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June Williamson joined the faculty of the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York (CCNY) in 2008, contributing courses to all of the degree programs in the school. She has taught architecture and urban design since 1995, in Boston (the BAC), Salt Lake City (Univ. of Utah), Atlanta (Georgia Tech), Tucson (Univ. of Arizona), and New York City (Columbia GSAPP, CUNY CityTech, and CCNY). She holds a BA degree in Architecture from Yale College, an MArch from MIT, and an MUP in Urban Design from CCNY. A US-licensed architect since 2003, she is registered in the State of New York.

The author or co-author of three acclaimed, award-winning books on the architecture and urban design of northern American suburbs – *Case Studies in Retrofitting Suburbia* (2021), *Designing Suburban Futures* (2013), and *Retrofitting Suburbia* (2009) – Williamson is a foremost international expert on retrofitting suburban form, regularly asked to contribute or comment on many prominent forums (NYT, WaPo, CNBC, CityLab, Curbed, Governing, Next City, Politico, VICE, WNYC). She's delivered over 200 professional and academic papers, talks, podcasts, webinars, and workshops, across the United States and internationally, recently in Sydney, Olomouc, Calgary and Toronto. For this work, she has been named a 2025 recipient of the Seaside Prize.

Leadership roles at CCNY include election to a three-year term as department chair of the Spitzer School of Architecture (2019-22). The department is the sole one in the school, comprising 25 full-time and 80 part-time faculty, and around 450 students pursuing undergraduate degrees in architecture and urban studies and graduate degrees in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and an affiliated program in sustainability in the urban environment. Since 2022, she has served as Director of Graduate Programs in Architecture, overseeing MArch and MSArch. She is the elected representative from Architecture on the college-wide Faculty Committee on Personnel Matters, advisory to the president on nominees to distinguished professorships and competitive leaves.

Nationally, she has been elected twice (2024-28 and 2018-21) to the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), serving in 2024-25 as Second Vice President. She's been nominated by ACSA to key committees and initiatives, including with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Regionally, she served a one-year term (2021) as the Public Director representing academia on the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects New York City chapter, and in 2023 joined the AIA NY Oculus Committee, providing editorial input to the quarterly magazine. She is a member of the newly-formed Urban Design Academic Council (UDAC), the Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH), the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU), the Architectural League of New York, and the Urban Design Forum.