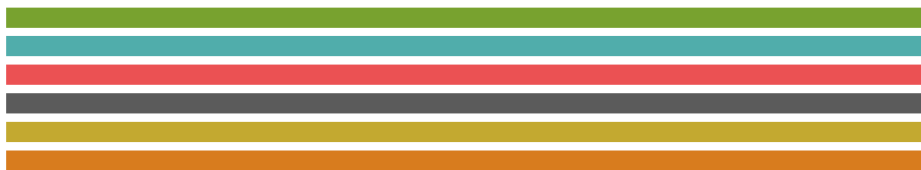




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# Urban Leadership Program

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## **NASIM ADAB**

**Senior Urban Designer  
City of Toronto**

Nasim has Masters Degrees in architecture from Azad University of Arts and Architecture in Tehran and a Masters Degree in Urban Design from University of Toronto. She is also a Registered Professional Planner.

Nasim has been with the City of Toronto for the past 4.5 years and has been mainly involved in the review of King-Spadina Secondary Plan Area development applications, which include complex tall and mid-rise building proposals. She has also been working on the Public Realm Strategy for this area, streetscape improvements and other special studies within the city. Nasim was a member of steering committee for the Bentway (under Gardiner) project.

Prior to joining the City of Toronto, she was working in private sectors for 8 years including Urban Strategies Inc. planningAlliance & architectsAlliance and Core Architects Inc. She was involved in a variety of projects in Ontario and overseas, including Alexandra Park Revitalization Plan, UTSC Campus Master Plan, University of Waterloo Campus Master Plan, Mid-town Oakville and Ottawa Mid-Centertown to name a few. Prior to moving to Canada, she worked on many architectural projects in Tehran, as well as other cities in Iran.

Nasim continually volunteers as a mentor and works with undergraduate students in Extern Job Shadowing program. She has also been a guest judge for design studios at University of Toronto.



## CAITLIN ALLAN

Senior Planner  
**Bousfields Inc.**

Caitlin Allan is an urban planning professional with a passion for building great cities. She is a Senior Planner at Bousfields Inc., a planning and urban design firm. Since joining Bousfields in 2012, she has worked on a broad range of land use planning projects, primarily related to development proposals throughout Toronto and the GTHA. In her role, she leads a collaborative process with multidisciplinary project teams to develop solutions to complex problems, finalize deliverables and obtain planning approvals. Prior to Bousfields, Caitlin worked as a project assistant at Sustrans, a UK charity that promotes active travel, and at Clear Village, a not-for-profit focused on community building through creative regeneration projects.

Caitlin is actively involved in volunteer and civic endeavors, and is committed to initiatives that advance the quality of urban life in Toronto. She has held significant leadership roles in community-based organizations, including Director of the Toronto Bicycle Music Festival, a member of the Artscape planning committee, and volunteer positions with Cycle Toronto and the Stop Community Food Centre. She has also been the Director of Mentorship for her London School of Economics Alumni Group and co-facilitates classes as part of a leadership course at McMasterUniversity.

Caitlin holds a Master of Science (Distinction) in Regional and Urban Planning Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science (Summa Cum Laude) from McMaster University, with a combination in Human Geography. Her MSc dissertation analyzed the experience of new female cyclists in London, England and her Honours thesis explored the potential pedestrianizing of streets.



## AMIT AYARE

Director, Business Development  
**Morrison Financial**

Amit Ayare is working as Director, Business Development, at Morrison Financial, where he is responsible for business origination and deal implementation, primarily for mortgage financing transactions for real-estate development projects. Amit has analysed over 25 commercial & corporate financing proposals aggregating more than \$300 Million in financing, and has secured financing approvals and closed deals aggregating more than \$100 Million in financing. Also, Amit has represented the firm at various industry events including conferences, seminars, meetings etc.

Amit has over 10 years of professional work experience as a Financial and Investment Analyst working in Investment Banking and Investment Management.

Amit has a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree and an MBA in Finance.

Amit is a CFA Charter-holder and Member of the CFA Society Toronto



## NATALIE BOODRAM

Project Planner  
**WSP**

Natalie Boodram is a Project Planner in the Planning, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design group at WSP Canada Group Limited. She has over 12 years of experience in land use planning, land development, project management, planning peer review, and landowner representation. She is a Registered Professional Planner in Ontario with a Master in Environmental Studies from York University and a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University.

