and Green Mobility, a presentation and panel discussion sponsored by the Kingdom of the Netherlands at Made in NY, May 2017
- Setting the Stage for Tech in the Bronx, a presentation for the Bronx Tech Summit led by the Bronx Borough President's Office, April 2017
- Strategic Planning + Urban Design = Economic Development, a presentation to CityAge Los Angeles, November 2016
- A Data-Driven Approach to Quantifying Development Impacts on Public School Infrastructure, a presentation for the Makeover Montgomery 3 conference on suburban change, May 2016
- The Last Mile a presentation for Open House New York on NYC food systems, May 2016
- Digital Democracy and Public Engagement, a presentation at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2015
- Big Dreams: The Master Plan in Architecture, a panel discussion at the New York Center for Architecture, March 2015
- 10 Steps to Creating a Conversation, presentation at the Pace Land Use Law Center annual conference, December 2014
- Creating the Tech City, a presentation at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2014
- Green Loading Zones: A Model for Incentivizing Electric Vehicle Trucks, a presentation at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2014
- The New Resilient City: Big Infrastructure Meets Community Fabric, Talking Transition conference November 2013
- A Study of School Assignment Policy Effects, Appleseed Foundation and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, October 2013
- Planning and Policy for Last Mile Freight, a presentation at the Urban Freight conference sponsored by the University Transportation Research Center, September 2013
- The Impact of School Assignment Policies on Neighborhoods and Cities, a presentation at the American Planning Association annual conference, April 2013
- Master Planning Futures, a panel discussion at the New York Center for Architecture, February 2013
- Creating EV-Ready Towns and Cities: A Guide to Planning and Policy Tools, a webinar for the Transportation and Climate Initiative, Dec. 2012
- A Regional Assessment of EV Ownership and EV Charging Infrastructure, a webinar for

- National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), Feb. 2013
- The Sixth Borough: Visions for New York City's Waterfront Lecture at the Columbia University Summer Lunch Lecture Series, July 2012
- New Partners for Community Revitalization 6th Annual Brownfield Summit Panel, June 2012
- School Design Panel at the Council of Educational Facility Planners International Northeast Regional Conference, March 2012
- Developing and Funding Decentralised Energy Networks Presentation at the Royal Town Planning Institute Annual Convention, June 2010
- A New Approach to Master Planning at New London Architecture Centre, May 2010
- Guidance on Strategic Infrastructure Plans at Government Office of the South East, March 2010
- An Approach Strategic Infrastructure Planning at the Royal Town Planning Institute Annual Convention, June 2009
- The School That Built a Town at the "Density Inside Out" conference (University of Edinburgh) June 2007
- Neighborhood Design and Public Health, UK Commission for Architecture Conference Panelist. May 2006
- Neighborhood Design, Guest Lecture, Bartlett Masters in Urban Design, October 2006
- Marine Transfer Station Impacts, Lecture, Environmental Defense, October 2003
- Community Collaboration and Public Space, Lecture, Municipal Art Society, 2003
- Trends in Public Art and Public Space, Panelist, Municipal Art Society, 2003
- "Waterfront Values?" Panelist, Metropolitan Waterfront Association Conference, 2002

Planning and Design Awards

Brooklyn Navy Yard Master Plan

 Architects Newspaper Best of Design Unbuilt Urban Projects Honorable Mention, 2018

D15 Diversity Plan

 APA – NY Metro Chapter, Lawrence M. Orton Award for Leadership in City and Regional Planning, 2018

La Marqueta Concept Plan

 APA – NY Metro Chapter, William H. Whyte Award for creativity and ingenuity in planning, 2018

Kearny Point Master Plan

New Jersey Future Smart Growth Award, 2017

AIA NY Firm of the Year Award, 2016

East Harlem Neighborhood Plan

APA – NY Metro Chapter, Award of Unusual Merit, 2016

QueensWay Plan

- AIA Brooklyn and Queens Chapter Merit Award for Urban Planning, 2016
- AIA-NY Merit Award for Urban Design, 2015
- ASLA-NY Merit Award for Urban Design, 2015

Sunset Park Brownfield Opportunity Area Study

New Partners for Community Revitalization Brownfield Award, 2015

Brooklyn Tech Triangle Strategic Plan

APA – NY Metro Chapter, Award of Unusual Merit, 2013

Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Regional Assessment

APA – NY Metro Chapter, Award of Unusual Merit, 2013

East River Blueway Plan

- World Infrastructure Awards Honorable Mention, 2014
- AIA National Award for Urban Design, 2014
- AIA NY State, Best Design in all categories, 2013
- AIA NY State, Award of Excellence, 2013

Bronx Charter School for the Arts

- AIA-NY Design Awards, 2005
- Boston Society of Architects, 2005

Public Markers Competition, Place Matters 2003

Proposal for heritage trail and wayfinding in the Lower East Side

Venezuela Biennial: X Bienal de Venezuela Arquitectura de Caracas 2001