

Nick Tobier Biography

Nick Tobier is a New Yorker who has transferred much of his affection and sense of street level exploration to Detroit. Nick studies sculpture and landscape architecture, worked as a Project Manager at Storefront for Art & Architecture for five years on projects, and later as a designer with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation/Bronx Division, and also did design work at LandWorks Studio in Boston Massachusetts.

Nick's focus as an artist and designer is with the social lives of public places; both in build structures and events. He has designed and/or activated bus stops, farms, kitchens, boulevards, and has worked within and without municipal structures in Detroit, Tokyo, Toronto and San Francisco.

Current projects include Marvelous Guests – a series of site-specific urban interventions. He has also done projects with Brightmoor Bikes and Trailers – a hands-on workshop for designing, building and distributing utility bicycles, tricycles and trailers in Detroit.

Nick is an Associate Professor and Director of National Engagement at the Stamps School of Art and Design and at the Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.