



April De Simone is a principal at Trahan Architects and a transdisciplinary designer with 20 years of experience navigating the intersectionality of architecture, planning, and systems thinking. Her work investigates the implicit and invisible relationship between architecture and human condition, connecting a deeper understanding of how inequity, supremacy (in its various forms), and dehumanization become spatialized and proliferated. In 2015, April co-founded Designing the WE where she launched the co-curated exhibition and platform, Undesign the Redline, which explores the historical and contemporary spatial reverberations of unjust policies and practices like residential racial ordinances, Redlining, and Urban Renewal. April continues to be an invited lecturer, speaker, and facilitator at numerous institutions.



Walter Hood, ASLA is the creative director and founder of Hood Design Studio in Oakland, CA. He is also a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and lectures on professional and theoretical projects nationally and internationally. He is a recipient of the 2017 Academy of Arts and Letters Architecture Award, 2019 Knight Public Spaces Fellowship, 2019 MacArthur Fellowship, and 2019 Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize.



Kofi Boone, FASLA is the Joseph D. Moore Distinguished Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at North Carolina State University. Kofi is Vice President of Education and a Board Director of [The Landscape Architecture Foundation](#) and is a founding member of the American Society of Landscape Architects [Environmental Justice Professional Practice Network](#). Active in multidisciplinary activities ranging from the National Endowment for the Arts Designing Equity forum to The Kenan Institute of Ethics [Collaboratory](#), Kofi has disseminated his work broadly including in [Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning](#) and [PUBLIC: A Journal of Imagining America](#). His article "[Black Landscapes Matter](#)" can be found in Ground Up.



Linda Tarrant-Reid is an author, freelance journalist, photographer and community activist with a focus on organic farming, food justice and food insecurity. Ms. Tarrant-Reid has been the garden administrator for grow! Lincoln Park Community Garden since 2011. Established to memorialize the 50th anniversary of the struggle to desegregate Lincoln Elementary School, the 10,000sf urban farm is located in New Rochelle's Lincoln Park, the heart of the second largest city in Westchester County. Ms. Tarrant-Reid also serves as Executive Director of The Lincoln Park Conservancy and is spearheading an initiative to establish The Lincoln Park Conservancy History & Culture Center.



Angela Kyle is a native of the Gulf South working in the urban strategy, design and planning arenas. As a social entrepreneur in 2012 she co-founded PlayBuild, a placemaking non-profit in New Orleans focused on transforming vacant lots into playgrounds. In 2021 she founded [Jennie's Legacy](#) to promote the Black history of iconic Pensacola waterway, Carpenter's Creek. Named for Kyle's great-great grandmother, Jennie Hudgins, Jennie's Legacy was established to advocate for the equitable restoration of this cultural landscape, currently under threat from decades of environmental degradation and over-development. Angela holds an undergraduate degree from Brown University, an MBA and an MS in Journalism from Columbia University, and an MS in Sustainable Real Estate Development from Tulane School of Architecture.



Amin Davis is an Environmental Scientist with over 21 years of professional experience conducting environmental and water resource management activities including watershed improvement and restoration, GIS integration and regulatory permitting. Amin has been employed by the NC DEQ since 2008 and is currently a community grant manager for the Division of Water Resources. Amin also applies his professional experience to community nonprofit volunteer work in SE Raleigh. He is also involved with negotiating with local developers to integrate green infrastructure and other equitable development elements into their site development process.