

DAVEED KAPOOR

As director and principal, Daveed Kapoor oversees all aspects of Utopiad, from project conceptualization thru design development to construction administration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROJECTS AS DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL OF UTOPIAD (2005-present)

Maywood, Eagle Rock, California
22nd St, South Los Angeles, California
Neola, Los Angeles, California
Blum & Poe Gardena, Gardena, California
Morgan, South Los Angeles, California
Killian, El Monte, California
Common Corners, Walnut, California
El Paso, Los Angeles California
Pepper, Los Angeles, California
Angelus Cafe, Los Angeles, California
AfSeld, Los Angeles, California
LA Cafe Parklet, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Cypress Craftsman Casita, Los Angeles, California
Alley Casita over Garage, Los Angeles California
Brewjeria, Pico Rivera, California
Wisdom LA, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Stylobates And Epistyles, Beverly Hills, California
York Parklet, Los Angeles, California
Youth Justice Coalition, South Los Angeles, California
2828 North Main Street, Lincoln Height, Los Angeles, California
Density Kite, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, California
1626 South Hill Loading Area Roof, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Auto Body Experience, Los Angeles, California
Elysian/Clockshop Office Remodel, Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, California
403 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills, California
Constellation, Huntington Beach, California
Buena Vista, Los Angeles, California
E Ave House + Arroyo Casita, Cypress Park, Los Angeles, California
Kaleidoscope, West Hollywood, California
Cedros Parklets, Los Angeles, California
Ghebaly Gallery + LA Dance Project, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Bowtie Circle, Los Angeles, California
Butterfly Sawtooth, Cypress Park, Los Angeles, California
R1, Highland Park, Los Angeles, California
1329 E Third Street, Los Angeles, California
Elysian Bar, Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, California
Mast. South Los Angeles Wetlands Park, Los Angeles, California
Monet Avenue Parklet, Rancho Cucamonga, California
Motor Avenue Parklets, Palms Neighborhood, Los Angeles, California
LADOT People St Implementation
Elysian Park Linkages, Los Angeles, California
Yucca-Argyle Triangle, Hollywood, California
Bowtie Circle, Los Angeles, California
Dry River Brewing, Los Angeles, California

812 South Robertson, Los Angeles, California
LADOT People St, Kit-Of-Parts For Parklets And Plazas
Spring Street Parklets, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Bruck Braid. Downtown Los Angeles, California
Oak Street Studio Pop Up Addition, Santa Monica, California
Sixth And Arizona Mixed Use, Santa Monica, California
Double House, Los Angeles, California
1000 Homes, Pasadena, California
Metro Rapid 720 Stop At Central Avenue, Skid Row, Los Angeles, California
1444 11th Street, Santa Monica, California
Regent Theater, Downtown Los Angeles, California
Westlake Theater District, Los Angeles, California
Little Radio Warehouse, Downtown Los Angeles, California
11 Marine Terrace, Santa Monica, California
Axiom International Headquarters, Burbank, California
O Hotel. Downtown Los Angeles, California
301 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, California
1721 Bluff Road Recycling Facility, Montebello, California
Sun-Lite Metals Headquarters, South Los Angeles, California
1200 Page Street, San Francisco, California
Risa Ranch Barn Cabana, Pope Valley, California

PROJECTS AS ARCHITECT FOR RAC DESIGN BUILD (2011-2014)

Kastner Headquarters, Playa Vista, California
Euclid Big Parking, Santa Monica, California
Hostess Re-Baked, Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, California
Figueroa Riverside Landbridge, Cypress Park, Los Angeles, California
Elysian Restaurant And Banquet Hall, Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, California
Eyeboogie Headquarters, Echo Park, Los Angeles, California.
3048 N Coolidge Ave, Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, California
Vevo Music Headquarters, Playa Vista, Los Angeles, California
5340 Alla Road, Playa Vista, California

PROJECTS AS ASSOCIATE FOR JOHNSTON MARKLEE (2000-2005)

