

STEPHEN C DAVIES | RESUME

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SUMMARY

Public space expert, globally-recognized as a force for the revitalization of communities. Change agent always seeking to advance the field and expand impact. Extensive experience as a consultant, facilitator, educator, researcher and speaker. Unique level of expertise about public markets.

SKILLS

- Public space and public market expert
- Organizational leadership
- Partnership development
- Project and program management
- Public speaking
- Interactive teaching/learning
- Accomplished writer
- Citizen engagement
- Economic and community development
- Analytical thinker

EXPERIENCE

2021 – Current

President, Placemaking Fund – Brooklyn, NY – www.placemakingfund.org

- Co-lead global non-profit that supports two operating programs to advance placemaking as a global movement: [PlacemakingX](#) and the [Social Life Project](#).
- Co-author blogs and articles for the Social Life Project.
- Member of Advisory Board, PlacemakingX.

2018 - Current

Principal, Place Solutions Group, LLC – Brooklyn, NY – www.place-solutions.com

- Launched company to refocus on catalytic public space/public market projects that link place with inclusive economies and expand local capacity. Projects include Corona Plaza and Junction Boulevard (Queens) and the re-use of the historic Westchester Station (South Bronx).
- Led a one-month planning process and design charrette with Hanoi Architects Association to develop innovative ideas for the renovation of the city's neglected wet markets, working with Healthbridge, a Canadian foundation.
- Provide ongoing consulting to Project for Public Spaces for market trainings, conferences, and projects including the DL&W Terminal project in Buffalo and Athens (Ohio) Farmers Market.
- Affiliate, [Market Cities](#), a global advocacy program of Project for Public Spaces, Healthbridge, and Slow Food International.

2016 – Current

Visiting Assistant Professor, Urban Placemaking and Management Program, Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, Pratt Institute – Brooklyn, NY

- Teach seminar, *Markets and the Micro Economy of Places*.
- Previously taught seminar, *Economics of Place*.

1978-2018

Co-Founder and Executive Vice President, Project for Public Spaces (PPS) – New York, NY – www.pps.org

- Guided the development of the organization for 40 years as a member of senior leadership team, played a strategic role in building PPS into an organization of remarkable depth and influence.
- Directed a portfolio of over 500 major transformative placemaking projects that have been catalysts for community revitalization in the U.S. and abroad.
- Co-created a new field of "placemaking," taking the concept of "public space" to new levels and applying to downtowns, neighborhoods, transportation facilities and mixed-use development projects.
- Co-created and launched key initiatives at PPS, including its widely-recognized programs in public markets, transportation, and innovation and placemaking that were supported by U.S. federal agencies and major foundations.
- Led PPS's public market program for over 20 years, directing or co-directing seven international conferences; a 3-year, \$3 million grant program funded by The Ford Foundation and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation; a popular biannual training program; and over 100 market projects, many of which are now national models.
- Expanded the global reach of placemaking as a tool for rebuilding civil society, after the fall of communism in the Czech Republic and in post-conflict Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo (Supported by The Rockefeller Brothers Fund).
- Authored and co-authored numerous reports, articles, and books, including *Managing Downtown Public Spaces*, *The Role of Transit in Creating Livable Metropolitan Communities*, *Public Markets as a Vehicle for Social Integration and Upward Mobility*, and *How to Turn a Place Around, Second Edition*.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Masters In Architecture (M. Arch)

College of Environmental Design, University of California, Berkeley □ Berkeley, CA

Bachelor of Arts: Art and Environmental Studies (Cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

Williams College □ Williamstown, MA

SELECTED PPS PROJECTS AND PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Publications

- **Managing Downtown Public Spaces** (Project for Public Spaces, 1984)
- **Public Markets and Community Revitalization** (Urban Land Institute & Project for Public Spaces, 1985)
- **Streets for All Users** (New York City Department of City Planning, 1986)
- Multiple Reports for the Transit Cooperative Research Project, Transportation Research Board
 - **The Role of Transit in Creating Livable Metropolitan Communities** (1998)
 - **Transit Friendly Streets: Design and Management Strategies to Support Livable Communities** (1998)
 - **The Role of Transit Amenities and Vehicle Characteristics in Building Transit Ridership** (2000)
- **Public Markets as a Vehicle for Social Integration and Upward Mobility** (Ford Foundation, 2003)
- **How to Turn a Place Around**, Second Edition (Project for Public Spaces, 2018)

Parks, Plaza, and Squares

- BakerRipley Guffton-Sharpstown Campus (BakerRipley formerly Houston Neighborhood Center, Inc.)
- Beacon Park, Detroit (DTE Energy)
- Belle Isle, Detroit (The Kresge Foundation)
- Capitol Park, Grand Army Circus, and Campus Martius Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Plan, Detroit (Rock Ventures)
- Chinatown Central Plaza, Los Angeles (Community Redevelopment Agency)
- Clinton Square, Syracuse, NY (Metropolitan Development Foundation, City of Syracuse)
- Community Pavilion, Washington, PA (Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation)
- Downtown Flint Public Spaces Renewal Program, Flint, MI (Ruth Mott Foundation)
- Rockefeller Center, New York (Rockefeller Center, Inc.)

Transportation: Streets and Transit Facilities

- Context Sensitive Solutions Training Programs (New Jersey DOT and New York State DOT)
- Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, MO (Bi-State Development Agency, City of St. Louis, University City)
- Peninsula Corridor Plan, San Mateo County, CA (Multiple funders)
- Raymond Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY (Vassar College)
- Rutherford Station Square, Rutherford, NJ (New Jersey Transit)
- Transit Friendly Communities for New Jersey (Federal Transit Administration)

Public Markets

- Catalytic Market projects
 - Newbo City Market, Cedar Rapids (Various)
 - Boston Public Market/Boston Market District (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Boston Redevelopment Agency)
 - Flint Farmers Market, Flint, MI (Uptown Development Corporation, Ruth Mott Foundation)
 - Halifax Seaport Farmers Market, Halifax, NS (Port of Halifax)
 - Hub City Farmers Market, Spartanburg, SC (The Mary Black Foundation)
- *Diversifying Farmers Markets and Public Markets*, a 3 year \$3 million grant program in over 40 communities (The Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation)
- *Farmers Markets as a Strategy to Improve Healthy Food for Low-Income Families and Communities* (research with Columbia University, supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research program)
- International Public Market Conferences (1987- present in Seattle, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Washington DC, San Francisco, Cleveland, Barcelona, London)
- Markets and Public Spaces in Detroit
 - Eastern Market Action Plan, Detroit (City of Detroit)
 - Strengthening Neighborhood Markets Project (The Kresge Foundation, The W.K. Kellogg Foundation)
 - Neighborhood Placemaking Grant Program (The Kresge Foundation)

Central Europe and the Balkans Greenways and Public Spaces

- Community Revitalization through Democratic Action, Serbia (Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USAID, Balkan Community Initiatives Fund)
- "Path of Peace" Greenway linking Serbia and Croatia (Rockefeller Brothers Fund)
- Rebuilding Czech Civil Society through Public Spaces (Rockefeller Brothers Fund, German Marshall Fund)