



**Esther Margulies, RLA, ASLA**  
**Landscape Architect**

**Education**

Bachelor of Science, Cornell University '84  
Master of Landscape Architecture, Harvard  
University Graduate School of Design '89

**Professional Licenses**

California #3752, 1992  
Massachusetts #1023, 1990

**Public Service**

West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission  
2014 – Current

**Academic**

Associate Professor of Practice  
Assistant Director- University of Southern  
California School of Architecture Department of  
Landscape Architecture + Urbanism

**Firm Leadership Experience**

**OotDL inc.** President

**AECOM** Associate Principal, Studio Leader Los  
Angeles CA

**Valleycrest Design Group** Principal Studio  
Leader, Calabasas Ca.

**Mia Lehrer + Associates** Founding Partner, Los  
Angeles, CA. 1997 – 2009

**Affiliations**

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
ULI  
Board Member, USC Architectural Guild Board

Esther Margulies has been an educator and leader of landscape architectural practices and projects in Los Angeles for over 25 years. She has been responsible for entitlement support and conceptual design through construction administration on civic spaces, public parks, secondary education campuses, higher education campus projects, federal highways, mixed-use retail, commercial, hospitality, residential and themed environment projects. In the Los Angeles region, she has been responsible for project design, coordination, municipal design review, project permitting and approvals efforts on numerous public and private sector projects.

Ms. Margulies' experience with urban mixed use projects in southern California includes high rise and mid rise downtown Los Angeles projects for Mack Urban, Forest City Development and The Related Companies.

Ms. Margulies has been affiliated with the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the The University of Southern California since 2009. Her teaching responsibilities include professional practice, landscape construction and urban studies. Her students have explored the effect of coastal sea level rise in Southern California, sustainable planning for the USC campus and the cultural history of the Los Angeles region.