Natalie has an in-depth understanding of the Planning Act, municipal planning, development, and growth trends. She provides land use planning advice, land development strategies, and planning due diligence reports, and expedites planning approvals, for various clients. Natalie is experienced in both urban and suburban contexts in Southern Ontario, including high density development, redevelopment, infill development, greenfield subdivisions, and new communities.

Natalie is a graduate of ULI's Mentorship Program (2010). Natalie served on the ULI Outreach Committee, where she was involved in the Weston Village Technical Advisory Program, Tour de Toronto Bike Tour, Urban Plan Program, and Mentorship Program (2011-2015). Natalie was also involved in organizing the Urban Ideas Competition (2013-2014) as a member of the ULI Young Leaders Committee. Natalie is currently serving on the ULI Women's Leadership Initiative and is involved with developing the "She with He" campaign. Natalie is a past member of the Ryerson Planning Alumni Association, where she led the planning of the Annual Spring Reception (2013-2016). Natalie has also represented the Building Industry and Land Development Association in the development of various municipal planning and development programs (2015-2016).



## STEFANIE SIU CHONG

Associate  
**Quadrangle**

Graduated from the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, UK in 2005. Stefanie is a licensed Architect in the UK and Canada.

Previously at Cornish Architects in London (UK) she was an Associate and Project Architect for a diverse range of projects including residential, retail, commercial and industrial projects which include high rise, low rise, mixed-use, heritage conversion, refurbishment and urban infill.

Having made the transition from Europe to Canada in 2011, Stefanie is now an Associate at Quadrangle Architects in Toronto where she leads the design and delivery of high-rise and mid-rise mixed-use development in the GTA. Her work at Quadrangle includes 50 Wellesley, a 37-storey tower that sensitively responds to nearby parkland; 150 Eglinton, a mixed-use complex comprised of a 39-storey residential tower set on a commercial and retail podium; and 30 Widmer, a 48-storey residential tower and hotel in Downtown Toronto.

She has also taken on leadership in BIM implementation on all stages of a project and mentorship roles at Quadrangle and the OAA where she helps newly arrived architects navigate the local accreditation process. She is part of the OAA Experience Requirement Committee.



## AARON CLODD

Senior Development Manager  
**SmartREIT**

Aaron Clodd is a Senior Development Manager at SmartREIT in Vaughan, Ontario and has been developing commercial real estate for 11 years. Over that time Aaron has been involved in the municipal approval of over 2.5 million square feet of retail development in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada.

As a Sr. Development Manager, Aaron has been responsible for identifying and developing properties for new large format shopping centres. With previous experience in the GIS industry, Aaron is very familiar with demographic data and its application in market research and site selection. Over Aaron's career he has developed extensive experience managing a multi-disciplinary team of consultants for the design and approval of large retail developments, conducting due diligence investigations for land acquisitions, and obtaining official plan and zoning amendments. Aaron has worked closely with a number of major retailers in Canada ensuring their lease requirements are reflected in the shopping centre design and achieved through planning approvals.

Aaron was a judge at Ryerson University's Real Estate Case Competition in 2016 and volunteers his time to local faith based charitable organizations who seek land development expertise for new real estate ventures. Aaron holds a Masters of Science Degree in Planning and Development from the University of Guelph and a Bachelor of Arts in Geographic Analysis from Ryerson University.



## LILIANA DASILVA

Principal Planner  
**Region of Peel**

Liliana da Silva is a Registered Professional Planner at the Region of Peel, and was recently promoted as Principal Planner (Acting) in the Integrated Planning Division. Liliana has close to a decade of experience in the planning industry, and offers planning insight on a diverse range of topics.

Her recent projects include:

- Settlement boundary expansions
- Employment Conversions
- Municipal Comprehensive Reviews
- Measuring and Monitoring Affordable Housing

Prior to this position, Liliana was the regional lead for Official Plan Review consultation and engagement efforts, including facilitating of stakeholder consultations for a wide ranging audience. Liliana also supported the development of the Region's first Peel Climate Change Strategy, and implemented the first Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Criteria Air Contaminant Inventory.

Liliana holds a Masters in Environmental Studies (MES) from York University, and recently earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Queen's University.





