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The Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure aims to influence the practice of sustainable city planning through an infrastructure-based approach, towards sustainable and resilient development of our communities. Infrastructure is re-examined through a systemic and synergistic approach of the Zofnass Planning Tool, as well as through an assessment-based approach of the Envision™ Rating System, the result of a joint collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure.

After the development of tools to measure and guide infrastructure sustainability, the research at the Zofnass Program now moves towards resilience. The November 2-3, 2015, workshop will focus on urban and regional resilience, as the next step of sustainable planning. We will start with a working definition, and we will base the workshop on recent applied research on the resilience of cities and regions and the relation to the Zofnass Planning Tool. The workshop will bring together public officials, infrastructure engineers, planners, design professionals and academics who will share next generation perspectives on urban resilience, focusing on infrastructure planning at the urban and regional scales. In such a way, interesting panel discussions will trigger the larger discourse of urban and regional resilience.

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MONDAY Agenda

12:00 pm-1:00 pm
**Introduction & HBS Case Study**

**John Macomber**
Senior Lecturer, Zofnass Program Faculty Advisor
Harvard Business School

1:30 pm-3:45 pm
**Panel 1: Planning for Resilience**

**Prof. Spiro Pollalis**
Zofnass Program Director & Professor of Design, Technology and Management at Harvard GSD

**Jane A. Leggett**
Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy
Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress

**Rebecca Flora**
Sustainable Communities Practice Leader Ecology & Environment

**Nilda Mesa**
Director
NYC Office of Sustainability

**Alida Saleh**
Head, Environment & Sustainable Development
EXP

**Dr. Judin Karim**
Chief Executive
Construction Industry Development Board, Malaysia

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
**Panel 2: Financing Resilient Infrastructure**

**John Macomber**
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**Dr. Andreas Georgoulas**
Lecturer & Zofnass Research Director
Harvard Graduate School of Design

**Ana Maria Vidaurre**
Principal Investment Officer
IADB Structured & Corporate Finance Department

**Tom Wendorf**
Vice President
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**Dr. Sarah Slaughter**
CEO & President
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9:30 am - 11:40 am

Panel 3: Capital of Social Resilience

Marty Janowitz  
Vice President, Practice Leader Sustainable Development  
Stantec

David Dixon  
Urban Places Group Leader  
Stantec

Harriet Tregoning  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Jonathan Rose  
President  
Jonathan Rose companies LLC

Dr. S. Atyia Martin  
Boston Chief Resilience Officer & Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness  
City of Boston & Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)

11:40 am - 12:10 pm

Conceptualization and Measurement in Resilience Studies

Prof. Diane Davis  
Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning & Urbanism  
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Panel 4: Resiliency by Infrastructure Sector

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Professor of Civil Engineering  
University of Southern California
Poseidon Carlsbad Desalination Project
San Diego County, California

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Opening Session: *Introduction & Case Study*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Welcome and introductions  
Introduction & Discussion: What is Infrastructure Resilience?  
John Macomber, *Harvard Business School, Senior Lecturer, Zofnass Program Advisor*

The symposium will open with an interactive exploration of vocabulary and issues in researching infrastructure resilience. John Macomber of HBS will lead us in an analysis of "Poseidon Carlsbad: Seawater Desalination and the San Diego County Water Authority" (HBS Case Study 215-057). We will explore vocabulary and concepts in infrastructure sectors, exposures, and uncertainties as a starting framework for the four panels to follow.

1. Is seawater desalination good public policy?

2. Consider how risks and uncertainties are allocated between Poseidon and the San Diego County Water Authority in this public-private partnership. Do you think the allocation is fair?

3. Is this project an investment in resilient infrastructure? Why or why not?

4. Arguably, seawater desalination is a special and unusual illustration. How can the assessment of risk and finance in this case study be extended to other sectors of infrastructure?