The Orchid Restaurant, Santa Monica, California
Marfa Public Library, Marfa, Texas
Columbia Street Studios, Marfa Texas
The Hungry Cat Oyster Bar, Hollywood, California
Hill House, Pacific Palisades, California
Century City Medical Plaza, Century City, California
Ford Calumet, Environmental Center, Chicago, Illinois
Nano @ LACMA Lab, Exhibition In Los Angeles, California
View House, Malibu, California
Gapmobile, Mobile Retail Concept
Sale House, Venice, California
Bitel Mancall Residence, Bel Air, California
Fine Lidell Residence, Mount Washington, California
Standard 8 Offices, Los Angeles, California
Walden Wilson Studios, Culver City, California
UCLA School Of Architecture Perloff Hall Gallery And Resource Room
Palos Verdes Art Center, Palos Verdes, California

GPS/GIS SUPERVISOR. FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH. FOX CHAPEL, PA. (1999)
GPS surveyed and mapped storm drainage/sewer system, developed GIS standards

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, ADVISORY BOARDS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Registered Architect, State of California License No. C 32812	
Los Angeles Walks Board of Advisors	2012-Present
The Architecture Lobby Member Los Angeles Chapter Steward	2017-Present 2018-2020
Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park Board of Advisors	2016-2017
LA City Council District 13 Design Review Committee	2014-2020
Hollywood Design Review Board	2010-2014
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Complete Streets Working Group	2011-2013
Bus Riders Union - Clean Air and Economic Justice Plan	2009

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, School of Architecture Los Angeles, California Bachelor of Architecture Presidential Scholarship Tau Sigma Delta	2004
Jon Adams Jerde, FAIA/USC Architectural Guild Traveling Fellowship	2002
USC Architecture Asia Study Abroad	2001
Carnegie Mellon University Pre-College Architecture Program	1997

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Department of Architecture Co-instructor of Topic Studio on Infrastructure & Territorial Design	2019
Departments of Architecture + Landscape Architecture + Urban and Regional Planning Lecturer for ENV 101 Foundations of Design	2015

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) 2002-2004
Department of Architecture and Urban Design
Research Assistant for 437 Building Construction Seminar Taught by Mark Lee

Visiting Critic:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, University Of Southern California,
Woodbury University

HONORS & AWARDS

Americans for the Arts Certificate of Recognition 2017 July
2017 Public Art Network Year in Review
in recognition of Current: LA Water

City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of 2016 July 16
“The diligent work of Daveed Kapoor to create a significant shift in the way LA
integrates Arts, Culture and Creativity into the civic fabric of the lives of Angelenos.”

Planning Achievement Award for a Best Practice, LADOT People St 2016
American Planning Association

Award of Excellence for Planning Best Practices, LADOT People St 2015
APA California Chapter

Award of Excellence for Planning Best Practices, LADOT People St 2015
APA Los Angeles

Walk A Mile In My Shoes, Daveed Kapoor’s shoes monumentalized alongside 2014
leading civil rights and peace activists in Kim Abeles’s public art plaza

City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of 2013 February
Daveed Kapoor’s work to install the first parklet in the City of Los Angeles.

Planning Excellence Award for Grassroots Initiative 2012
DLANC Complete Streets Working Group
APA Los Angeles

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

To Life Without Objects 2019 November
East Los Angeles College Department of Architecture Fall ‘19 lecture series

Making LA Together, Live Judging Of National Endowment For The Arts 2017 June
Funding For Design East Of La Brea Making LA Prize

Current Work 2016 November
CPPLA lecture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Lounge-Aholics: The Social Life Of Furniture In L.a.’S New Public Spaces 2016 November 4
Presented by *The Architect’s Newspaper* Panel with Antonio Pacheco,
Allyn David; Ben Feldman, Catherine Johnson, Daveed Kapoor, Sebastian Salvadó