## SHAWN GILLIGAN

Market Analyst  
**QuadReal**

Shawn is an analytical professional with experience working in think tanks and the private sector, specializing in data analytics within the fields of real estate and economics. Shawn is currently a Market Analyst at QuadReal Property Group providing analytics, research and strategy across QuadReal's entire international real estate portfolio. Shawn is responsible for creating successful business strategies and economic forecasting to analyze current and potential markets.

Prior to QuadReal, Shawn was the Team Lead for Colliers Market Intelligence department across Ontario, where he was responsible for managing Colliers' retail, industrial and commercial real estate research and data analytics. Before working at Colliers Shawn was a Research Associate at the Martin Prosperity Institute working directly with Director Richard Florida and Research Director Kevin Stolarick, focussing on economic development research.

Shawn holds a Masters in Urban Planning with a specialization in Economics from York University, where his econometric thesis analyzed what factors influence business location decisions across every U.S. zip code. Shawn also holds an Honors Bachelor Degree from the University of Toronto.



## **GRAHAM HAINES**

**Research Manager**  
**Ryerson City Building Institute**

Graham Haines is the Ryerson City Building Institute's Research Manager where he helps lead research about urban issues impacting the Toronto Area. Prior to joining the City Building Institute he worked with the Pembina Institute as Policy Analyst, Arup as a Transportation Consultant, and most recently for the City of Regina as a Senior Policy Analyst in their Long-Range Planning Department. Over the course of his career Graham has carried out research and authored reports on a wide range of urban issues including GTA development trends, transportation economics, development charge policy, renewable energy policy, and climate change mitigation.



## EMILY IRVINE

Planner

**City of Mississauga**

Emily Irvine is a planner with the City of Mississauga's Planning and Building Department. She is a Registered Professional Planner with a Master of Environmental Studies Degree. Emily worked as a consultant prior to joining the City.

Emily has worked on the City's Employment Survey, public health and the built environment initiative, the Age Friendly Cities designation, Community Uses Study and Office Strategy.

She has been the City's representative at the Region of Peel's Technical Advisory Committee and Housing Community Reference Group. Emily is also a Six Sigma certified Lean Greenbelt and has led Lean initiatives at the City.

Emily was the project lead for the City's work on Second Units in 2013 which won a Canadian Institute of Planner's Planning Excellence Award and the City Manager's Award of Excellence. She is currently working on Mississauga's Housing Strategy.



## **GOLARA JALAPOUR**

Intern Architect  
**DIALOG**

Golar Jalalpour brings 5 years of architectural expertise, complimented by a Master's Degree in Landscape Urbanism from the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, UK. Golar has progressively gained insight and knowledge in urban design, low/high-rise residential, and commercial work experience both in Ontario and internationally. Golar is very passionate about design and brings a range of design skills and architectural project experience to all her project work. Her professional experience includes work in all the sequential stages of project development, from initial feasibility studies to construction detail drawings development. Having studied and worked in a variety of project scopes ranging from urban design, and architecture, to interiors have provided her with an interdisciplinary approach to design and enable her to meticulously analyze and appreciate different aspects of architectural projects.

Golar take pride in her design work and always brings new ideas to the forefront for discussion. She has led and supervised projects at every stage from design process, to conceptual sketches, through to the presentation to the end client, in addition to producing construction documentation and supervising on a construction site. She previously developed various design course curriculums for both online and campus delivery and has been worked as a faculty member teaching the craft of hospitality and retail design.



## JOANNE LAM

Senior Architect  
**RAW Designs**

Joanne Lam is a registered architect holding a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and a Masters in Architecture. She has over 15 years of working experience spanning a wide range of scales in both the public and private sector, at home and abroad.

Currently, Joanne is the project architect at RAW Design working on various mid-rise condominiums, a high-rise project and a smaller scale duplex. Internationally, She has worked on master plans in the Kingdom of Jordan, buildings within mining projects in Ghana, and social housing with the eThekweni Municipality in South Africa.

Additionally, Joanne is a sessional instructor at Ryerson School of Interior Design as well as the School of Architecture, and she contributes to design journals including Canadian Architect, Spacing and Azure on a freelance basis.



## LESLEY LEECH

Senior Manager, Strategic Asset Management  
**Cadillac Fairview**

Lesley Leech is a Senior Manager, Strategic Asset Management at Cadillac Fairview. In this role, she is responsible for developing the long term strategic direction for CF's retail assets across Canada. Lesley has been with Cadillac Fairview for 6 years, starting out as an Analyst within the Strategic Asset Management team. Lesley began her career in real estate at Oxford Properties, where she gained started off as an Assistant Property Manager within the office portfolio before moving onto the Investment team as an Analyst.