John Macomber is a Senior Lecturer in the Finance unit at Harvard Business School. His professional background includes leadership of real estate, construction, and information technology businesses. At HBS, Mr. Macomber is engaged in the Business and Environment Initiative and Social Enterprise Initiative. He teaches Finance, Real Estate, Urbanization, and Entrepreneurship courses in the elective curriculum and in Executive Education. He is the former Chairman and CEO of the George B H Macomber Company, a large regional general contractor, and remains a principal in several real estate partnerships. John serves or has served on the boards of Young Presidents Organization International (YPO), Boston Private Bank, and Mount Auburn Hospital.

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Short Lunch Break
Panel 1 Planning for Resilience

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm  
Panel Introduction  
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Director of Zofnass Program, Professor of Design, Technology and Management

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm  
Perspectives on Resilience at the Federal Level  
Jane A. Leggett, Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy Congressional Research Service Library of Congress.

Members of Congress and the federal agencies hold diverse views and are taking varying approaches to promoting the resilience of U.S. infrastructure. Their approaches provide a context and often set the incentive structures for states, localities and businesses in their planning and investments. A number of bills recognize infrastructure resilience as an objective or a value, but legislation has not addressed the issue broadly. Approaches of federal agencies include: improving access to data and other information; examining and addressing the federal government’s own risks, including in its supply chain; establishing regulatory and programmatic incentives, such as in transportation planning; assisting non-federal partners; and financing resilience recovery.

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm  
Building Resiliency into the Creation of Sustainable Societies  
Rebecca Flora, Sustainable Communities Practice Leader. Ecology & Environment.

Building resiliency into communities requires personal responsibility and behavioral shifts, along with addressing the systemic stresses existing in most urban and rural environments that heighten the impact of sudden shocks on the most vulnerable populations. Resiliency capacity indices are measures for assessing the ability of a community to rebound from disaster. Utilizing socio-demographic and connectivity indices this presentation will examine the human factor of resilience and its importance when planning for resiliency. The State of Colorado will be used as an example of how the creation of resilient communities starts with a long term commitment to community education and culture change, and actions that serve the dual purpose of reducing the impact of sudden shocks and alleviating underlying community stresses. Colorado is a participant in the National Disaster Recovery Competition for which the presenter is serving as project manager supporting Colorado’s NDRC application and resiliency planning efforts.
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Nilda will be discussing OneNYC: The Plan for A Strong and Just City. Her presentation will cover the four visions in OneNYC—growth, equity, sustainability, and resiliency—as well as the short and long-term goals of the plan. Nilda will also discuss the process of drafting the plan and implementation.

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Nilda Mesa, Director, NYC Office of Sustainability

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Rebuilding for Resilience
Alida Saleh, Head, Environment & Sustainable Development, EXP

Perspectives from the Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia
Dr. Judin Karim, Chief Executive, Construction Industry Development Board

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm  Panel Discussion moderated by Prof. Pollalis
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm  Coffee Break
Panel 2 Financing Resilient Infrastructure

4:00 pm - 4:10 pm
Panel Introduction
John Macomber, Senior Lecturer, Zofnass Program Faculty Advisor, Harvard Business School

4:10 pm - 4:25 pm
Zofnass Economic Process Tool for Sustainability, A Real World Test
Dr. Andreas Georgoulias, Lecturer & Research Director, Zofnass Economic Process Tool of Sustainability

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4:25 pm - 4:40 pm
Basis for Successful and Sustainable Infrastructure Projects
Ana Maria Vidaurre, Principal Investment Officer, IADB Structured & Corporate Finance Department

Latin America today is the world’s most urbanized region, with 80% of the population living in cities. By 2030, the region will have six megacities, each having at least 10 million inhabitants. This rapid urban population growth, along with the impacts of climate change, are pressing challenges that require a systemic change in the way we finance, plan, design, and operate infrastructure. To improve people’s quality of life and ensure social inclusion we need to increase the resilience of our already stretched physical, economic, and social infrastructure.

At the Inter-American Development Bank, we make sustainability a priority. We strengthen the knowledge base for clients through technical assistance and we finance infrastructure projects that move from a business-as-usual mindset to a more forward-thinking approach, adding environmental and social considerations to the different stages of the project and increasing, as a result, resilience against short and long term hazards.

