

# ULI New York's Young Leaders Group December 2020 Newsletter

To our ULI New York Young Leaders:



As 2020 slogs to a close, many of us find ourselves reflecting on what has been a year fraught with difficult challenges. While we watched our communities struggle in so many ways, we can't count how many times we longed for the solace and inspiration usually found at YLG get togethers. Simply put – this community is important and needed, and we miss all of you.



We recognize that our industry has faced layoffs and disruption and wanted to send a personal acknowledgement that this year has been especially hard for this age group. We are so reliant on personal connections at this point in our lives, so while transitioning to working from home was one thing, *networking* from home proved to be much more difficult.

In the early months of 2020, YLG leadership read through dozens of incredibly strong YLG committee and leadership applications. We couldn't have possibly imagined what this team of new leaders would face at the onset of their new term, and we want to thank those that have stayed engaged and have strived to create new and innovative methods of programming and networking for YLG.

To that end, we are excited for everything planned for our ULI New York YLG and want to let you know that our YLG leaders have some new and exciting programming and professional development offerings coming down the pipeline. In this time of forced social distancing, we have worked to develop content for ULI

members who seek professional growth, relationship building opportunities, and a higher sense of involvement within the greater ULI community – all with the goal to establish genuine and lasting ULI peer relationships that will grow participants' professional networks. Stay tuned!

And as a very important reminder – if you are looking to serve as a YLG committee member or committee co-chair, ULI NY's annual Get Involved! application window will be open from January to March of 2021. Be on the lookout for email announcements in your inbox and for postings on [newyork.uli.org](http://newyork.uli.org)!

Together as the YLG Executive Co-Chairs, we invite you to reach out directly to either of us at any time with feedback or questions about YLG. We look forward to seeing you ~virtually~ soon and in person in the near future!

Happy Holidays!

Jackie Manzer, *Convene*  
Nina Vascotto, *Jamestown Properties*  
YLG-NY Chairs 2020-2021

## **ULI NY YLG by the Numbers**

Under extraordinary circumstances, YLGs managed to program 7 events in 2020, which were attended in person or virtually by over 420 attendees!

Did you know that over 800 YLG members comprise a third of the ULI NY District Council membership? And that a third of YLGs are female?

You can help our chapter stay up to date by logging in to your ULI Member Profile and making sure your user demographics are completed!

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### ULI NY YLG Upcoming Events

**January 15 and 22** - Two-part event: Homelessness in NYC: Looking Beyond Headlines and Hotel Rooms

**February 18** - *Secrets of Success* with PGIM's Lisa Davis, Head of Impact Investment Group

### ULI NY YLG Member Spotlight



We met up virtually with outgoing Young Leader Eric Selbst. Eric is a former YLG Professional Development Co-Chair and is a Senior Project Manager at the Rockefeller Group. He recently celebrated his 35th birthday and is therefore 'graduating' from being a YLG.

**Q: How did you first get involved in ULI?**

A: I became a member after graduating college in DC. I was very active in the YLG DC chapter from 2008 through 2016 and continued my participation in NYC. I served as a co-chair of the YLG Programming Committee in DC and served as a co-chair of the YLG Professional Development Committee in NYC. Now I am on the Programming Committee for ULI NY.

**Q: How has ULI benefited your career? What have you learned as a YLG?**

A: ULI has helped my career by introducing me to so many diverse groups of people in the industry. I've been able to help my ULI peers in business and job searches. And best of all, I have met many great friends.

**Q: What are you working on now that's exciting to you?**

A: I've been a Project Manager responsible for the design and construction of Rose Hill, a luxury high-rise condominium in the NoMad neighborhood of Manhattan. It's been a thrilling project since we started working on it in mid-2017. I've been involved with a handful of developments in my career, but none have been this exciting. Rose Hill's quality and details are truly unique in the market. But most importantly, I work with an incredible team that has made this project such a rewarding experience. I look forward to showing Rose Hill to my colleagues at ULI.