Lesley is a graduate of McGill University and has achieved the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.



## CARSTEN LIESENBERG

Architect  
**RAW Designs**

Carsten studied architecture at the Leibniz University of Hanover, Germany where he received an Engineering Degree in Architecture. He has worked in firms of internationally renowned architects in both London and Hamburg. After relocating to Toronto he now holds seven years' experience post-graduation.

Carsten is detail oriented, organized and methodical. His strength in understanding clients needs' allow him to meet project requirements at all phases and scales. He has acquired experience in all aspects of practice; from functional planning and conceptual design to construction administration. Carsten is dedicated to pursuing sustainable architecture - seeking opportunities throughout each project to integrate buildings into their community and environment.

During his time at RAW Carsten has worked on various local projects focusing on the schematic design and massing phase of both smaller and urban scale projects. He is currently working on the Daniels Waterfront – City of the Arts, Block 16 in Regent Park for TCHC and various mid and high rise condominiums.



## **ERIC LUCIC**

**Manager, Park Planning, Community Services  
City of Mississauga**

Eric was raised from birth in Mississauga in the City that he still calls home. His stubborn refusal to leave has contributed to the development of his passion for the City of Mississauga. He can regularly be found defending the verbal onslaughts to his “suburban” home in bars, restaurants, back alleys, the soccer pitch and at professional events beyond our nation. Eric honed this passion through his undergraduate studies in Geography and Environmental Management at the University of Toronto (U of T) Mississauga, and through his graduate studies in the Spatial Analysis Program, at U of T St. George.

Today he is a Registered Professional Planner working at the City of Mississauga as a Manager within the Parks Planning Section of Community Services. Eric leads a team of planners and landscape architects that are responsible for the City’s Parkland, Forestry and Streetscape Assets. Eric has developed the City’s Parkland Acquisition Plan and lead the City’s 2014: Parks and Forestry Master Plan. Under Eric’s guidance, the City has acquired more than 50 properties since 2008, amounting to more than 100 hectares (250 acres) of additional parkland for the residents of Mississauga to play in!





## MELISSA LUI

Project Architect  
**Perkins & Will**

Melissa is a Project Architect with Perkins+Will in the Toronto office. She combines advanced computer simulation and modelling skills with a strong design perspective. Her wide range of institutional and academic experience spans from small gallery renovation to large scale library and teaching facilities. She maintains a dedicated interest in sustainability, especially as it relates to parametric modelling. Melissa continues to hone her skills through teaching assignments at OCAD University and serves as a visiting critic at the University of Toronto.



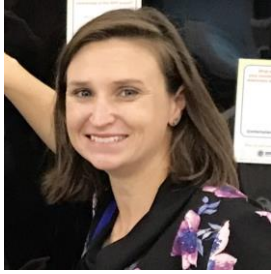
## MATHIEU MASLARD

Manager, Business Operations & Change Initiatives  
**City of Toronto**

Mathieu Maslard is a Manager of Business Operations and Change Initiatives in the City-Wide Real Estate Transformation Program (CWRE) at the City of Toronto, working as part of the strategic team in charge of implementing the new city-wide real estate service delivery model that will centralize real estate and facilities management activities across the City. Mathieu brings his planning and urban development knowledge and strategic policy and change management skills to the team.

Mathieu joined the City in 2015, after a decade working for the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (a Program of the Province of Ontario providing up front working capital directed towards the cultural events' marketing and promotional costs, with the investment taking the form of a partially repayable loan). His experience working in the cultural sector as well as recent consulting work in cultural planning have given him a unique skill set and perspective, which he has leveraged in his work at the City of Toronto. Mathieu has progressively taken on more leadership roles at the City. He most recently led the development and implementation of the Office Modernization Program change management plan. As a Business Management Consultant he is also a participant in the ongoing Downtown Public Squares Review.

Mathieu holds a Master of Public Policy from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (2003) and a Master in Urban Planning from the University of Toronto (2014). Mathieu migrated to Canada in 2003 and has made Toronto his home since. His passion for city building and place-making drives him to make Toronto a better place.



