Tues Oct 8/2019
NIGEL DANCEY
PEOPLE DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE

Nigel Dancey is the Senior Executive Partner and Head of Studio at Foster + Partners. Based in London, he has been the partner in charge of major projects in Europe, Asia and North America. In Philadelphia, he is in charge of the new Ambulatory Care Pavilion at the University of Pennsylvania and the Comcast Innovation and Technology Center. About Comcast, he has said, “The idea with this building is really to...create a new destination and district”. Foster + Partners, long known for their innovative designs and exquisite craft, are equally focused on how their work can encourage collaboration and enrich daily life for occupants and communities at large.

Tues Feb 11/2020
PAUL LEVY
DESIGNING AND MANAGING PUBLIC SPACE. WHAT’S PUBLIC? WHAT’S PRIVATE?

Paul Levy is the founding chief executive of the Center City District (CCD). Working with civic leaders in 1991, CCD was created to help make Center City cleaner and safer. Now, 28 years later, it is one of the premier downtown districts in the world. Under Paul Levy's leadership, it has expanded its scope to include events such as restaurant week and holiday markets. But its most significant achievement has been the creation of new public spaces for which it has raised funds, led design, overseen construction, developed programming and provided ongoing maintenance. In an era of diminished public resources, CCD has created some of the most memorable places in Philadelphia, among them Dilworth Park, The Rail Park and Sister City Park.

Thurs Apr 9/2020
SUSAN JONES
EMERGING DESIGN TERRITORIES: production, performance, the hypernatural in mass timber

Susan Jones founded atelierjones in 2003. The firm’s award-winning work is founded on research, teaching and community engagement to envision new systemic, cross-disciplinary, sustainable strategies for buildings, including recent, groundbreaking work with Mass Timber. atelierjones recently completed four of the first Mass Timber structures built in the US, using Cross Laminated Timber. The firm “seeks out sites, buildings and materials with inherent, but underutilized value – to harvest their embodied energy, their catalytic power for owners and communities, their beauty”.