

## Profile

David Wallance has held leadership positions with two internationally renowned firms, Edward Larrabee Barnes Associates and the Polshek Partnership (now Ennead Architects). As senior designer on large, complex, and technically demanding projects, including the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History, the University of Michigan Biomedical Science Research Building, and River House at Battery Park City, Wallance acquired a wealth of experience as a designer and technologist on numerous award-winning projects. He established his practice in 2005, after twenty-five years of professional experience.

DWA's hallmark is a culture of innovation and creative vitality grounded in a mature approach to practice. With the intellectual capital of a large award-winning office, we are able to provide the principal-level attention that can only be afforded by maintaining a small firm. We welcome the constraints that are part and parcel of any project. Our aim is to transcend the challenges that may be posed by limited budgets, complex programs or difficult sites, while maintaining a standard of excellence in design. Indeed, it is our conviction that out of these very challenges design excellence is forged.

In 2008 DWA was a winner of the New Practices New York competition sponsored by the New York Chapter of the AIA. In 2009 we were chosen as one of 20 out of more than 200 competing firms to receive a two-year contract as part of the NYC Department of Design and Construction Design Excellence program. We are at the cutting edge of architectural research and development, as can be seen from our work for Global Building Modules, Inc., which has led to a series of patents for a system of modular construction based on the ISO shipping container.

Wallance received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1980 from the Cooper Union, one of the nation's foremost schools of architecture. His academic thesis project was included in *Education of an Architect* (Rizzoli, 1988), a book documenting selected work of Cooper Union students. He has been an Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation since 1997.

Wallance was born in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, the son of the late industrial designer, Don Wallance. He returned to live in Croton with his family in 1995 after residing in New York City for twenty years. Wallance and his family have lived in two houses that he has designed and built.