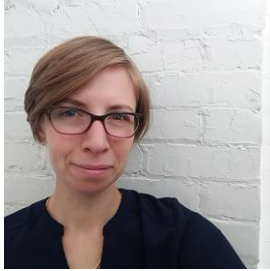
## MELISSA MCENROE

Manager, Affordable Housing Development  
**Region of York**

Melissa McEnroe is the Manager of Affordable Housing Development at York Region, focusing on the urban planning, real estate, and construction aspects of new affordable housing projects. Previously, she worked for Toronto Community Housing on various revitalization initiatives, in addition to her experience in developing commercial and residential real estate in the private sector.

Melissa understands the value of city building and is passionate about creating strong communities. She is active in her community, volunteering for various neighbourhood initiatives that help to foster social cohesion; including leading a local Jane's Walk and establishing a local running club to encourage fitness as a social activity. Melissa is also proud of the various leadership roles she held on the University of Toronto's Planning Alumni Committee, including a Co-Chair position.

Melissa holds a Master of Science in Urban Planning from the University of Toronto in addition to a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Florida, and has been the recipient of several scholarships in her academic career, including the Canadian Graduate Scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.



## LEIGH MCGRATH

Senior Associate  
**Urban Strategies**

Leigh is professional planner and project manager with a background in social and cultural geography. She is interested in all the ways cities evolve and desires to be a part of positive changes through consulting work; bringing new ideas and approaches to policy creation and new developments. Leigh actively participates in urban life, particularly with her young family, enjoying the benefits of public spaces in all of Toronto's neighbourhoods.

Recently, Leigh's practice has included supporting public sector clients to understand and implement provincial policy related to transportation and intensification. Leigh developed plans for two Urban Growth Centres, Midtown Oakville and the Richmond Hill Regional Centre; led a team to evaluate and recommend new stations for Metrolinx's Regional Express Rail; and in Richmond Hill is preparing a Secondary Plan and implementing Zoning By-law for an intensification area on the Yonge VIVA line. Leigh's planning experience extends outside of the Greater Toronto Area to projects in Alberta and Prince Edward Island. Leigh helped to develop an Environmental Master Plan for Red Deer, Alberta that won the Alberta Urban Municipal Association Innovator Communities Award. In Charlottetown, PEI, Leigh was on the team that created the 2011 Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan and is currently crafting policy to bring the key directions of the Master Plan into the City's Official Plan.

Interested in assisting aspiring planners to meet their own academic and professional goals, Leigh is actively involved in the mentorship and teaching of undergraduate and graduate planning students. She leads Urban Strategies' Professional Development committee.



## HADLEY NELLES

Lead, Strategic Initiatives  
**Maytree**

Hadley is a partnership broker and city builder interested in how the built environment and social systems can make cities great – and sometimes not such great – places to live. She has spent most of her career in the social impact space and currently directs Maytree's strategic initiatives, supporting the foundation's commitment to advancing systemic solutions to poverty. In her role Hadley works with governments, non-profits and institutions to support practical solutions and public policies that work to build strong, inclusive cities across Canada.

Hadley leverages her background in social innovation and systems-change approaches to her work at Maytree, launching initiatives focused on municipal governance, community real estate development and affordable housing. Previously, Hadley worked at Evergreen CityWorks leading projects like We Are Cities, an initiative that framed city building as nation building and engaged communities to set a national urban agenda.

Hadley's project and partnership experience enables her to bridge diverse perspectives and engage stakeholders from community and the public and private sectors. She has an ability to synthesize and translate complex challenges, facilitating solutions that drive toward action. Hadley has a deep commitment to social justice and these values inform the kinds of projects she works on and the approach she takes to building impact.



## **KAYAM RAMSEWAK**

Manager, Civil Engineer  
**MTE Consultants**

Kayam Ramsewak has 13 years of experience in the civil engineering field, with extensive knowledge in the design of small and large-scale development projects. Since 2005 Kayam has worked with MTE Consultants, a civil, structural and environmental engineering firm. As the Manager of Civil Engineering for MTE's Burlington office, Kayam focuses on the design of servicing, grading and stormwater management solutions. On projects, he acts as the main point of contact for clients, collaborating with MTE's project team, other consultant team members, approving agencies and other stakeholders. He works closely with team members and provides direction to ensure that reliable and consistent information is collected and applied to the project. Kayam also serves on the Board of Directors for MTE, providing valuable input to the operations and strategic planning of the company.