West Edge Design Fair

<i>Sankofa City: Designing Street Futures In South L.A.</i> Lecture And Workshop At Kaos Network, Leimert Park	2016 September
<i>Fuzzy Urbanism: Ideas For Blurring The Lines Between Public And Private</i> Discussion with Nat Gale, Elizabeth Timme, Daveed Kapoor, Mimi Zeiger, Matthew Severson, Priscilla Fraser, moderated by Helen Leung Space 1520, Hollywood	2016 June
<i>Elysian Linkages</i> Explorers Club Lecture, Metabolic Studio	2016 February
<i>How To Make Zoning Code More Walkable</i> ReCode la presentation at Los Angeles City Hall	2015 May
<i>Inglewood Urban Stage Water And Streets</i> Discussion with Benjamin Ball, Elizabeth Timme moderated by Cheryl Wing-Zi Wong At Urban Stage Installation At Inglewood City Hall	2015 April
<i>How Designers Can Reclaim Our Streets</i> Making LA Conference, Design East Of La Brea	2014 November
<i>How Prototyping Is Driving New Opportunities In Real Estate</i> ULI San Diego/Tijuana	2014 Aug 12
<i>Moving Beyond The Temporary: Tactics For Catalyzing Permanent Change</i> Lecture at "Plus2: Planning & Land Use Strategies Summit" at Spur San Francisco	2014 April
<i>Demonstrate Your Site's People St Potential: Spring St Parklet Precedent,</i> Presentation To AIA LA Urban Design Committee	2014 Feb 19
<i>Welcome To People St.: A Q&A With LADOT</i> American Planning Association - Los Angeles	2014 Feb 11
<i>Guerilla Planning And Urban Acupuncture</i> Panel with Mia Lehrer, Ron Finley, Sandra Kulli Omar Brownson, Daveed Kapoor. Verdexchange 2014 Conference	2014 Jan 28

PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

LA Center Walk, Los Angeles Walk Community Walk, 2022 April 30

LA 4 Corners, Los Angeles Walks 4 Walk Series, 2019 Sep 22 thru 2020 March 1

North Line Walk, Daveed Kapoor co-Led Walk Along Los Angeles's Original Northern Pueblo Boundary As Part Of Los Angeles Walks LA 4 Corners Series, 2020 March 1

South Line Walk, Daveed Kapoor led walk along Los Angeles's original southern Pueblo boundary as part of Los Angeles Walks LA 4 Corners Series, 2019 Nov 16

CurrentLA: Water, South Los Angeles Wetlands Park, 2016 July 16 thru 2016 August 14

Spring Street Parklets Tour, De Lab (Design East Of La Brea), 2013 February 25

Yichud, Eagle Rock Center for the Arts, with Alison Kudlow for 'Get Hubbied' curated by Bettina Hubby and Tif Sigfrids, 2011 September 25

LA = LAleph, Will Wright Reads, Reading at The Gorbals, Downtown Los Angeles, 2010 Oct 25

Outside Inside Outside Inside Outside, Will Wright Reads, Reading at Echo Park Film Center, Los Angeles, 2010 Jan 30

To Life Without Objects, Conflux City: Third Annual Thank Tank 2009: Centennial Lay State Of Our Union, Union Square Park, NYC, Read By Michael Gerald Bauer, 2009 September 20

This Is How The Film Of My Life Will Go, Will Wright Reads, Reading at Echo Park Film Center, Los Angeles, 2009 July 24

The Enemy Is Stagnate Cities And Sprawl, Will Wright Reads, Reading at Echo Park Film Center, Los Angeles, 2009 March 28

You Can Work For Yourself Outside of the Wheel, Will Wright Reads, Reading at Ball Nougues Studio, Downtown Los Angeles, 2009 Feb 11

1617e7thNo16, Installation in Downtown Los Angeles, 2005-2007

Temple, Monolith, Column, Wound, gallery show at Verle Annis Gallery University of Southern California School of Architecture, 2002

Venus Cloud, Installation inside Venus Stationary Company, Downtown Los Angeles, 2000-2004

PUBLICATIONS

Meares, Hadley, "Hollywood Monuments to John Wayne, D.W. Griffith and More Are Under Fire: A Status Report," *The Hollywood Reporter* (2020 December 16)

Walker, Alissa, "It's About Time Hollywood's D.W. Griffith Monument Came Down." *Curbed LA* (2020 August 17)

Tatlonghari, Maxine, "9 Most Instagrammable Spots in West Hollywood" *Visit West Hollywood* (2020, March 10) - Kaleidoscope Installation featured

McNary, Sharon, "How To Intentionally (And Safely) Walk To Dodger Stadium And Save Your Money For Overpriced Beer," *LAist* (2019 August 15)

Macdonald, Gregor, "A City Seeks to Create a Unique Asset in a 32-Mile River Bike Path" *Route Fifty* (2019 July 25)

