

MARIKA SHIOIRI-CLARK

Bio

Marika Shioiri-Clark is a seasoned design strategist, environments designer, and a leader in the field of design for the public good. Her focus is on using design to build resilient and creative communities, pursue social justice and gender equity, and support healthy, thriving families.

Marika trained as an architect and urban designer, and co-founded the architectural nonprofit MASS Design Group during graduate school at Harvard Design School. She lived in Rwanda designing and overseeing construction of the Butaro District Hospital in collaboration with Partners In Health. She went on to be a global design fellow at design nonprofit IDEO.org, where she designed an early childhood development campaign and app with the Bezos Family Foundation and a sanitation social enterprise in Ghana. Since IDEO.org, Marika has worked extensively with the Nike Foundation to rethink safe spaces for adolescent girls in Nigeria and Ethiopia, and led a year-long project with the International Rescue Committee's Research & Development Lab to design new early learning programs for refugee families in the Syrian Response Region.

Marika also works on neighborhood development and creative placemaking in the Hingetown enclave in Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been the owner and design lead on projects ranging from historic renovations to mid- and high-rise mixed-use new construction work, including the forthcoming 16-story Bridgeworks project, designed in collaboration with MASS. Marika has also been heavily involved in public space work, including the design of a new park for Cleveland's Asiatown neighborhood, launching a neighborhood-scale mural program in Ohio City, designing and installing a 40' outdoor living wall, and advocating for public spaces for families as an appointee to the Cleveland Planning Commission. She spends her days in a historic firehouse that still has three poles.