Kayam's educational background includes a diploma in Civil Engineering Technology from Mohawk College, a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from McMaster University and is completing a Masters of Engineering in Water Resources from the University of Guelph. Kayam has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Ontario since 2010.



## DANA ROEBUCK

Associate Development Manager  
**First Gulf Corporation**

Dana is the Associate Development Manager at First Gulf Corporation, a commercial real estate developer based in Toronto. Dana is responsible for managing the development of the East Harbour project, Canada's largest planned commercial development. This 60-acre site in downtown Toronto is planned to include approximately 13 million sq.ft. of office, retail, entertainment, institutional and cultural uses upon full build-out.

Prior to joining First Gulf, Dana spent two summers participating in a rotational program throughout the Great Gulf Group of Companies, including First Gulf, Great Gulf and Tucker Hi-Rise. Dana holds an Honors of Business Administration degree from the Ivey Business School at Western University.



## RASHEED SERRAO

Project Manager  
**Counterpoint Engineering**

Mr. Serrao graduated Queen's University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Applied Science, Civil Engineering degree. He spent the first 9 years of his career working for the consulting firms Sernas and GHD specializing in land development project management of urban development.

His final year at GHD was as Group Leader of the Urban Redevelopment team where he was involved with keeping apprised of industry developments and working on progressing greener designs as part of the land development approvals process. He encouraged the implementation of LID methods for land development projects and suggested greener alternatives for developments where appropriate.

Mr. Serrao is currently an Associate and Project Manager at Counterpoint Engineering in the Urban Redevelopment team. He has a passion for sustainable and intelligent urban development and actively stays on top of future industry trends related to this topic. Mr. Serrao hopes to help the industry evolve where smart, sustainable development is the norm rather than the exception.

He hopes to contribute to moving Toronto and the GTA toward a greener future that includes smart land use planning bringing together efficient servicing, transportation and architectural designs.

In his spare time he enjoys running, snowboarding and travel.





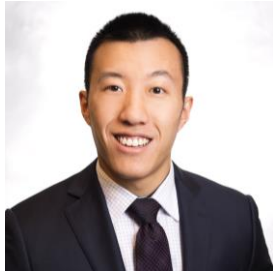
## ANDREAS SOKOLOWSKI

Director of Capital Projects  
**Artscape**

Andreas Sokolowski is a Director of Portfolio Development with over ten years' experience in developing and managing major capital projects in the cultural sector. His expertise encompasses all development phases from the pre-development stage to final completion, includes new construction as well as major renovations, and ranges from private commissions to private-public-partnerships. Before joining Artscape, Andreas has worked as an architectural designer and project manager for several leading architectural practices in Canada and abroad. For Toronto-based Diamond and Schmitt Architects, Andreas has worked on multiple award-winning cultural projects such as the Ryerson School of Image Arts in Toronto, the Maison Symphonique de Montréal in Montreal and the New Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg.

As Director of Portfolio Development, Andreas is heading Artscape's Capital Projects department and plays a central role in the successful realization of Artscape's new development projects as well as the recapitalization of Artscape's existing assets. In this capacity, Andreas currently overlooks four major capital projects in development: Artscape Daniels Launchpad, Artscape Hub at Weston Common, Artscape Bayside Lofts and Artscape Waterworks Lofts.

Andreas has a Master's degree in Architecture and a post-Master's degree in Technology, Management and Economics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich). In addition, he is a certified project management professional (PMI-PMP) and a member of the Urban Land Institute.



## ISAAC TANG

Senior Associate  
**BLG LLP**

Isaac Tang is a senior associate at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. He was called to the bar in 2011 and has since practiced exclusively in the area of administrative law and civil litigation, with an emphasis on land use planning and development, municipal law, real estate and expropriation. Isaac regularly appears before the Ontario Municipal Board, municipal councils and committees of adjustment to resolve land use planning disputes and before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Divisional Court in related civil proceedings. He also provides strategic planning and municipal law advice to municipalities of all sizes on a wide range of matters including growth management, natural heritage, aggregate resources and corridor protection. Isaac is an Executive Member of the Municipal Law Section at the Ontario Bar Association and has been a guest lecturer for the Community Planning course at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. He is a frequent contributor on municipal and planning law matters for various publications including BLG newsletter and bulletins, the Ontario Bar Association newsletter, Novae Rae Urbis and The Lawyers Weekly.



