

TIMOTHY M. TOMPKINS

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EDUCATION

THE WHARTON SCHOOL, University of Pennsylvania
Masters in Business Administration

Philadelphia, PA
May 1993

YALE UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Arts in History

New Haven, CT
May 1986

EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Marron Institute Fellow, Sustaining Places Initiative

New York, NY
Fall 2023 - Present

• Lead research & policy work focused on place-centered non-profits and neighborhood transformation.

Wagner School of Public Service, Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning

Fall 2011 - Present

• “Transforming the City Equitably: Public Space, Partnerships, Politics & the Press”

• “Arts, the Artist & Urban Revitalization”

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Metro

Washington, D.C.
Fall 2024 - Present

SHARED CITY SHARED SPACE

Principal & Founder; Consultancy

New York, NY
January 2022 - Present

TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE

President

New York, NY
February 2002 - December 2020

• Led 140-person, \$22.5 million non-profit which promotes and improves Times Square.

• Built award-winning red steps/Duffy Square; co-created and managed Broadway pedestrian plazas.

• Oversaw New Year's Eve; founded Times Square Arts and the Summer Solstice Yoga event.

• Curated brand, business strategy for Times Square; grew earned income from 15 to 40% of budget.

PARKS 2001

Founder & Co-Campaign Manager

New York, NY
March 2001 - December 2001

• Co-led \$2 million campaign to increase public funding for parks during the 2001 municipal elections.

• Built a coalition of over 1000 endorsing organizations; led media and field campaigns.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS

Founder & Director

New York, NY
January 1995 - January 2002

• Created this joint initiative of the City Parks Foundation and the New York City Parks Department to nurture parks partnerships and spur community revitalization through parks.

• Won Innovations in American Government Award from Harvard's JFK School & Ford Foundation.

• Grew staff from 1 to 40 and built a database of 66,143 individuals and 4013 groups that support parks.

NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Senior Project Manager, 42nd Street Development Project

New York, NY
January 1994 - January 1995

Executive Assistant to the President

June 1993 - January 1994

• Supported President and VP in deal-making, financial analysis, land-use actions and public incentives.

THE NEWS, English language daily newspaper
Reporter; National News Editor

Mexico City, Mexico
September 1990 - July 1991

NEW YORK CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Researcher; Assistant to Executive Director; Published Author

New York, NY
June 1987 - January 1990

*Former Chair of both the International Downtown Association and the NYC BID Association
Certified Yoga Teacher and former Licensed Coast Guard Captain; Proficient in Spanish*

PUBLISHED WORK

“[On the Size of the City Council: Finding the Mean](#),” Douglas Muzzio and Tim Tompkins, Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science, New York, Vol 37, Issue 3, January 1, 1989.

“[Re: New York City](#): 250 Ideas from New Yorkers to Revive NYC’s Economy, Spark Jobs and Build a More Equitable City,” Center for an Urban Future, July 2021 (two published ideas).

“[Go Local! Nurturing Neighborhoods and Advancing Equity](#),” Regional Plan Association, June 2023.

“[Help Our Business Improvement Districts Improve](#),” New York Daily News, July 30, 2023.

“[It’s the Subways, Stupid](#),” Vital City, May 30, 2024

“[International Practices of Place Management through Multi-Sector Partnerships](#),” Georgetown University Global Cities Initiative, co-author, July 2024

“[One place to start in delivering solutions to a divided and distrustful nation: The hyperlocal level](#),” Brookings Institution, co-author, December 20, 2024.

“[Our advice to the New York Times about a vexing editorial decision](#)” (fourth contributor), Vital City, June 20, 2025.