

Lida Aljabar

AICP, LEED AP

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EDUCATION

MURP, Urban & Regional Planning Certificate, Center for Leadership in Global Sustainability
Virginia Tech - Washington, DC

BA, magna cum laude, Public & Urban Affairs
Minor, Landscape Architecture
Honors Scholar Diploma
Virginia Tech - Blacksburg

RECOGNITIONS

Cities100 Global Award for Climate Innovation - Resilient Edgemere
C40 Cities/Bloomberg Philanthropies, 2019

Outstanding Implemented Plan - Western Rosslyn Area Plan
American Planning Association, 2018

Outstanding Graduate Student in the College of Architecture & Urban Studies
Virginia Tech GSA, 2017

Outstanding First-Year Graduate Student
VA Citizens Planning Association, 2014

Outstanding Senior in the College of Architecture & Urban Studies
Virginia Tech Alumni Association, 2012

Al Stieess Book Award, Virginia Tech, Dept. of Urban Affairs & Planning, 2012

SKILLS

Mixed methods research
Facilitation and public speaking
Community engagement
Partnership development
Strategic planning
Project & program management
Team & personnel management

Tools

InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop
ArcMap GIS
Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite

PRACTICE

Founder & Principal | Ki Strategies, LLC, 2022 - present
An urban planning and social innovation consultancy which supports changemakers at all scales in advancing equitable environmental change. Current clients include: NYC Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice; Resilience PAC

Director of Climate Resiliency Planning, Policy and Acquisitions | The City of New York, Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development, June 2020 - 2022

Senior Resiliency Planner, Jan. 2019 - June 2020

Directed globally recognized urban climate action policy, design and program initiatives within NYC's affordable housing among interdisciplinary, cross-sector teams. Partnered with civic, business and government entities.

Acting Director, Climate-Smart Cities | The Trust for Public Land, New York, NY, Aug. 2016 - Jan. 2019

Program Manager / Coordinator, 2017 - 2018 / 2016 - 2017

Directed national program advancing urban climate action through technical assistance to cities, development of civic technology, and strategic partnerships. Scaled program 300% to 12 new markets, executing vision, securing funding and managing budgets across multi-location teams. Served as primary liaison among clients, funders and project teams.

Associate Urban Planner | Arlington County, VA, 2012 - 2016
Planner I, 2012 - 2013

Executed award-winning public-private partnerships, community visioning and strategic planning initiatives in public spaces development.

Economic Equity Associate | The Greenlining Institute, Berkeley, CA, 2012
Racial justice leadership training and research fellowship.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Visiting Professor | Pratt Institute School of Architecture, Brooklyn, NY
2019 - present

Delta Cities Coastal Resilience: Interdisciplinary Studio
Urban Placemaking & Management Lab: Analysis of Public Space

Guest Critic / Studio Instructor | Syracuse University School of Architecture, New York, NY, 2022 - present
Undergraduate Architecture Studio

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Lucchitta, B., Croci, E., & Aljabar, L. (2021). **Environmental stewardship as community reclamation: the role of community land managers in New York City's urban ecology**. In Nature-based solutions for more sustainable cities: A framework approach for planning and Evaluation. essay, Emerald Publishing.

Fellow | Urban Design Forum, 2019 - present

Advisor, Social Equity Working Group | US Green Building Council, 2019

New York Build Expo (invited), New York, NY, 2022

United Nations World Forum on Urban Forests (invited), Montova, Italy, 2018

ReLeaf NYC (invited keynote), Brooklyn, NY, 2018