The AUSA Road Safety and Urban Mobility Program, in Argentina, or the Chaglla Hydroelectric Power Plant, in Peru, are some examples of resilient infrastructure projects that we have invested in that increased the competitiveness of a company, while protecting the environment and improving the livelihoods of local communities.

The AUSA Road Safety and Urban Mobility Program consists of the execution of a series of civil works to enhance road safety in Buenos Aires, improve mobility and traffic flow, and reduce carbon emissions due to idling cars. In addition to these impacts, the IDB incorporated significant non-financial additionality into the project to improve AUSA’s environmental and social performance as well as management processes through capacity building and transfer of know-how on leadership and corporate governance matters.

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The Chaglla Hydropower Project is Peru’s third largest hydroelectric facility, and will represent about 13 percent of the country’s installed hydropower capacity once construction is completed by 2016. The plant is expected to prevent greenhouse gas emissions of 467,000 metric tons of CO2 annually, and has also boosted socio-economic development in the area. The project has provided qualified labor training to more than 1,300 local people, and has created over 2,500 direct and 10,000 indirect jobs in a now-thriving town. Chaglla represents a challenging yet innovative project from an environmental perspective, as the project design and location had to be reconsidered and changed to avoid adverse environmental impacts in an area that is already prone to natural disasters. As a result, the dam and reservoir downstream were moved to increase the catchment area, reduce hydrological risks, and increase the overall resilience of the project. Examples like the ones mentioned above have proven to make infrastructure investments more resilient. In other cases, higher stakeholder participation or additional consultation efforts have also contributed to the successful identification of risks and its mitigation. In areas where projects may be exposed to droughts, or high electricity costs, adequacy of reserves, sound water management, and energy efficiency solutions can be quite relevant in the successful long term implementation of infrastructure projects.

4:40 pm - 4:55 pm
Financing Resilient Infrastructure in US Public Agencies
Tom Wendorf, Vice President, HNTB

Financing resilient infrastructure is a constant challenge for all public agencies in the United States. Determining the right balance between function, cost, lifecycle and other factors is challenging in the public arena. Educating the public on the need is a key factor and utilizing a recognized system like the Envision

4:55 pm - 5:10 pm
Financing for Resilient Infrastructure
Dr. Sarah Slaughter, CEO & President, Built Environment Coalition

Financing for resilient infrastructure is predicated on the assumption that the estimated benefits will be greater than the costs over time. There are significant challenges associated with quantifying economic impacts over time, compounded with the complexity of risk probabilities associated with climate change impacts and other external disruptions. The benefit/cost categories for built facilities include the direct recurring and nonrecurring costs, and the direct and indirect impacts. Strategies for financing resilient infrastructure can include identifying new benefit streams from resilience investments, incorporating resilience into all expenditures, bundling efficiency and resilience improvements, and utilizing longer term and multi-attribute financing vehicles.

5:10 pm - 6:00 pm Panel Discussion moderated by John Macomber

7:00 pm Dinner at Harvard Faculty Club for invited guests and SIAB Members
Panel 3 Capital of Social Resilience

9:30 am - 9:40 am
Panel Introduction
Marty Janowitz, Vice President, Practice Leader Sustainable Development. Stantec

9:40 am - 9:55 am
A Strategic Case for Social Resilience: It takes Resilient Communities to Build Resilient Places
David Dixon, Urban Places Group Leader. Stantec

Social and environmental resilience are inevitably intertwined, without both, ultimately both are severely compromised. If we cannot succeed at making a moral case for social equity, we can make a compelling strategic case. Social resilience requires a comprehensive perspective that integrates the full spectrum of challenges communities face.

A strategic approach requires a holistic perspective that makes social equity an essential dimension of environmental resilience.