Barragan, Bianca, "Developer who launched Downtown loft bonanza now buying in Chinatown" *Curbed LA* (2019 June 13)

Gluck, Marissa, "CalEarth, champion of inexpensive architecture for the poor, reopens this weekend" *Los Angeles Times* (2019 May 31)

Ortved, John, "Ai Weiwei's Latest Venture: A New Art Space for Hollywood Superagency UTA" *Architectural Digest* (2018 August 8)

Stone, Abigail, "Home is Where The Art Is: UTA's New Artist Space," *California Home Design* (2018 July 17)

Lucia, Claudia, "UTA Fine Arts Debuts Beverly Hills Artist Space," *The Hollywood Reporter* (2018 July 10)

Owens, Lena Burton, "A Tale of Two Cities: The Parklet Implementation Processes in Los Angeles and San Francisco," Occidental College (2018 Spring)

Vallianatos, Mark, "Forbidden City: How Los Angeles Banned Some of its Most Popular Buildings," *Urbanize Los Angeles* (2017 September 6)

"Kaleidoscope Becomes West Hollywood's Third 'Micro Park'," *The Los Angeles Independent* (2017 August 11)

Roberts, Donald "City Installs Latest Micro-Park" *Canyon News* (2017 Aug 9)

"WeHo launches new micro-park, 'Kaleidoscope'," *Park LaBrea News Beverly Press* (2017 August 10)

Chou, Elizabeth, "Riverside Drive bridge, roundabout open to mixed reactions," *Los Angeles Daily News* (2017 January 30)

Tinoco, Matt, "Trump's Los Angeles Money Man - Garish faux-Italian buildings. A trail of lawsuits and annoyed neighbors." *Politico* (2016 August 04)

Chu, Simone, Meeks, Michael and Castillo, Rebecca, "Current LA: Colonial mast meets functional art," *Los Angeles Times* (2016 July 22)

Jao, Carren, "A Guide to Current:LA Water, the Biennial Bringing Art to 16 Locations Across the City" *KCET ARTBOUND* (2016 July 15)

Zara, Janelle, "PSSST Offers An Alternative To The Art World Status Quo," *Cultured Magazine* (2016 June 13)

Miranda, Carolina A., "Mayor Eric Garcetti announces artists for L.A.'s first public art biennial to be held this summer" *The Baltimore Sun* (2016, April 12)

Berker, Mehmet, "Yes -- We Do Need Protection on Metro Lines," *CityWatch LA* (2015 September 14) - about Utopiad proposal for new Dodger Stadium pedestrian only gate and Chinatown path wayfinding

"US Study Tour: Post #1 - arki_lab meets rebel architect in a car-centric city," *arki_lab.dk* (2015 Feb 6)

Bliss, Laura, "Was Monday's Fire In Downtown L.A. An 'Architectural Hate Crime'? The Destroyed Building Was To Be The Latest Mega-Complex By A Detested Local Developer," *The Atlantic* (2014 Dec 9)

Milam, Ron, "Proposed Streets Improvements in Morton Valley," *Morton Valley Partnership* (2014 November 13)

Strauss, Molly, "Evidence That It Takes More Than A Great Idea To Produce Great LA Streets," *The Planning Report* (2014 Nov 13)

Showley, Roger, "'Urban Prototyping': Next Buzzword." *ULI San Diego-Tijuana News* (2014 Aug 13)

Linton, Joe, "Nela's Historic Riverside-Figueroa Bridge Being Demolished". *Streetsblog LA*. Featuring Demolition Sequence Photographs From Daveed's Instagram Feed. (2014 Aug 6).

Sulaiman, Sahra, "Lovely Art Installations Evoking Walking Placed In Hard-To-Walk-To Locations," *Streetsblog LA* (2014 July 18).

