

# 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)

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**

<b>Los Angeles Walks</b> Board of Advisors	2012-Present
<b>The Architecture Lobby</b> Member Los Angeles Chapter Steward	2017-Present 2018-2020
<b>Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park</b> Board of Advisors	2016-2017
<b>LA City Council District 13 Design Review Committee</b>	2014-2020
<b>Hollywood Design Review Board</b>	2010-2014
<b>Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council</b> Complete Streets Working Group	2011-2013
<b>Bus Riders Union - Clean Air and Economic Justice Plan</b>	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

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

### Visiting Critic:

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

## HONORS & AWARDS

Americans for the Arts Certificate of Recognition 2017 Public Art Network Year in Review in recognition of Current: LA Water	2017 July
City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of "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."	2016 July 16
Planning Achievement Award for a Best Practice, LADOT People St American Planning Association	2016
Award of Excellence for Planning Best Practices, LADOT People St APA California Chapter	2015
Award of Excellence for Planning Best Practices, LADOT People St APA Los Angeles	2015
Walk A Mile In My Shoes, Daveed Kapoor's shoes monumentalized alongside leading civil rights and peace activists in Kim Abeles's public art plaza	2014
City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Daveed Kapoor's work to install the first parklet in the City of Los Angeles.	2013 February
Planning Excellence Award for Grassroots Initiative DLANC Complete Streets Working Group APA Los Angeles	2012

## LECTURES & CONFERENCES

<i>To Life Without Objects</i> East Los Angeles College Department of Architecture Fall '19 lecture series	2019 November
<i>Making LA Together</i> , Live Judging Of National Endowment For The Arts Funding For Design East Of La Brea Making LA Prize	2017 June
<i>Current Work</i> CPPLA lecture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	2016 November
<i>Lounge-Aholics: The Social Life Of Furniture In L.a.'S New Public Spaces</i> Presented by <i>The Architect's Newspaper</i> Panel with Antonio Pacheco, Allyn David; Ben Feldman, Catherine Johnson, Daveed Kapoor, Sebastian Salvadó West Edge Design Fair	2016 November 4
<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&amp;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 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

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**

"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:**

*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)