- Until struck by major environmental catastrophic events (Katrina, Sandy), cities facing the impending challenges of climate change are far more aware of immediate social and economic challenges, e.g., recovering from decades of disinvestment (New Orleans).
- Racial and other social conflict make it impossible for communities to come together to plan for environmental resilience (always seen through a racial or class lens).
- Making environmental resilience about community building is essential to build political will to move a resilience agenda forward. E.g., using “livability” tools like parks, new neighborhoods, transit improvements etc. and “economic” tools like tying resilience investments to getting people trained and employed builds support for environmental resilience far more readily than “engineering” tools involving massive infrastructure investments.
- It is far more pragmatic to protect communities in place than to move them “out of harm’s way”—in part because “harm” means much more than environmental hazards (destroying informal social support networks, putting an entire local business economy out of business, finding acceptable relocation sites, etc.).

Without integrating social and environmental resilience agendas, the two will compete for increasingly strained public resources. America’s aging population and consequent growing healthcare costs and the growing costs of dealing with the impacts of intergenerational poverty will likely use up the entire discretionary Federal budget before 2050.
All across the country, communities are facing significant risk from extreme weather like heat waves, tropical storms, high winds, storm surges, and heavy downpours. Natural disasters and other major shocks have devastating and disproportionate effects on low and moderate income families. Harriet Tregoning, as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, leads HUD’s resilience initiatives. In this presentation, she will discuss some of these efforts, including the Sustainable Communities Initiative, the National Disaster Resilience Competition, and Build America. Through these initiatives, HUD is supporting communities’ efforts to plan for and respond to significant changes more successfully.

Cities emerge from the confluence of the natural ecology, a technical ecology of infrastructure and a cognitive ecology, the collective intention of communities. The talk will explore three aspects of the cognitive ecology - connectivity, coherence and compassion.

In December 2014, the City of Boston was selected to as part of the second wave of cities for the 100 Resilient Cities program pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. Mayor Martin J. Walsh appointed Dr. S. Attyia Martin as the Chief Resilience Officer in August 2015 to lead the City of Boston’s Resilience Strategy. In this session, Dr. Martin will describe the manner in which social vulnerability to emergencies relates to the daily circumstances of people’s lives. She will also provide an overview for Boston’s approach to the 100 Resilient Cities process.
Conceptualization and Measurement in Resilience Studies

11:40 am - 12:10 am
Prof. Diane Davis, Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism
Chair of Department of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard GSD

Using material from a 3 year project on Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence, which was funded by USAID, I will share some critical reflections on the way resilience is conceptualized and measured, while also providing the alternative definitions and methodologies we used to study the proactive efforts by individuals and institutions to reduce risk.


Her published works examine the relations between urbanization and national development, comparative international development, the politics of urban development policy, and conflict cities. She has explored topics ranging from historic preservation, urban social movements, and identity politics to urban governance, fragmented sovereignty, and state formation to planning theory.

Her current research focuses on the transformation of cities of the global south, particularly the urban social, spatial, and political conflicts that have emerged in response to globalization, informality, and political or economic violence. A prior recipient of research fellowships from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Heinz Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the United States Institute for Peace, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Davis now coordinates a large scale project titled Urban Resilience in Conditions of Chronic Violence, funded by USAID.

Currently, Davis is involved in various research projects hosted at the GSD. She directs a project funded by the Volvo Research and Educational Foundation titled "Transforming Urban Transport -- The Role of Political Leadership" (TUT); is the co-PI for the project "Rethinking social housing in Mexico" (ReSHIM), funded by Mexico's National Worker Housing Agency (INFONAVIT); and heads the "The Mexican Cities Initiative" (MCI).

12:10 pm - 12:55 pm Lunch in Porticos rooms 121-122
Panel 4 Resiliency by Infrastructure Sector

1:00 pm - 1:10 pm
Panel Introduction
Prof. Spiro Pollalis, Director of Zofnass Program, Professor of Design, Technology and Management
Harvard Graduate School of Design

1:10 pm - 1:25 pm
Designing More Resilient, Secure Tunnels
Nasri Munfah, Chairman Tunnel Services. HNTB

Many leaders have seen their communities damaged or virtually disabled by a range of major storms, floods, wildfires and earthquakes. And there is increasing likelihood that our transportation infrastructure will continue to be tested by intense natural forces in the coming years. Although no one can predict the next disaster, there are ways to minimize its impact.

