

# SPEAKER BIOS

## SOCIAL HOUSING SYMPOSIUM



**Casey Anderson**

[montgomeryplanningboard.org](http://montgomeryplanningboard.org)

The Montgomery County Council appointed Casey Anderson to the Planning Board in 2011 and selected him to serve as chair in 2014. He also serves as chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, a bi-county agency established by state law that regulates real estate development, plans transportation infrastructure, and manages the park systems in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Before assuming his current role, Anderson founded a jury consulting firm after working as a congressional staffer, government relations executive, newspaper reporter, and lawyer in private practice. He has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including The Washington Area Bicyclist Association, the Citizens League of Montgomery County, The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, The Committee for Montgomery, The Woodside Civic Association, and The Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board.



**Katharina Bayer**

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b. 1975 in Vienna. Bayer studied architecture at TU Wien and TU Delft. After working for several architectural offices in Amsterdam and Vienna she founded einszueins architektur with Markus Zilker. She has taught at TU Vienna, been a board member of the IG Architektur, and is a member of the advisory board of the "Wohnbauinitiative Wien."

With their Co-Housing Project Wohnprojekt Wien, Einszueins received several awards like the "State Prize of Architecture and Sustainability 2014" and the "Hans Sauer Prize 2016".



**Josef Cser**

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b. 1963 in Vienna. After studying law at the University of Vienna, he started his career as a legal advisor at the 'Mietervereinigung Österreichs' – the largest non-profit-organization for tenant's rights in Austria. In 2000, the Vienna City Counselor for Housing asked Josef to join his team as an advisor focusing on housing law and social issues. In 2009, Josef was given the go-ahead to set up an organization, associated with the City of Vienna, focusing on conflict management and improving community relations within Vienna's municipal social housing properties. Several months later 'wohnpartner' was founded, which Josef has run with great success until now. Just recently Josef has been appointed by the mayor of Vienna as designated Director of "Wohnservice Wien", the umbrella association of the City of Vienna, dealing with all relevant housing questions.



### **Casey Dawkins**

Professor of Urban Studies and Planning, Director of the Urban Studies and Planning and Urban and Regional Planning and Design Programs, and Affiliate of the National Center for Smart Growth at the University of Maryland.

His current research focuses on U.S. housing policy evaluation; housing justice; the causes, consequences, and measurement of residential segregation by race and income; and the link between land use regulations and housing affordability. He has written two books and over 50 refereed journal articles and book chapters on these topics. Dr. Dawkins currently serves on the editorial advisory boards of the Journal of the American Planning Association and Housing Policy Debate.



### **Ronit Eisenbach**

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Professor of Architecture at the University of Maryland and Kibel Gallery Curator. She serves as the Director of the National Center for Smart Growth's Creative Placemaking Collaborative. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and Cranbrook Academy of Art, she has designed environments, curated exhibitions, and created installations for the Detroit Institute of Arts, SandBox Washington College, Cranbrook Museum of Art and in the streets of Tel Aviv. Her practice, studioed and research focus on communities in transition and the role of temporary work in sparking public dialogue, testing ideas, shifting narratives, and catalyzing change. Eisenbach's work has explored the loss of home after foreclosure, our relationship to water, and bringing people together across difference. She was recognized by Project Anywhere for Placeholders (2014) which examined what it means to seek, shape, and preserve a place on a site in-flux. Eisenbach co-authored Installations by Architects: Experiments in Building and Design (2009) and Ruth Adler Schnee: A Passion for Color (2011).



### **Evan Goldman**

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As Executive Vice President of Acquisition and Development at EYA, LLC, he brings a decade of mixed-use and multi-family experience to the EYA development team and works on sourcing new deals as well as shepherding projects through the development process. Prior to joining EYA, Evan was Vice President of Development at Federal Realty Investment Trust, where he was primarily responsible for managing the development of Pike & Rose. Evan regularly guest lectures about real estate, planning, and development at local universities. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Urban Land Institute Washington and is a Trustee of the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital. In 2012, Evan received the Livable Communities Leadership Award from the Washington, DC based Coalition for Smarter Growth.

Evan earned a BS in Design and Environmental Analysis from Cornell University and a MBA in Real Estate and Finance from the Wharton Business School. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife and three young children.



