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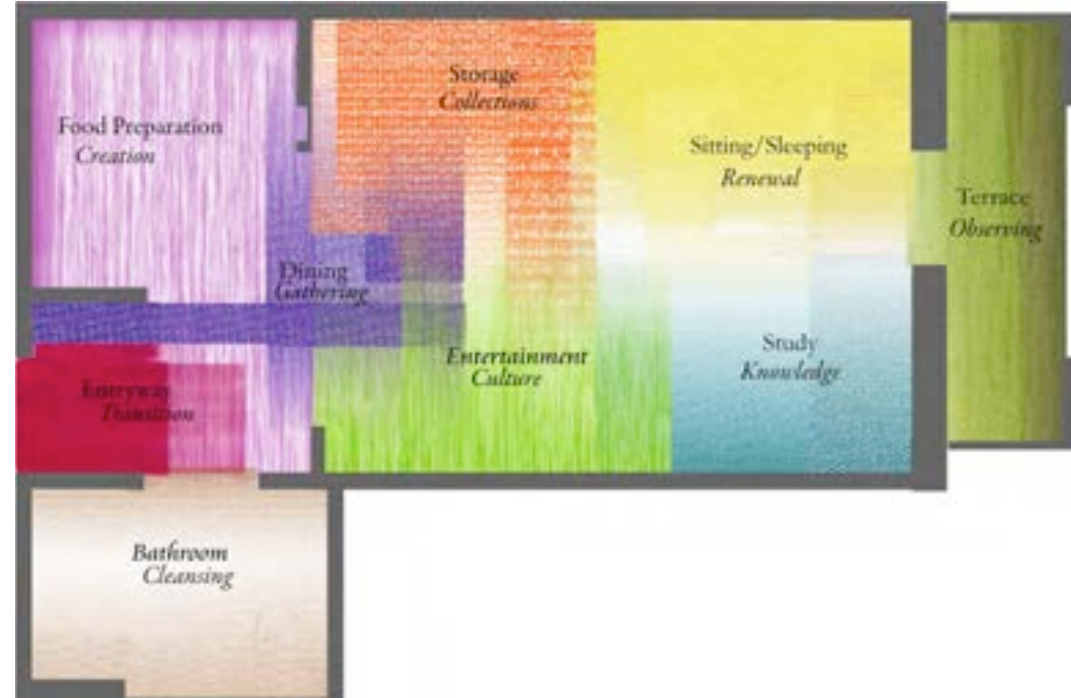
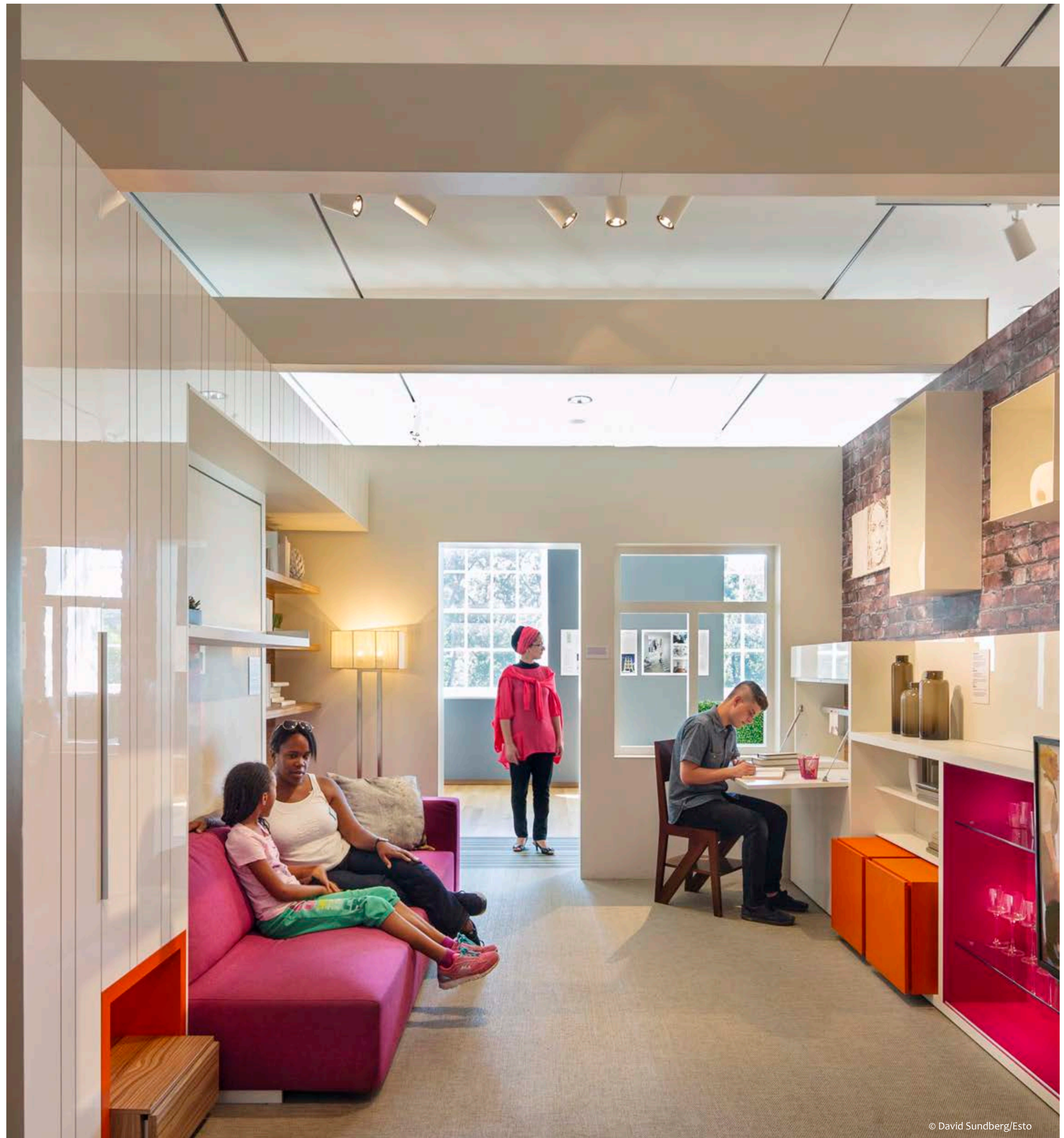
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**THE MICRO UNIT | NEW YORK, NY
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Making Room, New Models for Housing New Yorkers at the Museum of the City of New York in 2013 featured a full sized Micro Unit with architecture by Amie Gross Architects. Furniture/interior design was by Clei, Resource Furniture and Pierluigi Colombo. The exhibition a co-presentation with the Citizen's Housing & Planning Council, offered new insights into how our changing social, economic and cultural lives are re-shaping our housing needs. Visitors to the exhibition were able to inhabit this full sized studio apartment of 325 square feet to understand that a small space can indeed be spacious.

