

# John Montague Massengale AIA

JOHN MASSENGALE has won awards for architecture, urban design, historic preservation and architectural history, from organizations and publications ranging from *Progressive Architecture* and *Metropolitan Home* to several chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Co-author of the first architectural history book nominated for a National Book Award, John has taught at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Miami, the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment and the Institute for Classical Architecture & Art.

- Board Member, Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) <http://www.cnu.org>
- *Street Design: The Art & Practice of Making Complete Streets*, with Victor Dover (Wiley, 2014), with Victor Dover
- Founding Chair, CNU New York (New York chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism)
- Urban Designer, Mississippi Renewal Forum (after Katrina), State of Mississippi, Biloxi, Mississippi <http://www.mississippi-renewal.com/>
- Former Director, Institute for Classical Architecture & Classical America <http://www.classicist.org>
- Former Director, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County <http://www.fcwc.org>
- Executive Director, Institute for Traditional Architecture, Charleston, South Carolina. Merged with ICAA <http://www.classicist.org>
- Co-Founder and Co-Chair, New Urban Council. “The first New Urban Council was the most important New Urban event since the founding of the CNU in 1991,” Andrés Duany. <http://www.tndtownpaper.com/debate.htm#council>
- Town Architect, Seaside Florida, 1986. The first New Urban development, called by *Time*, “One of the most influential projects of the decade, and, hopefully, decades to come.”
- Co-Author, with Robert A.M. Stern and Gregory Gilmartin, *New York 1900, Metropolitan Architecture & Urbanism, 1890-1915* (New York, Rizzoli, 1983). <http://amzn.to/NewYork1900>
- Chair, Congress for the New Urbanism delegation to Habitat II, United Nations. <http://www.un.org/conferences/habitat/>

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## Education

M. Arch.	Graduate School of Fine Arts, School of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania	1978
	GSAPP Columbia University Courses in Rome & Paris, with Kenneth Frampton, Anthony Vidler, Léon Krier and Michael Schwarting	1977
	Michael Graves Studio, Princeton University	1976
A.B.	Visual & Environmental Studies, Harvard College	1974
	College of Environmental Design, University of California at Berkeley	1970-1971
Fellow	Stiftung Thurn und Taxis, Munich, Germany	1983
Winner	Bancroft Prize (Highest Freshman GPA), University of California at Berkeley	1971
Fellow	English Speaking Union Exchange, London, UK	1969-1970

## Employment

Owner & Sole Proprietor	Massengale & Co LLC is my company for all work that does not require an architect's stamp. As John Montague Massengale AIA at Massengale Architecture PLLC, I am a registered and licensed architect in the State of New York.	1986-
Visiting Professor	School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Graduate Thesis Studio, Architecture and Urban Design	2007
Visiting Professor	School of Architecture, University of Miami, Fourth Year and Graduate Studio, Arch. and Urban Design	2006
Executive Director	Institute of Traditional Architecture, Charleston, SC, Merged with ICA&CA, New York, New York in 2004	2001-2003
Visiting Professor	School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Fourth Year Studio, Architecture and Urban Design	1999
Visiting Professor	School of Architecture, University of Miami, Fourth Year and Graduate Studio, Arch. and Urban Design	1998
Faculty	Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America, (ICA&CA), New York, New York	1998-2009

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Faculty	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Public Housing Course, CNU at Harvard University	1997
Visiting Faculty	Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture in America, Charlottesville, Virginia	1996
Sole Proprietor	John Montague Massengale AIA, Architecture, Town Planning & Historic Preservation, Bedford, New York	1989-
Joint Venture	Moritz Hauschild Architekten, Munich, Germany	1987
Town Architect	Seaside Community Development, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida	1986
Design Architect	Perkins Eastman Architects, New York, New York	1985
Joint Venture	Braunfels und Partners, Munich, Germany	1984
Architect & Author	Robert A.M. Stern Architects, New York, New York	1978-1983
Intern	Voorsanger & Mills Architects, New York, New York	1978
Office	Kiff, Voss & Franklin Architects, ("Formerly the Office of York & Sawyer"), New York, New York	1975

### Professional

Board	Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), Chicago, Illinois	2012-
Chair	CNU New York (New York Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism)	2006-2012
Board	Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America, (ICA&CA), New York, New York	2004-2009
Prof. Member	Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, London, UK	2009-
Co-Founder	Council for European Urbanism (CEU), Brussels, Belgium & Bruges, Belgium	2003
Founder Co-Chair	Classical Councils, Alexandria, Virginia & Boston, Massachusetts.	2001-2003

