

**Master of City and Regional Planning  
Master of Architecture**

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
School of Design  
Philadelphia, PA; May 2018

**Bachelor of Arts**

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE  
Yonkers, NY; May 2014

**Proficient in:** The Adobe Creative Suite,  
ArcGIS, The Microsoft Suite, Rhino, AutoCad



**American Institute of Certified Planners  
Certification #32646**

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**Affiliations**

**City of Houston:** Planning and Development  
Commission Commissioner  
**City of Houston:** Historic Preservation Appeals  
Board Commissioner  
**Bayou City Water Keeper:** Board Member

## Libby Viera-Bland is an urban planner, designer, and advocate for an equitable future for all

### **Director of Neighborhood Development & Community Enrichment Initiatives**

March 2021 - Present  
Project Row Houses, Row House CDC & PRH Preservation; Houston, TX

Plan and project manage real estate acquisition, preservation, and development of affordable housing in Northern Third Ward. Develop longterm implementation plans for the preservation and future development of the larger built environment of the community. Helped to manage \$10 million renovation of the Historic Eldorado Ballroom. Manage direct services for Third Ward Residents through financial education, career and benefits coaching, creative career trainings, and the Third Ward Cultural District.

**Skills: Project Management, Proformas, Board Management, Real Estate Management, Policy Analysis, Community Economic Development, Strategic Planning, Consultant Management and Contracting**

### **Senior Associate Planner + Urban Designer**

November 2020 - March 2021  
Asakura Robinson; Houston, TX

My main focuses were on project management, policy analysis, and marketing. I helped to pursue, win, and project manage the Harris County Transportation in Equity Plan. Leading marketing pursuits on housing and neighborhood development related projects. I was responsible for supervising colleagues and subconsultants through the research, design, and completion of projects.

**Skills: Project Management, Consultant Management and Contracting, Policy Analysis, Market Analysis, Community Economic Development,**

### **Culture of Health Leader**

November 2020 - November 2023  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Washington, DC

National leadership program geared towards fostering collaboration around building just and thriving communities. My focus was on how affordable housing feeds into a healthy and sustainable community. Selected for a cohort of 60 out of 1000 applicants.

**Skills: Public Research, Community Engagement, Policy Analysis**

### **Associate Planner + Urban Designer**

November 2019 - November 2020  
Asakura Robinson; Houston, TX

Project Managed and supervised colleagues. Deputy Project Managed Harris County's Affordable Housing Study. I developed a community survey taken by 17,000 people, and an interactive engagement game. I worked on street corridor design, neighborhood placemaking strategies, and community engagement processes. Leading marketing pursuits.

**Skills: Urban Design, Policy Analysis, Economic Development**

### **Neighborhood + Housing Equity Analyst**

June 2018 - October 2019  
Texas Housers; Houston, TX

Designed in-depth fieldwork surveys of properties across multiple counties, to research on quality of subsidized housing. Analyzed inequitable recoveries after disasters across Texas according to Social Determinants of Health. All work informed litigation and policy advocacy.

**Skills: Public Research, Community Facilitation, Policy Analysis**

## PUBLICATIONS

### **"Protest, Inclusion, Exclusion, Return"**

Published June 2021  
Cite Magazine, 102; Co-written with Zoe Middleton  
The article discusses the Black Lives Matter protests that took place in Houston in the wake of George Floyd's murder, and places them in the national context of spatial violence and police murders. I also created a series of illustrations to complement the article.

### **Interview with Brandi Summers**

Fall 2023  
Beauty, LA+ ; University of Pennsylvania  
Interview with geographer, Professor Brandi Summers, about how we can understand Beauty in Black spaces outside of the white gaze.