## **JEFFREY THOMPSON**

**Manager, Asset Management, Development  
RioCan REIT**

Jeff is a Toronto native who has been working in commercial real estate since graduating from the Commerce program at Dalhousie University in 2008. Currently, and since August 2015, he is a Manager on the Asset Management Development team at RioCan REIT. Working with a number of different partners such as Concert Properties, Killam REIT, and Bayfield Realty Advisors; his portfolio includes a variety of residential redevelopments and simplification/repositioning projects across the country.

Previously, he has worked as an Asset Manager for Slate Retail REIT (Slate Asset Management), a Property Manager for Starfish Properties, and as an Office Leasing Broker at Cushman & Wakefield.



## MELISSA WINCH

Associate Municipal Planning  
**Cassels Brock LLP**

Melissa is a lawyer who assists clients navigating land development issues, projects and processes. Her legal expertise encompasses all aspects of municipal, land use planning and environmental law, including tax assessment appeals, expropriations and proceedings under the Building Code Act. Melissa has extensive experience representing both private sector builders and developers as well as municipalities and public institutions. She has represented public and private sector clients before the Ontario Municipal Board and the Superior Courts respecting development approvals, occupational health and safety issues, Building Code inspections, grading and drainage issues and general negligence.

Melissa also has experience in the area of criminal law. Prior to her call to the bar, she assisted on a number of high profile cases at the criminal law offices of Greenspan Partners and also worked at the Ministry of the Attorney General, Crown Attorney's office, where she prosecuted a variety of Provincial Offences.

Melissa obtained her law degree from the University of Windsor, graduating third in her class, while acting as a tutorial leader in the area of property law and volunteering with the City of Windsor Community Legal Aid Clinic. She obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts, with Distinction, from York University, graduating on the Dean's Honour List.

Melissa is co-author of the leading text, Canadian Forms & Precedents – Land Development, published by LexisNEXIS Butterworths.



## TSERING YANGKI

Manager, Property and Development  
Accounting  
**Dream**

Tsering Yangki, MA, International Finance, Tufts University has over 13 years of experience in real estate finance and development accounting. A mother of two free spirits and ardent explorer of urban life.



## YVONNE YEUNG

Senior Urban Design Planner  
**City of Markham**

Yvonne is a Senior Urban Design Planner with over 17 years of planning, urban design and project management experience from North American, Europe and Asia with companies including the City of Markham, Urban Strategies Inc., The MBTW Group and Hassell International Limited. With a passion in comprehensive approach to city building, Yvonne specialized in the master-planning, implementation, and promotion of sustainable and transit-oriented mixed use development and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> and a LEED<sup>®</sup> Accredited Professional with specialty in Neighbourhood Development.

Yvonne is currently serving as City's lead in the design review of developments within the Yonge Street Subway Corridor, portions of the Highway 7 Rapid Transit Corridor and the redevelopment of Buttonville Airport. Yvonne also has developed the implementation framework for the city-wide Public Realm Strategy, Bird Friendly Guidelines and has organized a number of Speaker Series and site tours to advocate the importance of high quality transit-oriented design to planners, engineers, economists, and other professionals.

Yvonne has served on the City of Toronto Public Art Commission Review Panel (TPAC), the OALA Editorial Board, the ULI Toronto Member Engagement Committee and has been invited as speaker and design critic at the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, University of Guelph, University of Oklahoma, and York University. Her community-driven urban design process with the St. James Town Community was profiled in the Design Exchange magazine and was awarded honour by the American Society of Landscape Architects. Yvonne travels regularly and has recently been to Oslo, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmo to document the emerging trends and innovation in transit-oriented system, technology, and land development business model.

## Course Auditor



### **MATHIEU GOETZKE**

Former Co-Deputy City Manager- Urban  
Development & Quality  
**City of Lille**

Trained as an engineer at Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris and Stanford University, Mathieu Goetzke began his career as a civil servant for the French Ministry of Public Works and Transportation in regional planning and transportation innovation. He then joined the City of Lille as project director for one of the largest urban renewal projects in France, dealing with a large public housing estate in dire need of renovation. In 2008 he was appointed Chief Planner, where he led a variety of urban projects and managed the city's urban programming and land policies. He also sketched the city's zero-carbon strategy, building on joint work with the London School of Economics on pathways to recovery for post-industrial European cities. He has recently moved to Toronto with his family.



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