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Founder Co-Chair	New Urban Councils, Charleston, South Carolina, Santa Fe, New Mexico & Washington, DC	2003-
Co-Chair	CNU IX: "From Neighborhood to Region," 9th Congress for the New Urbanism, New York, New York	2001
Founder	Meta-Physical Planning Sessions at the New Urban Congresses	1999-
Board of Advisors	National Town Builders Association (NTBA), Washington, DC	1998-2001
Co-Chair	Regional & Physical Planning Caucus, Habitat II, <i>The City Conference</i> , United Nations Global Conference, New York and Istanbul	1997
Co-Chair	Congress for the New Urbanism Delegation, Habitat II, <i>The City Conference</i> , United Nations Global Conference, New York and Istanbul	1997
Co-Chair	<i>Growth By Design</i> , Sponsored by Federated Conservation- ists of Westchester County, the Westchester Land Trust, the Westchester County Association and Texaco; Purchase, NY	1996
Founding Member	Congress for the New Urbanism, Original Member by Invitation, Alexandria, Virginia	1993
Board	Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC), White Plains, New York	1989-1996
Commis- sioner	Pound Ridge National Historic Distric Commission, Pound Ridge, New York	1986-1989

## Books

Author	<i>The Principles of Urban Design: Five Walking Tours in New York City</i> (Working title. Grant from the Graham Foun- dation for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts)	2015
Co-Author	with Victor Dover, <i>Street Design: The Secret to Great Cities and Towns</i> (Hoboken, Wiley)	2014
Co-Author	with Robert A. M. Stern and Gregory Gilmartin, <i>New York 1900: Metropolitan Architecture &amp; Urbanism 1890-1915</i> (New York, Rizzoli)	1983
Co-Author	with Robert A.M. Stern, <i>The Anglo-American Suburb</i> (New York, St. Martin's Press/London, Academy Editions)	1982

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### Compilations

Author	"An Introduction to Urban Design," <i>Classical Architecture: A Handbook to the Tradition</i> (New York, W.W. Norton & Co.)	2015
Contributor	<i>The Language of Towns &amp; Cities</i> (New York, Rizzoli), edited by Dhiru Thadani, foreword by Léon Krier	2010
Contributor	<i>Windsor Forum on Design Education, Toward an ideal curriculum to reform architectural education</i> (Coral Gables, New Urban Press), edited by Duany, Hurtt, <i>et al</i>	2004
Editor	<i>Culture and the Social Vision</i> , VIA IV (Cambridge, The MIT Press), edited by Mark Hewitt, Benjarmin Kracauer, Michael McDonough, John Massengale	1980

### Articles - Professional

Excerpt	"The Problems With Modern Roundabouts," Edited excerpt from <i>Street Design</i> in <i>Better! Cities &amp; Towns</i> (January 28, 2014): 3-4.	
Author	"A Compromised Main Street," <i>Berkshire Record</i> (June 29-July 5, 2012):A5; Part 2 (July 6-July 12, 2012):A4. Also published online by Better! Cities & Towns and Streetsblog DC.	
Author	"Good News, Bad News," <i>New Urban Council Report VII</i> (Maryland, The Townpaper)	2007
Book Review	"An American Renaissance Gem," <i>Wall Street Journal</i> (December 9, 2006):P13.	
Book Review	"Building for Beauty," <i>Wall Street Journal</i> (November 18, 2006):P11.	
Author	"Learning From Les Etats Unis," <i>New Urban Council Report V</i> (Maryland, The Townpaper)	2005
Author	"Notes on the New Discourse, From A(rchitects) to Z(eitgeist)," <i>Period Homes</i> (September 2005):Endnote.	
Author	"The Great Style Debate," <i>New Urban Council Report IV</i> (Maryland, The Townpaper)	2003
Author	"Classicism, Traditionalism and Urbanism," <i>New Urban Council Report IV</i> (Maryland, The Townpaper)	2003
Author	"What I Learned Last Spring," <i>New Urban Council Report III</i> (Maryland, The Townpaper)	2003