### **Isabelle Gournay**

A native of France, Isabelle Gournay (Emerita – University of Maryland) received a professional degree in architecture from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, a certificate of museum training from the Ecole du Louvre and a doctorate in art history from Yale University. A resident of Historic Greenbelt (where she sits on the Advisory Planning Board and on the board of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum) she co-curated Affordable Housing. Designing an American Asset (National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., 2004) and co-edited *Iconic Planned Communities: Challenges of Change* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019). Her research and publications -- such as *Paris on the Potomac, The French Influence on the Architecture and Art of Washington, D.C.* (2007) -- have focused on cross currents between France and the United States and her new book project is on the “Beaux-Arts architect” in US and Canadian societies



### **Matt Heckles**

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Matthew Heckles joined the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in September 2016 as Assistant Secretary of the Division of Development Finance and Director of the Community Development Administration. In this capacity, Mr. Heckles oversees the Department’s single family mortgage, affordable rental housing financing, rental housing subsidy administration, special loan, energy, and small business lending programs. Prior to joining the department, Mr. Heckles served in state government in Delaware for more than fifteen years. Twelve of these years were spent in several roles at the Delaware State Housing Authority including as the Director of Policy and Planning and as the Director of Housing Finance. Mr. Heckles holds undergraduate degrees in Economics and International Relations and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Delaware. He brings a wealth of experience to his role as CDA Director, including program administration, mortgage financing, bond financing, policy development, legislative advocacy, strategic planning, community redevelopment and contract administration.



### **Gerrit Knaap**

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Gerrit-Jan Knaap is Professor of Urban Studies and Planning, Executive Director of the National Center for Smart Growth Research at the University of Maryland. Knaap earned his B.S. from Willamette University, his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon, and received post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, all in economics. Knaap’s research interests include the interactions between housing markets and policy, the economics and politics of land use planning, the efficacy of economic development instruments, and the impacts of environmental policy. On these subjects, Knaap has authored or coauthored over 65 articles in peer refereed journals, and coauthored or co-edited nine books. Funding for his research has been provided by the National Science Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the Town Creek foundation, and numerous other federal, state, and local government agencies. He currently serves on the State of Maryland’s Smart Growth Subcabinet, Sustainable Growth Commission, Governor’s Scientific Advisory Panel, and the Mitigation and Science workgroups of the Climate Commission.



### **Willow Lung-Amam**

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Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Urban Studies and Planning Program and Director of Community Development at the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. Lung-Amam's scholarship focuses on how urban policies and plans contribute to and can address social inequality, particularly in neighborhoods undergoing rapid racial and economic change. She has written extensively on immigration, suburban diversity and poverty, gentrification, redevelopment politics, and geographies of opportunity, including her book "Trespassers? Asian Americans and the Battle for Suburbia" (University of California Press, 2017). Her research has appeared in various journals, such as Journal of Urban Affairs and Journal of Planning, Education and Research, several books, and popular media outlets, including The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, and The Atlantic's CityLab. Her work has been supported by the Ford Foundation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, EPA, DOJ, Enterprise Community Partners, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and other local, state and federal agencies and foundations.



### **Karin Ramser**

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Before joining the City of Vienna in 2001, she studied law and worked for an Austrian Tenant Association Group. Within the Viennese city administration, Karin held various positions in the areas of trade law, data protection and civic status as well as tax administration before being appointed deputy director of 'Wiener Wohnen' in 2012, the Vienna Housing Agency. For the past years she has focused on strategical development, professionalization of processes and customer orientation within the agency. In November 2017 Karin was appointed director of 'Wiener Wohnen'.



### **Suzane Reatig**

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Suzane Reatig, FAIA, has developed innovative urban infill projects as principal of her firm for more than 25 years. Her experience has led to a unique philosophy on what it means to practice architecture in the 21st century.

"We seek to inspire others through the clarity of our designs, the contextual and spatial simplicity of our formal resolution, the beauty of construction and our uplifting sensitivity to light and reflection."



### **Garth Rockcastle**

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A founding principal of MSR Design, Garth has 39 years of professional experience. While maintaining an active role with the firm and launching MSR Design's Maryland/DC office, Garth served as dean of the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation from 2004–2010. He taught at the University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture for more than 25 years and was head of the Architecture Department from 1990–1997. Garth was elected into the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows in 1998 for his contributions to education and professional practice. Garth has a particular interest in designing facilities for nonprofit organizations and academic institutions and has served on dozens of boards for cultural and arts organizations. Garth has led several highly sustainable projects, in academia and professional practice, involving advanced research and pioneering applications, including the 2017 University of Maryland International Solar Decathlon Project, which received the top ranking for all American entries.



### **Dr. Kurt Stuerzenbecher**

b. 1958 in Carinthia, Austria. Dr. Stuerzenbecher is a member of the Vienna City Council. He currently holds the position of Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Economy, Digitalization and International Affairs and is in addition a member of the Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Women, whose chairman he has been until 2019.

Kurt Stuerzenbecher studied law at the University of Vienna and started his political career in 1981 as Chairman of the Association of Social-Democratic Students of Austria. Since 1997, he has served as a member of the Viennese Parliament and Municipal Council, 2013 he also became Deputy Chairman of the municipal and provincial parliamentary group of the Social Democratic Party of Vienna. Since 2018 he is elected member of the Federal Executive Committee of the Austrian Social Democratic Party.