The first line of defense against a potential disaster is, of course, to fortify those elements of the infrastructure that are both critical and in peril. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has helped to guide communities in tackling this task. The process, multi-hazard mitigation planning, aims to preempt certain disaster losses so the vicious cycle of continuous destruction and rebuilding can be broken. These plans help communities make decisions about where to invest — and what to do — to reduce the human and economic toll of disasters. As of September 2014, FEMA reported that nearly 24,000 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five territories now have FEMA-approved state mitigation plans. While every community tackles its risks in a different way, best practices for hardening public assets, including transportation systems, are well known.

1:25 pm - 1:40 pm
Planning and Designing a Resilient Infrastructure (Case Study-Airport Infrastructure]
Thomas Rossbach, Vice President of Aviation Architecture. HNTB

The presentation will encompass proactive resiliency planning and design of airport infrastructure which are much like whole cities themselves. The presentation will include topics of resilient systems and redundancy, energy efficiency, strategies convincing airport authorities/governments to think of long term life cycle costs/consequences versus first time capital costs, airport infrastructure issues of rising seas, hotter weather and reduced water resources. The presentation will portray case studies of airports dealing with various resiliency and climate issues and how their local geography affects the solution strategies to proactively overcome these challenges.
Resiliency by Infrastructure Sector [cont.]

1:40 pm - 1:55 pm
The Role of Natural Capital in Securing Investment in Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure in Developing Nations
Elizabeth J. Bradford, M.S./ ENV SP Sustainable Communities Service Area Lead. CH2M

Natural capital is Earth's stock of natural assets, including land, air, water, and living organisms. In Caribbean, like many developing island nations, key ecosystem services that flow from natural capital include drinking water, fisheries, and tourism. The quantity and quality of these ecosystem services continue to decline due to the negative impacts of domestic and industrial wastewater pollution. Traditional economic analyses evaluate the cost of various wastewater treatment alternatives and may address social benefits (e.g., improvements in health) and direct economic benefits (e.g., the ability to attract development). However, instructive elements related to natural capital are often missing from the economic case and therefore are not considered by governments, businesses, the public, donors, and investors in their decision-making or priority-setting processes. We expanded upon an important regional framework developed to support countries in meeting their wastewater obligations, to demonstrate that leveraging an economic case approach that integrates the effects of wastewater pollution on natural capital would strengthen support for increasing public and private investment in critically needed wastewater infrastructure. Additionally, where natural infrastructure is used for wastewater treatment, island nations can create, or enhance existing, natural capital.

1:55 pm - 2:10 pm
The Nature Conservancy’s Approach to Landscape Planning for Infrastructure Development in Latin America
Jerry Touval, Latin America Science Director. The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy supports a comprehensive approach to mitigation planning for infrastructure development, identifying potential conflicts and tradeoffs, steering impacts away from areas of high conservation value, and directing mitigation funding more effectively for restoration and conservation. The framework is applied at two distinct spatial scales to inform mitigation decision-making: first at a landscape or watershed level to determine conservation priorities in the context of multiple objectives, assess potential cumulative impacts, identify possible conflicts between objectives, assess the compatibility (or incompatibility) of impacts with conservation goals, and evaluate opportunities for sustainable outcomes; and second at a project or site level to assess site-level impacts, design a mitigation strategy involving offsets to address impacts, and measure progress toward fully compensating for impacts.

This framework addresses many key shortcomings of current mitigation policy and practice. By integrating planning for conservation, development, and other objectives at a landscape or watershed scale, it supports application of mitigation at a more appropriate ecological scale. Projecting cumulative impacts at this scale moves mitigation beyond a piecemeal project-by-project approach to one that can support a dynamic conservation vision. Whereas mitigation can be fraught with subjective and opaque decision-making, applying science-based conservation planning through this framework provides a more transparent and credible basis for informing key issues: are anticipated impacts compatible with conservation goals; what are the opportunities for moving beyond zero-sum development vs. conservation conflicts; and how well can offsets address project impacts and contribute to broader landscape- or watershed-scale goals.

