



## Start Where You Are: Planning, GRG & the Brickline

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### Damon Davis

Artist

Damon Davis is an award-winning, post-disciplinary artist who works and resides in St. Louis, Missouri. In a practice that is part therapy, part social commentary, his work spans across a spectrum of creative mediums to tell stories exploring how identity is informed by power and mythology. Davis seeks to give voice to the powerless and combat systems of oppression, focusing not only on pain but also on the joy of the Black experience.

Davis is co-director of the critically acclaimed film *Whose Streets?* documenting the Ferguson Uprising. He is a 2015 Firelight Media Fellow, 2016 Sundance Music and Sound Design Lab Fellow, 2017 TED Fellow, 2017 Root100 Honoree, 2020 Monument Lab Transnational Fellow, and 2020 Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Fellow. Davis is founder and creative director of St. Louis-based music label/ artist collective FarFetched. His work is featured in the permanent collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, and he has exhibited at Art Basel Miami, the Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts, and the San Diego Contemporary Museum of Art.



### Liz Kramer

Associate Director, Office for Socially Engaged Practice  
Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts  
Washington University in St. Louis

Liz Kramer runs a human-centered practice called Public Design Bureau, in which she explores participatory methods to expose needs and translate them into experiences, services, and environments. She also oversees the Office for Socially Engaged Practice at the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis, which is a hub and a resource to support collaborative, engaged practices that address systemic social, environmental, and economic challenges in St. Louis. She has taught a range of courses addressing the design process, empathy, and creativity. She is a graduate of Washington University, Northwestern University, and Archeworks.



## **Brian Williams**

Executive Director & Assistant Vice Chancellor of the Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation

Brian Phillips is the Executive Director & Assistant Vice Chancellor of the Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation. Brian has led the organization since 2001 and has over 25 years of Urban Planning and Community Development experience. Brian has led the medical center's investment into the revitalization of the Forest Park Southeast neighborhood in St. Louis. He holds degrees in Community and Regional Planning and Business Administration.

Brian is actively involved in many organizations including Park Central Development Corporation (Founder/Board Chair), Biome STEAM Charter School (Board Chair), Invest STL (Board Member) and the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative.



## **Mark Vogl, AICP, ASLA**

Project Manager, Planning  
Great Rivers Greenway  
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Mark Vogl is the project manager for planning at Great Rivers Greenway where he collaborates with district staff to expand the River Ring, an expanding network of parks, trails and greenways across the St. Louis region. With a background in urban planning and landscape architecture, Mark is responsible for updating and implementing GRG's Regional Plan as well as individual greenway master plans throughout the District. Prior to joining the district in 2013, Mark spent nearly twenty years with HOK and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama. He received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Kansas State University and studied Urban Design at Washington University in St. Louis.