

## Biography – Philip Bess

Philip Bess has over twenty-six years of professional architectural and urban design consulting experience.

He received his Master of Architecture degree in 1981 from the University of Virginia School of Architecture, and since 1986 has been the principal of Thursday Associates, a Chicago and South Bend research and consulting office committed to a re-thinking of American architecture and urbanism.

He was the Director and principal designer of the Urban Baseball Park Design Project of the Society for American Baseball Research, resulting in the book: *City Baseball Magic: Plain Talk and Uncommon Sense About Cities and Baseball Parks*. He has also authored *Inland Architecture: Subterranean Essays on Moral Order and Formal Order in Chicago*; and his most recent title, *Till We Have Built Jerusalem: Architecture, Urbanism, and the Sacred*.

He has been a Contributing Editor to *Inland Architect* magazine, and has written extensively on issues of architecture and urban design for numerous professional publications. He taught architecture and urban design at Andrews University for ten years, and before that at the University of Michigan, the University of Miami (Ohio) and the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is currently Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the School of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame.

Philip Bess has directed numerous professional and academic urban design charrettes, and is a nationally recognized expert on neighborhood baseball park design.