



Connecting Boroughs, Crossing Boundaries: Women and the Brooklyn Bridge

A Walking Tour of the Brooklyn Bridge highlighting the many ways women have had, and continue to have, a hand in shaping the bridge and the boroughs it connects.

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Tour Itinerary & Guides

Welcome and Introductions

Wanda Bubriski is the founding Executive Director of the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation. Trained as an art and architectural historian, she has extensive background in urban history, preservation, and community activism, and has organized tours by foot, bike, and canoe for Sierra Club and the D.C. Preservation League that focused on Washington DC's built and natural environments.

Women's History in the Bridge's Neighborhood

Angela Dallara is the Women's History Associate at Women's eNews. "Opening the Way" is a 21-stop walking tour of downtown NYC that honors pioneer women writers, agitators, suffragists, and abolitionists. For more information, visit <http://www.womensenews.org/openingtheway>

Emily Roebling & Getting the Bridge Built

Kristian Roebling is a filmmaker, musician, and founder of Brigade Records. He is also a direct descendant of the Roebling family who built the Bridge, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Roebling Museum located in Roebling, NJ. <http://www.roeblingmuseum.org>

Engineering & Maintaining NYC's Bridges

Courtney Clark is a project engineer at Weidlinger Associates. Courtney has worked on the rehabilitation of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and is currently working on the design of the Nanhe River Bridge in Xinjin, China, a unique pedestrian bridge in the form of a double helix.

Lauren Balinski is a structural Engineer at Weidlinger Associates. Her project experience includes the inspection of the Manhattan Bridge, Brooklyn Bridge, and various arterial bridges throughout Brooklyn and Staten Island. She is currently involved in the ongoing Brooklyn Bridge rehabilitation project.

Crossing the Bridge to Safety: 9/11/2001

Morgan Gebhardt is VP for Channel Relations at IPsoft, a Managed Services Provider delivering IT outsourcing solutions to clients worldwide. Formerly a resident of lower Manhattan, he now lives with his family in Brooklyn.

Sustainability and City-Wide Planning

Laurie Kerr is Senior Policy Advisor at NYC Mayor's Office, responsible for the development of the City's green building and energy efficiency policies. She has been instrumental in the creation of PlaNYC, New York's influential plan for sustainable growth through 2030, including the NYC greenhouse gas reduction plan, the comprehensive policies for energy efficiency in existing buildings, the greening of the City's codes and regulations, and energy-aligned lease language. She is the 2011 recipient of the AIANY Public Architect Award.

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