

## CCCE Affiliates work on our Projects, Research and Advocacy

### **AMELIA AMON** – CCCE Affiliate

Solar Designer and Energy Consultant

Amelia is a solar designer with an aesthetic approach to integrating sustainable energy into our built environment. Her design studio, Alt. Technica, specializes in solar products and installations, including sculptural and architectural elements such as solar trackers, fountains, awnings, and dark-sky compliant solar LED lights. Products include battery chargers, user-friendly energy system components, solar freezer carts, and a solar Theremin. Solar interpretive exhibits are featured in numerous science museums and environmental centers. Policy work includes renewable energy advocacy and developing alternative energy resources for rural women in India. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

### **JEN BECKER** – CCCE Affiliate

Planning and Environmental Consultant

Jen is a public policy strategist with over fifteen years of experience developing programs to advance sustainable urban development, particularly around issues of green jobs, clean energy and manufacturing. Jen is the President of Eco-Strategies Consulting, Inc., a NYC/NYS Certified M/WBE. Before consulting, Jen served as the Chief Sustainability Manager for the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and as the Vice President of Clean Energy and Sustainability for the New York City EDC. Jen worked for New York Industrial Retention Network, the Municipal Art Society and INFORM, Inc. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

### **CATHEY BILLIAN** – CCCE Affiliate

Artist - Art Interventions and Amenities for Pathways, Parks and Trails

Cathey is an environmental artist whose projects explore the human place-based experience at the confluence of public art and environmental interpretation. She is an Adjunct Professor of Art and Design at Pratt Institute where she installed the Whispering Bench, a unique edition of retrofitted, transformed World's Fair Park Benches, incorporating poetic text and sonic field recordings. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**BETH BINGHAM** – CCCE Affiliate  
Planning and Historic Preservation Consultant

Beth is an Urban Planner and Historic Preservation consultant with a professional focus on sustainability and community-based initiatives. She holds a MS in City and Regional Planning and a Certificate in Historic Preservation from Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment. At Pratt, she teaches in the graduate Urban Planning and Historic Preservation programs. She has worked with the Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group and as a volunteer planner with Architecture for Humanity. In the past, Ms. Bingham was a Catalyst Coordinator for Partnerships for Parks, where she worked with community groups on open space issues. She was a preservation intern at the Municipal Art Society and a Graduate Fellow at the Pratt Center for Community Development. Prior to that, she worked as an Architectural Historian for a Cultural Resources Management firm based in New Orleans. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**LINDA COHEN** – CCCE Affiliate  
Non-Profit Project Manager, Community Organizer and Developer

Linda is a resourceful, and seasoned relationship and community builder who makes valuable, productive connections to advance missions. She is a highly collaborative team player skilled at initiating and guiding complex projects. She has strong analytical, organizational and planning abilities, and is able to quickly and effectively organize, coordinate, and shepherd projects that yield great results, all the while training others. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network** and the **Anti-Displacement Committee**.

**WENDY FLEISCHER** – CCCE Affiliate  
Consultant – Community Development/Environment

Wendy develops and coordinates initiatives in the areas of community development, environmental sustainability and health. She is currently the Donor Representative for the New York City Change Capital Fund, a collaborative of 16 funders supporting community organizations to increase economic mobility in the city's lowest income neighborhoods through data-driven, integrated programming. Wendy coordinated the NYC Housing and Neighborhood Recovery Donor Collaborative, which pooled the resources of financial and philanthropic institutions to increase resiliency in neighborhoods impacted by Superstorm Sandy. She created and directed a suite of initiatives promoting energy efficiency and neighborhood sustainability at the Pratt Center for Community Development and led a successful three-city employment program for the Corporation for Supportive Housing. She directed the Fifth Avenue Committee, Inc., in the mid-1980s. Wendy has a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She benefited from Pratt Center's Community Development program and had the privilege of being a Revson Fellow at Columbia University in 1992. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**TARRY HUM** – CCCE Affiliate

Professor and Chair, Queens College Department of Urban Studies

Tarry is an Urban Planner and researcher with a focus on immigrant communities, informal housing and labor markets, and industrial gentrification. She holds a Phd in Urban Planning from UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs and a MCP from MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. She teaches classes that engage undergraduates in participatory action research in community planning. Examples of her students' research projects are available at [qcurban.org](http://qcurban.org). She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**KAREN KUBEY** – CCCE Affiliate

Urbanist Specializing in Housing and Health; Visiting Associate Professor, Pratt Institute

Karen Kubey is an urbanist and visiting associate professor at Pratt Institute specializing in housing and health. Kubey co-founded the Architecture for Humanity New York chapter (now Open Architecture / New York) and New Housing New York and was the first executive director of the Institute for Public Architecture. She is the guest-editor of *Housing as Intervention: Architecture towards Social Equity* (Architectural Design) and has recently collaborated with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the New York City Housing Authority on projects promoting social justice through design. Trained as an architect at the University of California, Berkeley and Columbia University, Karen began her career in affordable housing design. She has received support from the New York State Council on the Arts and The MacDowell Colony. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**ELLEN POLLAN** – CCCE Affiliate

Non-Profit Arts Administrator

Ellen is currently Director of Advancement at Bronx Arts Ensemble focusing on institutional and private fundraising. She manages a portfolio of private, and public grants. She is responsible for oversight of annual appeal and key special events. She joined the BAE program team focused on the integration of BAE's Arts in Education programs with their live Music performance program. Prior to working at BAE, she was Deputy Director at the Bronx Council on the Arts where she also acted as Interim Executive Director. She is known for working across sectors to infuse arts and culture programs into Bronx neighborhoods and grow the Bronx Arts brand. Of note, she has raised significant funds (\$5.1 million from City sources) for the renovation of BCA's future headquarters @2700 East Tremont Avenue in the Westchester Square neighborhood. Her experience includes; the Arts and Business Council, Mass Transit Street Theater, the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Ms. Pollan's board affiliations include Washington Heights Community Services Inc, and The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, Thrivent Financial – Metro NYC. Ms. Pollan was a proud working group member of the Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts - NY and CultureAID NYC and she proudly continues her work as an advocate for Cultural Equity. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.

**JAIME STEIN** – CCCE Affiliate  
Planning and Environmental Consultant

Jaime is an Academic, Sustainability Consultant and Urban Researcher with more than 10 years experience in advocating for sustainable communities through community engagement, sustainability planning and policy analysis. Ms. Stein's experience lies in leadership and management roles within multi-stakeholder projects. She has successfully managed many multi-stakeholder, interdisciplinary projects wherein her leadership and communication skills have facilitated comprehensive and innovative deliverables. She is a member of CCCE's **Research and Advocacy Network**.