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- Author "The Most Beautiful City of the Twentieth Century," 2003  
*New Urban Council Report II* (Maryland, The Townpaper)
- Author "NU Redux: Good, Better, Best," 2001  
*New Urban Council Report I* (Maryland, The Townpaper)
- Author "The I'On Plan," *New Urban Council Report I* 2001  
(Maryland, The Townpaper)
- Author "Nature, Human Nature and the City," *Carolina Planning*  
(Spring 1999):47.
- Op-Ed "Town Design By Design," *The Rural Press* (Spring, 1990):18.
- Op-Ed "Building Towns That Allow Genuine Community Life,"  
*Lewisboro Ledger* (September 28, 1988):11.
- Op-Ed "Recreating Goldens Bridge Hamlet," *Lewisboro Ledger*  
(September 11, 1988):11.
- Op-Ed "Blueprint for Development," *Patent Trader* (December 12,  
1986):14.
- Author "Mr. Manners Goes To MOMA: The Politics of Destructiv-  
ism," *Inland Architect* (September/October 1988):66-69.
- Book "Postmodern Morality: The Architecture of Kohn Pedersen  
Review Fox," *Contemporanea* (April 1988):107.
- Co-Author with Robert A.M. Stern, "With Rhetoric, The New York 1981  
Apartment House," *VIA IV* (Cambridge, MIT Press)
- Book "The Architecture of the United States,"  
Review *Skyline* (July 1981):7.
- Author "Scaling the Skyline," *Skyline* (January 1981):4.

## Articles - Other

Lloyd Alter, "How Cars Made It Nearly Impossible To Walk  
In New York City," Business Insider (January 28, 2014):  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/how-cars-have-made-it-almost-impossible-to-walk-2014-1>

- Book Philip Langdon, "How to Build Great Streets," *Better! Cities &*  
Review *Towns* (January 28, 2014):pp 1, 3, review of *Street Design*.

Benjamin Olivo, "UTSA hosting street design experts," The  
Downtown Blog, MySA.com (January 23,2014): <http://blog.mysanantonio.com/downtown/2014/01/utsa-hosting-street-design-experts/>

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- Interview "Creating Great Streets, What Does It Take? An Interview with John Massengale and Victor Dover," Project for Public Spaces (July 2, 2012): <http://www.pps.org/blog/creating-great-streets-what-does-it-take-an-interview-with-john-massengale-victor-dover/>
- Interview David Brussat, "The hypocrisy of additions, old and new," *The Providence Journal* (Thursday, February 18, 2010).
- David Brussat, "Challenge the modernist deceit," *The Providence Journal* (Thursday, August 9, 2007)
- Real Estate Christopher Gray, "The Commissioners' Plan of 1811; Are Manhattan's Right Angles Wrong?" *New York Times* (October 23, 2005):D4.
- David Brussat, "Dissertation on modern architecture," *The Providence Journal* (Thursday, April 15, 2004).
- City Section Robert Behre, "Charleston to become an architecture classroom," *The Post and Courier* (Monday, May 13, 2002).
- "Darien's Massengale Wins Awards," *Darien News-Review* (Wednesday, November 23, 1994):A40.
- "A House in the Catskills," *Metropolitan Home* (September 1994): 92.
- Mark Hewitt, "A House in Westchester," *Hudson Valley* (May 1994): 37.
- Home Section Suzanne Slesin, "Juxtaposing Old and New," *New York Times* (Thursday, September 10, 1992):C1,C2.
- "New Public Realm," *Progressive Architecture* (May 1992):64.
- "Das Massengale Haus im Seaside," *Ambiente* (September 1991):54-55.
- Interview "Westchester Q & A: John Montague Massengale, A Call For The Traditional Neighborhood," *New York Times* (Sunday, October 8, 1989):W2.
- Book Review Paul Goldberger, "A Noble Vision In Stone," *New York Times* (March 18, 1984).
- Home Section Paul Goldberger, "Design Notebook: An Honorable U.S. Tradition of Suburban Planning," *New York Times* (November 12, 1981):D3.
- Also mentioned in *New Urbanism* (Katz, 1993), *Geography of Nowhere* (Kunstler, 1993), *Home from Nowhere* (Kunstler, 1998),

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*Suburban Nation* (Duany *et al*, 2000), *The New Civic Art* (Duany *et al*, 2003), *New Urbanism, Best Practices* (Steuteville, 2004) *New Urbanism and American Planning* (Talen, 2005), *Urban Design Reclaimed: Tools, Techniques and Strategies for Planners* (Talen, 2009) and *Last Harvest* (Rybczynski, 2007).

