

Nicholas Garrison 2009

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Name: Nicholas Garrison, AIA, OAQ, LEED

Title: Design Director

Company: FXFOWLE Architects

Location: New York, N.Y. Birthplace: Seattle, Wash. College: Princeton (twice)

First job outside of real estate: Recreation supervisor, Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation First job in real estate or allied field: Architectural intern: Geddes, Brecher, Qualls, Cunningham Architects, Princeton, N.J.

What do you do now and what are you planning for the future? Founded over 30 years ago, FXFOWLE Architects is an architectural, interior design, planning and urban design firm committed to design excellence, social responsibility and sustainability with offices in New York, Washington, D.C, and Dubai. I am currently working on educational and cultural projects, including a new public school in Queens (with amazing views across the East River to midtown Manhattan) and projects at Cornell and SUNY.

Hobbies: Travel, reading, cooking

Favorite books: Usually the one I'm reading. I just finished "Will in the World" by Stephan Greenblatt and found it wonderful. "Great Expectations" changed my life when I was 13.

Favorite movies: "Double Indemnity," "Lawrence of Arabia," "Mon Oncle"

Persons you admire most (outside of family): Anyone who unselfishly cares for others; those who can compose brilliant music.

Keys to success: Thinking laterally combined with rigorous and hard work - it's where lasting solutions are found; avoiding labels

If you had to choose another vocation what would it be? Doctor or teacher

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