**Q: What is your favorite ULI memory, event or networking story?**

A: My favorite ULI event was a bike tour of development sites that my ULI colleagues and I planned in DC. I also thoroughly enjoyed the scavenger hunt held in the Meatpacking District of NYC a few years ago. Both events combined a fun team building activity with an educational component. While the "fun" activities might stick out in my memory, I know that I have enjoyed countless project tours, speakers, and panels. I am very appreciative of the time ULI members put into these incredibly educational events.

**Q: What advice would you give to YLGs just starting their career and involvement in ULI?**

A: Don't be shy about networking. Most are not comfortable doing it but keep forcing yourself and it will eventually feel more natural!

*If you would like to nominate a fellow YLG member to be part of our YLG Member Spotlight Series (also featured on LinkedIn) please contact Frank Futia [Frank.Futia@cbre.com](mailto:Frank.Futia@cbre.com) or Julia Gamolina [Julia.Gamolina@trahanarchitects.com](mailto:Julia.Gamolina@trahanarchitects.com)*

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## Notes From ULI NY

### Get Involved with ULI NY's Young Leaders Group!

The Young Leaders Group (YLG) consists of ULI New York members under the age of 35 who want to be actively involved in shaping the built environment and the future of the real estate industry in our area.

ULI NY's annual Get Involved! application window will be open January to March 2021! ULI NY YLG-aged members who are interested in YLG committees or leadership positions should apply during that time! Stay tuned for emails and postings on [newyork.uli.org](http://newyork.uli.org)! To learn more about ULI NY's YLG, please contact Sam Mullins at [sam.mullins@uli.org](mailto:sam.mullins@uli.org).

### A Note from the Editors

In a time when communicating with others across the industry has changed overnight, we hope you have enjoyed the very first YLG quarterly newsletter by YLGs for YLGs! Please feel free to reach out to us should you have any suggestions for this new initiative or any other digital communications that we could help facilitate for our members. Special thanks to our YLG Communications Committee members Madeline Clappin, Studio V, and John Morgan, HR&A Advisors, for their help with this edition.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

Julia Gamolina, *Trahan Architects*

Frank Futia, *CBRE*



## Throwback YLG Pics from 2020

*Our last in-person event in early 2020*



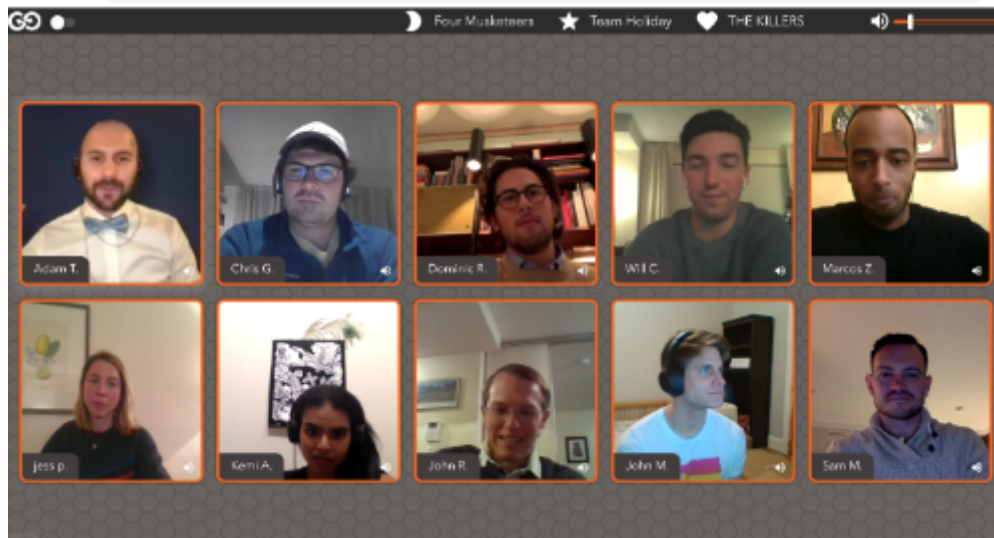
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*Leaf raking in Madison Square Park*



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*Two of the trivia teams from our virtual Holiday Party*



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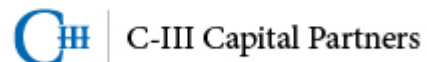


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