The underlying approach to developing ecologically sustainably infrastructure projects lies in disseminating the “mitigation hierarchy” concept—an approach for avoiding, minimizing and offsetting impacts—via a practical, transparent and widely applied suite of tools for reducing risk and ensuring positive conservation outcomes in infrastructure project design.
Coastal communities rely upon a range of protection elements, both constructed and natural, for resilience. Although extreme events might be assumed to be quite rare, given the level of protection that is available for many communities, extreme events can happen every few decades. Resilience of protection will diminish over time unless the elements are maintained, or in the case of natural systems, given the resources to expand and grow. As a result, communities with well-balanced and diverse resilience might find that resilience decreases with time. Extreme events or the consideration of extreme events through contingency planning and scenario development, provide valuable insights into the weaknesses in any resilience effort and help identify steps to enhance resilience for a broad spectrum of future conditions. We propose a definition for resilience that covers the pre-disaster conditions, disaster response and post-disaster recovery. This presentation examines resilience of various protection management and suggests a quantitative coastal community hazard resilience index to evaluate alternatives. While a do-nothing approach can be the most cost-effective approach, if there is no risk that an extreme event might happen, for situations where extreme events are possible, the resilience of a community can be enhanced by a modified status quo approach in which elements are maintained regularly and rebuilt to the current design standards when they experience significant damage.

This paper considers the integrated principles of flood protection and water resiliency and explain the challenges and opportunities that come with large scale adaptation strategies in the New York City Region. Resiliency measures for private and semi-private industry that are being studied and implemented need to be factored in in long term strategies with a regional reach. The multi-tiered resiliency studies of the BIG U, encompassing Southern Manhattan and the Lower East Side as well as the Coney Island Creek feasibility study reveal complex urbanistic challenges and opportunities. Not just the protection of the community through waterfront adjustments but the active enhancement of the community is becoming a priority. This paradigm shift shows how a comprehensive transition, as a result of New York’s ongoing resiliency planning efforts, can become a key driver for the sustainable revitalization of larger urban areas.
**SPEAKER BIOS**

**Elizabeth Bradford**  
M.S., ENV SP Sustainable Communities Service  
Area Lead  
CH2MHILL

Elizabeth Bradford is CH2M’s Sustainable Communities Service Area Lead, and advances the collaboration between The Nature Conservancy and CH2M on a number of projects and thought leadership pursuits, including TNC’s Coral Reefs and Wastewater Pollution Strategy, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development’s (WBCSD) Business Guide for Natural Infrastructure. Elizabeth began her career over 20 years ago in the United States Navy. After seven years she left the Navy to pursue a BS in Geology from the University of South Alabama (2004), and an MS in Hydrogeochemistry from Dartmouth College (2007). Elizabeth joined CH2M in 2008, and lives in Rhinebeck, NY. Ms. Bradford is an Envision™ Stainability Professional (ENV SP) and Trainer. She is passionate about workplace diversity and addressing socioeconomic disparities – she serves on the CH2M’s Women’s Network Global Steering Committee; and volunteers for the National Diversity Council in Cuba, and has lived in Harlem since 2001.

**David Dixon**  
Urban Places Group Leader  
Stantec

David argues that significant investments to protect communities from climate change represent a unique opportunity to help them respond to dramatic social challenges stemming from growing income disparities, a globalizing economy, and rapidly aging populations. David was the first urban designer honored with the AIA’s Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture for “a lifetime of ... [creating livable neighborhoods, vibrant civic spaces, and vital downtowns ...]” Residential Architecture named David as the recipient of its 2012 Hall of Fame Award “as the person we call when we have a question about cities.”. Under his leadership David’s previous firm won the APA’s Excellence in Planning Award to a Firm. Last year Wiley published the second edition of Urban Design for an Urban Century; Shaping more livable, equitable, and resilient cities, which David coauthored with Lance J. Brown FAIA.

