

Peter Culley

Director, Spatial Affairs Bureau

Associations

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Peter is the creative leader and founder of Spatial Affairs Bureau- an architecture, landscape, furniture and product design studio in UK and US.

Spatial Affairs operates across disciplines and scales, recognizing and embracing the limits of each scenario, bringing experts in their fields to instigate rich collaborations and foster experimentation.

Peter comes from a background in cultural projects and believes in provoking essential discourse with institutional leaders, artists, curators, exhibition designers and audiences to distill resonant architectural narratives. To him, architecture is the intentional balance between interior space and exterior landscape mediated by the delicately resolved filter of an environmental envelope.

Positions

2010-	Spatial Affairs Bureau London Los Angeles Richmond Creative Director, Founder
2020-	Ravensbourne University London 'Across Spatial Boundaries' lecture series and departmental consultant
2020	Corcoran School of the Arts and Design GWU DC Exhibition Design masters studio with Jessie Gemmer
2007-	RIBA Validation Panel Visiting Board Member
2016-17	University of Southern California (USC) Los Angeles Thesis Instructor Master of Landscape and Urbanism
2012-16	Woodbury School of Architecture Los Angeles Professor of Practice
2005-08	Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL London Diploma Course Tutor with Christine Hawley
2002-04	Designs on Britain Steering Group Member Initiative bringing architectural dialogue to under 18s
2000-12	Rick Mather Architects London New York Associate Partner
1997-00	Kathryn Gustafson / Gustafson Porter London Project Architect

Peter has taught in architecture and landscape programmes in the UK and US, including the Bartlett School of Architecture and University of Southern California (USC), and has been Professor of Practice in the undergraduate and graduate programs at Woodbury University's School of Architecture, Los Angeles. He is a regular visiting critic and lecturer at schools of architecture internationally.

Peter is a member of the RIBA Visiting Board for Architecture School Accreditation, and is trained as a Passive House consultant.

Education

2012	Passive House Institute US Passive House Consultant Certification
1998	Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL London RIBA Part 3 ARB
1994-96	Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL London Dip. Arch.
1989-92	School of Architecture, University of Liverpool BA Arch (Hons)

Selected Awards

2019	World Architecture Festival finalist Richmond BridgePark
2019	LA: CURRENTS 'Art and Food' Triennial Full Grant
	S/H/O/O/K The Edible Earthquake
2019	Virginia By Design 2019 Design Visionary Peter Culley
2019	AIA National Award Best Building Crosstown Concourse
2019	Chicago Atheneum International Award Crosstown Concourse
2019	Best of Richmond Landscape Architecture Firm
2019	Architectural Review International Future Projects Richmond BridgePark, Commendation



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Projects

2020	Spatial Affairs Bureau Bouverie Mews London	500 sq m workplace, gallery, 2 residential units and courtyard garden for a London-based artist	completion 2020
2016-	Artist Studio Easton CT USA		in development
2015-	Hall Residence Echo Park CA USA	house and garden remodel	completion 2019
2017-19	Crosstown Concourse Memphis TN USA	Various projects for 1.5 million sq ft 16 acre former Sears Distribution Center:	
	Crosstown Arts Space	Design and lighting: lobby, galleries, performance spaces, art making facilities, offices, retail, café and bar	completed 2019
	Crosstown Theater	Interior architecture, lighting, exterior concept for 425-seat adaptable use venue	completed 2019
	Crosstown Concourse	Food service masterplan, railing and canopy design, SunTrust banking concept, 'The Curb Market'	completed 2017
	Crosstown Concept Study	Initial full building, site and district masterplan	completed 2013
2014-	Richmond BridgePark VA USA	2-mile pedestrian / cycle route from State Capitol across James River re-purposing existing infrastructure	in development
2014-	TBWA/Chiat/Day Los Angeles	'The Walled City' masterplan, refurbishment and custom furniture for 120,000 sq ft head office	ongoing
	Metropolitan Museum of Art New York	Furniture Design for Fifth Avenue Main Building and Breuer Building	ongoing
2016-		David H. Koch Fifth Avenue Plaza (with Olin): two new buildings, bronze kiosks, benches and parasols	completed 2015
2016-2019	Wong- Solomon Residence Venice CA USA	new build and remodel of 1920's Craftsman Bungalow	completed 2019
2015-19	Jacobson Residence Echo Park CA USA	two house and garden remodel	completion 2018
2013-17	William Eggleston Museum for Alamos Memphis TN USA	various concept studies	completed 2017
2014-15	Venice Beach House CA USA		completed 2015
2014	Round Hill Pavilions Orange VA USA	Pavilions and Landscape (AIA Design in Excellence Honor Award)	completed 2014
2012	Aga Khan Museum Toronto ON	exhibition design competition advisor to then director Michael Brand-	completed 2012
2013	Charmian Residence Richmond VA		completed 2013
	Rick Mather Architects		
2000-12	Southbank Centre Masterplan London	Royal Festival Hall, Hayward Gallery, Queen Elizabeth Hall	
		Project Architect for arts use and urban interface redesign, with new ground-level legible entrances	first stage completed 2004
2001-11	Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) Richmond USA	Project Architect for \$200m expansion, sculpture garden and parking deck, including new entrance	completed 2010 and 2011
	Kathryn Gustafson / Gustafson Porter		
1997-2000	Great Glasshouse Interior Landscape National Botanic Garden of Wales Carmarthen	Project Architect	completed 2000