### Lectures

Speaker	<i>A Street Is A Terrible To Waste</i> , School of Architecture, University of Texas (UTSA), San Antonio, Texas.	2014
Speaker	<i>Street Design: The Art &amp; Practice of Making Complete Streets</i> , CNU 22, Salt Lake City, Utah.	2013
Speaker	<i>Street Design: The Art &amp; Practice of Making Complete Streets</i> , Pro Walk / Pro Bike / Pro Place, Long Beach, California.	2013
Speaker	<i>New Urbanism and Historic Preservation, Collaboration Strategies</i> , CNU 20, West Palm Beach, Florida.	2012
Speaker	<i>Meta-Physical Planning, All You Need Is Love</i> , CNU 20, West Palm Beach, Florida.	2012
Speaker	<i>The City of Continuity: New Urbanism and Historic Preservation</i> , CNU 19, Madison, Wisconsin.	2011
Speaker Organizer	<i>Why do our towns looks so bad? - An Introduction to Form Based Codes</i> , Sprawl Retrofit Conference (CNU, CNU New York, Regional Plan Association, Westchester Land Trust)	2010
Speaker	<i>Smart Growth, SmartCodes</i> , Orange County Citizens Foundation, Newburgh, New York	2010
Speaker	<i>Smart Growth, SmartCodes</i> , Empire State Future 1st Annual Smart Growth Conference, Schenectady, NY	2009
Speaker Organizer	<i>Slouching Towards Alphaville</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU XVII, Denver, Colorado	2009
Speaker	<i>New New Urban Books</i> , CNU XVII, Denver, Colorado	2009
Moderator	<i>Renaissance Downtowns</i> , CNU XVII, Denver, Colorado	2009
Speaker Organizer	New Urban Charter Reform Session, CNU XVI, Austin, Texas	2008
Speaker Organizer	<i>The Way We Live Now, Truth, Beauty &amp; Highway Design</i> , Westchester Land Trust, White Plains, New York	2007
Speaker	The Green Council, New Urban & Classical Council, Alexandria, Virginia and Washington, DC	2007



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Speaker	<i>Are You Experienced?</i> , Delivered at architecture schools at Notre Dame, Andrews University, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, University of Kentucky and the University of Miami.	2005
Speaker Organizer	<i>Apocalypse Now?</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU XIV, Providence, Rhode Island	2004
Speaker Organizer	The Charleston Charter, Classical Council, with the University of Miami, Notre Dame, the ICA&CA and the CNU, Charleston, South Carolina	2004
Speaker	Historic Preservation & Urbanism Session, CNU XIII, Pasadena, California	2004
Speaker	<i>Why Johnny Can't Walk To School Too</i> , CNU School Summit, Chicago, Illinois	2003
Speaker	<i>Mild in the Streets</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU XII, Chicago, Illinois	2003
Speaker	<i>New Urban Coding</i> , CNU XII, Chicago, Illinois	2003
Speaker Organizer	<i>New Urban Coding</i> , Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, London, UK	2002
Speaker Organizer	New Urbanism and the City, Making Cities Livable, with University of Notre Dame, London, UK	2002
Speaker Organizer	Classical Council II, with the University of Miami, Notre Dame, the ICA&CA and Restore Media, Boston, Massachusetts	2002
Speaker Organizer	<i>Learning From les Etats-Unis</i> , CEU, Brussels, Belgium & Bruges, Belgium	2002
Speaker	Classical Council, with the University of Miami, Notre Dame, the ICA&CA and Restore Media, Alexandria, Virginia	2002
Speaker Organizer	<i>The Great Style Debate</i> , New Urban Council, Charleston, South Carolina	2001
Speaker	<i>A New Urban Guide to Charleston</i> , Committee to Save the City, Charleston, South Carolina	2001
Speaker	<i>Bud &amp; Guinness</i> , Seaside 20th Anniversary, Seaside, Florida	2001
Speaker	<i>But You Can Try Sometimes</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU X, Miami, Florida	1999

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Speaker	<i>A Virtual School</i> , Windsor Forum on Design Education, Vero Beach, Florida	1999
Speaker Organizer	<i>Good, Better, Best</i> , New Urban Council, Charleston, South Carolina	1999
Speaker	<i>Good, Better, Best</i> , Institute for Traditional Architecture, Organizational Conference, Windsor, Florida	1999
Speaker	<i>The Anglo-American Suburb</i> , A Vision of Europe - The Other Modern, Università di Bologna and Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Bologna, Italy	1999
Speaker Organizer	<i>The Spirit of Place</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU VII, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1999
Speaker Panelist	Traditional Architecture and New Urbanism Conference, ICA&CA and The Seaside Institute, Seaside, Florida.	1998
Speaker	<i>Nature, Human Nature and the City</i> , The New Urbanism Series, University of North Carolina School of Planning and Regional Development, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	1997
Speaker Organizer	<i>Nature, Human Nature and the Soul</i> , Meta-Physical Planning, CNU VI, Denver, Colorado	1998
Delegate	<i>Regional and Physical Planning</i> , Habitat II – The City Conference, United Nations, New York, New York	1994
Speaker	<i>It's Delicious, It's Delightful, It's De Stijl</i> , University of Miami School of Architecture, Coral Gables, Florida	1993
Speaker	<i>Affordable Housing in Suburbia</i> , Connecticut Smart Growth Conference, Yale Law School, Yale School of Management and Yale Forestry School, New Haven, Connecticut	1993
Speaker	<i>New Urbanism and the City</i> , New York Smart Growth, National Audubon Society, Albany, New York	1991
Speaker	First Annual Congress for the New Urbanism, Alexandria, Virginia	1990
Speaker	<i>Why Are Our Towns Getting Worse?</i> , Westchester Land Trust Annual Conference, White Plains, New York	1988
Speaker	<i>The Rehumanization of Civic Art and Public Space</i> , Newington Cropsey Foundation, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY	1987
Speaker	Small Town Summit, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi	1987