**Rebecca Flora**  
Sustainable Communities Practice Leader  
Ecology & Environment

Rebecca L. Flora earned an international reputation through her work at Green Building Alliance (GBA) in Pittsburgh and the USGBC, where she served as chair of the board of directors in 2008 and later as Senior Vice President of Education and Research. She was a founding member of the committee that established the LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. As Ecology and Environment, Inc.’s Sustainable Communities Practice Leader, Ms. Flora is serving project manager for the Colorado Governor’s Office of Resiliency and Recovery’s resiliency plan and NDRC application to HUD. She also recently oversaw development of award-winning sustainability plans for four regions in New York State. As executive director of the GBA she led the development and adoption of the City of Pittsburgh’s first Climate Action Plan in 2008 and established western Pennsylvania as an early leader in the green development and jobs movement.

Ms. Flora is an educator in the field of sustainability, serving as an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University’s Heinz College where she created one of the first classes in the nation on sustainable community development, and as a former member of the USGBC® Faculty™. Recognition of her work includes the AIA Pittsburgh Leadership Award, Carnegie Science Center Environmental Award, and Interiors & Sources magazine Environmental Hero. She has a Master of Urban/Regional Planning and BA in Environmental Science.
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Dr. S. Atyia Martin
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Dr. S. Atyia Martin is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) with a diverse set of experiences in public health, emergency management, intelligence, and homeland security. Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently appointed her as the Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Boston as part of the 100 Resilient Cities initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Martin is also adjunct faculty in the Master of Homeland Security at Northeastern University. She was previously the Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness at the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Her previous professional experience includes the Boston Police Department’s Boston Regional Intelligence Center; City of Boston’s Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management; the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); and active duty Air Force assigned to the National Security Agency.

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Nasri Munfah chairs the HNTB Tunneling practice of more than 100 people. He has been responsible for managing all phases of multi-billion-dollar multidisciplinary domestic and international tunneling and transportation projects, from feasibility and conceptual engineering through final design and construction, always placing special emphasis on project control and contract management to meet tight schedules and budgets. He’s currently project manager and principal-in-charge for design of the Istanbul Strait Road Crossing (Eurasia) Tunnel for the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Transport. The project consists of 5.4 km of road and tunnels, including a 3.3 km underwater tunnel to accommodate a double deck for a 2x2 lane road. The project also includes cut-and-cover, earth pressure TBM and/or NATM tunnels inland, cross passages, open approaches, ventilation structures, toll plazas, a tunnel control building, and electrical and mechanical work. The tunnel is subject to 10.5 bars of water pressure and is located in a highly seismic zone.
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Prof. Pollalis is the chief planner for the new DHA City Karachi for 680,000 people, currently under construction. He served as the Chairman and CEO of the public company for the redevelopment of Hellinikon, the former Athens airport, and he developed the base master plan and business plan (www.pollalis-hellinikon.com).

Professor Pollalis received his first degree from the University in Athens (EMP) and his Master’s and PhD from MIT. His MBA in high technology is from Northeastern University. He has an honorary Master’s degree in Architecture from Harvard.

Jonathan Rose
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Jonathan F.P. Rose’s business, public policy and not-for-profit work all focus on creating more environmentally, socially and economically resilient cities. In 1989, Mr. Rose founded Jonathan Rose Companies LLC, a multi-disciplinary real estate development, planning, and investment firm which has successfully completed more than $1.5 billion of work. In 2005, the firm launched the nation’s first green transit oriented acquisition and redevelopment fund, followed by several green affordable housing and office transformation funds. The company’s mission is to repair the fabric of communities. The firm’s work touches many aspects of community health; working with cities and not-for-profits to build not only affordable and mixed-income housing, but also cultural, health and educational infrastructure.

The firm’s innovative development, planning, investment, new construction, conversion and historic preservation work has won awards from a wide range of notable organizations including: the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Urban Land Institute, the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Rose’s book on resilient cities, The Well Tempered City, will be published by Harper Collins in 2016.

Mr. Rose is Vice Chair of Enterprise Community Partners and is a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. He also serves on the Board of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and is an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects.

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