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Alumnae Biography

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As Assistant Director for CUNY’s Department of Design, Construction & Management, Risa ensured that design aspirations were uncompromised in the solution of a technically difficult problem. The results of her efforts provided the college with an award-winning 36,000 SF addition designed by Michael L. Scaggs Architects, LLP. The project delivered state-of-the-art code compliant and energy efficient laboratories, as well as an abundance of spaces, interior and exterior, to foster student collaboration and informal learning. The addition complements the existing 1960s building and at the same time creates a new presence. In order to complement the building’s infrastructure, the addition utilizes existing circulation while creating a delicate physical connection where needed.

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BIOGRAPHY
Risa’s decision to pursue a career as a public sector architect has given her the opportunity to provide maximum impact on civic projects and their surrounding communities. In her current role as Assistant Director for Design, Construction & Management at The City University of New York, and her prior role as Senior Architect at The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, she is a key contributor on every aspect of the programs she implements, using clear leadership while gaining consensus on each phase of her projects. Washington University provided her with a foundation for creative problem solving and a love for design.

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