Trinh, Jean, "Sorry, L.A. Won't Get Its Own Awesome High-Line Park: Riverside-Figueroa Bridge Slated For Demolition," *LAist* (2014 Jun 3)

Reyes, Emily Alpert, "Legal Challenge Seeks To Stop City From Demolishing Historic Bridge" *Los Angeles Times* (2014 May 30)

Fenske, Sarah, "10 Angelenos Making The World A Better Place," *LA Weekly* (2014 May 19)

Gluck, Marissa, "Daveed Kapoor: An Advocate For Pedestrians," *LA Weekly* (2014 May 14)

Gluck, Marissa, "How L.A. Designed Simple Kits That Let You 'Make-Your-Own' Park," *The Atlantic CityLab* (2014 April 24)

Gluck, Marissa, "Sustainable Housing An Evolving Term For Architects," *Los Angeles Times* (2014 April 18)

Zahniser, David And Vincent, Roger, "Geoffrey Palmer seen as both downtown L.A. trailblazer, steamroller," *Hartford Courant* (2014 December 9)

Rossenfeld, Carrie, "Instant Parks Emerge Throughout City," *GlobeSt* (2014 Feb 4)

Jao, Carren, "L.A. Designer: We The People, Remaking L.A. Into "People Streets," *KCRW's Design & Architecture* (2014 Jan 29)

Dolejsova, Martina, "L.A., Interrupted," *Los Angeles Forum For Architecture And Urban Design* (2013 Dec 19)

Miller, Anna Bergren, "How To Get To People Street," *The Architect's Newspaper* (2013 Dec 18)

Miller, Anna Bergren, "Proposed Retrofit Of La's "Death Bridge" Leaves Out Cyclists, Pedestrians," *The Architect's Newspaper* (2013 Nov 12)

Newton, Damien, "Hyperion Hearing: It's Not About Bikes, It's About Communities And People," *StreetsblogLA* (2013 October 29)

Brasuell, James, 'The Street Stays In The Picture: Film Industry Bucks Downtown Los Angeles Alterations Including Bike Lanes, Parklets.' *The Architect's Newspaper* (2013 March 13)

Lubell, Sam 'Los Angeles' New Parklets Bring Color, Fun To The Street' *The Architect's Newspaper* (2013 Feb 8)

"Reclaiming The Right-Of-Way: A Toolkit For Creating And Implementing Parklets" *UCLA Complete Streets Initiative: Luskin School Of Public Affairs* (2012 Sep 15)

Lubell, Sam "Parallel Parks" *The Architects Newspaper* (2011 Oct 27)

McLemore, Duane, "Competing Visions for Los Angeles – Suburbia, Citadel Urbanism, or a Landscape of Reinvestment?," *The Zero Of Form* (2010 Dec 21)

Richardson, Eric, "Metro Rapid 720 Adding Stop At Central," *Blogdowntown* (2009 May 04)

ARTICLES BY DAVEED KAPOOR

"Josh Callaghan: *Social Block*" *Curator* (2021 October 28)

"5 Truths About The Economic Impact Of Walking: Developer Yuval Bar-Zemer Discusses Five Ways He's Seeing Pedestrian Improvements Contribute To A More Financially Viable L.A. As Told To Los Angeles Walks Steering Committee Member Daveed Kapoor," *Los Angeles Walks Footnotes* (2014)

"Innovation" *Dirt Rag Magazine*, Issue #52, History Of The Derailleur And A Call To Hydraulic Drive Bicycles (1996)

RADIO & TELEVISION BROADCASTS:

Who Killed the Red Car?: Why did Los Angeles dismantle one of the greatest rail transit systems in the nation? KCET's "Lost L.A." Season 5 Episode 1. TV Series Documentary (2022)

You Can Walk To Dodger Stadium And Save Your Parking Money For Dodger Dogs, Daveed Kapoor interviewed by Sharon McNary re: Utopiad's Elysian Linkages project, aired on KPCC (2019 August 15)

LA's New Public Art Biennial Wants To Change The Way You Think About Water, Daveed Kapoor and Joshua Callaghan interviewed by Emily Guerin re: their Mast installation, aired on KPCC (2016 July 21)

Before The Dodgers: The View From Mount Lookout, Daveed Kapoor discussing Elysian Park Linkages on this episode of KCET's "Lost L.A." TV Series Documentary (2016)

Explorations At 3mph, Daveed Kapoor featured on episode 207 of KCET's *City Walk*, TV Series Documentary (2015)

Every City Is A Living Body, Daveed Kapoor featured on episode 102 of KCET's *City Walk*, TV Series Documentary (2013)

LA's Hot, Traffic's Not, Daveed Kapoor interviewed for Fastla.org Idea Summit, Smartchannel.tv (2010 Jan 12)