

PLACEMAKING NETWORK: WINTER-SPRING 2016 SEMINARS



Rue de Bouchers, Brussels

Monday, February 22nd at 6:00 PM
BSA SPACE, 290 Congress Street, Boston

CREATING A RETAIL & RESTAURANT ROW

Marc Margulies- Margulies Perruzzi Architects
Plans for Thomson Place Boston

Signe Nielsen- Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects
Stone Street, Lower Manhattan

What does it take to convert a little-used street into a vibrant retail & restaurant row?
What are the logistical and political challenges? What are the successful design features?
What can the role of such a place be within the urban public realm?

Marc Margulies and Signe Nielsen will present two restaurant row projects: plans for the upcoming conversion of Thomson Place in Boston's innovation district, and the conversion of Stone Street in New York City's finance district, whose success is demonstrated by its popularity over the past ten years. Discussion will follow.



Marc Margulies, FAIA, LEED AP is the founding principal of Margulies Perruzzi Architects, consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms. In addition to his professional focus, Marc has been deeply involved in community and philanthropic endeavors. Marc founded the Boston Area Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in 1984, and is on the boards of Heading Home, CoreNet, NAIOP, Boys and Girls Club of Boston, North Bennett Street School, and Mount Ida College, and is President of Boston's Wharf District Council. Marc holds BA and M.Arch degrees from the Univ. of Pennsylvania.



Signe Nielsen, FASLA is the founding principal of Mathews Nielsen, an award-winning design firm whose landscapes respond meaningfully to the people and sites for which they are designed. Signe is a fellow of the ASLA and the recipient of over 100 design awards for public open space projects. She is a Professor of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Pratt Institute and currently serves as President for the Public Design Commission of the City of New York. Signe holds degrees in Urban Planning from Smith College; in Landscape Architecture from City College of New York; and in and in Construction Management from Pratt Institute.

The Boston Society of Architects' Placemaking Network meets monthly to hear seminar presentations on the subject of Placemaking, to discuss what makes public spaces successful, and to examine how architects, landscape designers, urban planners, artists, and public officials can work together to create great public places, to turn SPACE into PLACE.

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