



Contested space: How street design can support cleaner mobility choices

Skye will discuss how our decisions about how we choose to distribute our urban street space impacts who can use it and what functions it can support. Building off the award-winning [Global Street Design Guide](#) and her team's experience working with city governments internationally, she will offer strategies and precedents for challenging the status quo and paving the way for a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future for urban mobility.



Skye Duncan joined NACTO in 2014 to serve as the Director of the Global Designing Cities Initiative, a multi-year program funded by [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#) that has developed the award-winning [Global Street Design Guide](#) and its recent supplement, [Designing Streets for Kids](#). In support of these resources, her and her team provide technical assistance to cities on street and public space design around the world.

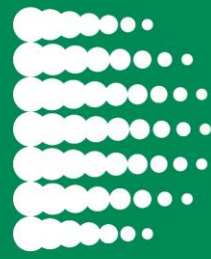
Currently her team is focusing on bringing the lessons and best practices from these global publications to help Bogotá in Colombia, São Paulo and Fortaleza in Brazil, Mumbai in India, Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, and Milan in Italy to shape safe and sustainable streets.

Skye is an urban designer with over 15 years of experience in architecture, urban design, planning and landscape architecture, and comes to NACTO after seven years working as a Senior Urban Designer at the New York City Department of City Planning in their Office of the Chief Urban Designer. There, she offered her design expertise to help shape sites of all scales across the city and collaborated with multiple agencies and organizations to make New York City a more sustainable, resilient, livable and healthy city. Skye contributed to the NYC DOT Street Design Manual and helped develop much of the Planning Department's innovative work relating to public health and the built environment. She was a contributing author to the Active Design Guidelines (2010) and led a team to produce the well-received

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2013 publication Shaping the Sidewalk Experience. In 2019, Skye was recognized as one of TUMI's Remarkable Women in Transportation.

Skye has worked professionally as an International Urban Design Consultant in Brazil, Colombia, Canada and New Zealand, and was an Adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation for seven years. She graduated as a Fulbright Scholar at Columbia in the Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design program and has a Bachelor of Architecture with Honors from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

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