This 325 square foot studio designed for a single person or couple allows for the range of activities we associate with "home". The studio's L shape moves the bathroom out of view and allows for a spacious kitchen where full meals can be prepared. The wide living/sleeping/study area culminates at the terrace. This outdoor room expands the space of the apartment while increasing the sustainable elements inherent in an efficient space by maximizing sunlight and fresh air.

The design of the unit creates spaces that celebrate both the active and quiet occurrences of dwelling. The change in ceiling heights and flooring materials, the strategic placement of walls, and the various types of lighting all contribute to creating discrete spaces for living and fully complies with the scores of regulations set by the over 6 regulatory bodies that apply to the design of housing in New York City.



Alumnae Biography

BIOGRAPHY

Amie Gross AIA is president of Amie Gross Architects, now celebrating its 30th. anniversary. The firm's work at the intersection of public policy and architecture has garnered significant media attention. Working primarily with not for profit organizations, AGA designs affordable and supportive housing; community centers;

athletic and educational facilities as well as office spaces. Ms. Gross' education at WU has played a critical role in her life as an architect, stemming from the acceptance she felt at the school as a woman, to the socially responsible work of several studios. Her WU connection continues, especially through the mentorship of Professor Leslie Laskey, WU Prof. Emeritus.

AWARDS

- 2013 TEDx Speaker: Mihi Cura Futuri - The Care of the Future is Mine, Hunter College High School
- 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award Washington University, School of Architecture

PUBLICATIONS

- "Ins and Outs of Getting Everything In" The Wall Street Journal, January 2013
- "Micro Digs' Sliding TV, Murphy Bed Tempt Singles", Bloomberg News January 2013
- "Micro-Home Winner to Show How Stuff Works", New York Post January 2013