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Speaker	Regional Vernacular Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida	1987
Speaker	<i>Civic Art</i> , National Sculpture Society, New York, NY	1987
Speaker	<i>The Anglo-American Suburb</i> , Miami Architecture League	1981

Numerous talks for municipal planning committees and groups such as the Dutchess County Planning Federation and Federated Conservationists of Westchester County.

### Exhibitions

Exhibitor	<i>The New Public Realm</i> , Traveling exhibit in Washington, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Fort Worth, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati & New York.	1993-94
Curator	<i>SUBURBS</i> , Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Smithsonian National Design Collection, New York, New York.	1981
Curator	<i>Architectural Drawings</i> , Municipal Art Society and New York City AIA at the Urban Design Center, New York, New York.	1980
Designer Exhibitor	Participated in showhouses for the benefit of WNET Channel 13 in New York, the American Hospital in Paris and the Edith Wharton House, Lenox, Massachusetts.	

### Prizes & Awards

Medal	Seaside Medal, 20th Anniversary Celebrations, Seaside Community Development Corporation, Seaside, Florida	2001
Winner	<i>Hudson Valley</i> Fourth Annual Residential Design Awards (Private House, Pound Ridge, New York)	1994
Winner	<i>Metropolitan Home</i> Annual Readers' Home & Residential Awards (Gregg House, Onteora, New York)	1994
Winner	Westchester/Mid-Hudson/Eastern New York AIA Annual Design Awards (Private House, Pound Ridge, New York)	1994
Special Citation	<i>Progressive Architecture: New Public Realm</i> , First Annual National Competition (Paradigm Park, South Bronx, NY)	1992
Winner	American Institute of Architects New York Chapter Annual Awards ( <i>New York 1900</i> )	1987
Nominee	National Book Award ( <i>New York 1900</i> was the first architecture book nominated for a National Book Award)	1987

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Grant	Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts	1986
Grant	Stiftung Thurn und Taxis, Munich, Germany	1983

Early praise for *Street Design* (published January 27, 2014):

“This book could change the way people see the streets in their towns and cities. And it could help those towns and cities make streets for people, rather than their cars.” — **Mayor Joe Riley**, Charleston, South Carolina

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“*Street Design* is a lucid, practical and altogether indispensable guide for envisioning and creating vibrant 21st century towns and cities. It should be required reading for every local political leader, planner, architect, real estate developer and engaged urban citizen in America.” — **Kurt Andersen**

“*Street Design* is one of the best books I have gotten my hands on for people that care or should care about creating Thriving Communities for People and Prosperity. This book should be used in every local jurisdiction and university across the nation and globe.” — **Bryan Jones**, Public Works Director, Fremont, California

“This book is exactly what we need at this time – a guide for how to design streets that are human scale, hospitable to people, and designed to enhance the public realm. It is sure to become an instant classic.” — **Suzanne H. Crowhurst Lennard**, Director, International Making Cities Livable Conferences

“Victor Dover and John Massengale have just delivered the definitive reference volume on how to make our streets great.... Indeed, I would take it a step further and say that the authors are not just designers but sages on the elements of great cities, towns and neighborhoods.... If you love cities, you’ll love the book and, just like I have, enjoy flipping through its chapters, learning something important on every page.” — **Kaid Benfield**, Special counsel, NRDC; co-founder, Smart Growth America

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“*Street Design* conveys a vast amount of information and does so with wit, intelligence, and subtlety. Every New Urbanist, bike lane advocate and Complete Streets proponent should read this magnificent book.” — **Philip Langdon**, *Better! Cities & Towns*

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"John Massengale - the man who taught me everything I know about architecture,"  
- Tom Wolfe

"John Massengale was a New Urbanist before New Urbanism existed. He is one of the people who taught me what New Urbanism is,"  
- Peter Katz

"John Massengale is one of the best and strongest voices in New Urbanism,"  
- James Howard Kunstler