

## Rohit Thomas Aggarwala

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### Work Experience:

- 2010-present **Bloomberg Philanthropies** New York, New York  
*Program Lead, Environment*
- Developed broad environmental philanthropy strategy for a planned \$30-50M/year program
  - Assessed potential program focuses, partner funders, and recipient organizations
  - Gained approval for two grants, totaling \$68M over four years; other proposals under review
- 2010-present **C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group** Palo Alto, California  
*Special Advisor to the Chair*
- Represent chair to organization's steering committee and funders' board
  - Oversee budget and management as chair's representative on the funders' board
  - Developed revised strategy for C40 organization, leading to merger with Clinton Climate Initiative and expansion in Asia
  - Led merger negotiations with Clinton Foundation; developed organization chart and budget for combined organization of 70+ staff worldwide and annual \$12M budget
- 2006-2010 **City of New York** New York, New York  
*Director of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability*
- Served as Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's chief advisor on environmental policy
  - Led creation of PlaNYC, the mayor's long-term sustainability plan for New York City; coordinated analytical efforts of 21 agencies, several consulting firms, and external stakeholders, including the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board
  - Organized and led new Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, within the Mayor's Office of Operations, including hiring and managing a staff of 20
  - Developed and oversaw production of annual reporting mechanisms, including sustainability indicators; greenhouse gas inventory; and a progress report on the implementation of PlaNYC
  - Successfully led the development, negotiation, and passage by the New York City Council of the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan -- the first mandatory, comprehensive approach to improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings in the United States
  - Led development of City's policies on climate change mitigation; infrastructure investment; congestion pricing; energy efficiency in buildings; tropical hardwoods; and hybrid vehicles
  - Frequent public speaker; testified before U.S. House of Representatives, New York State Assembly, and New York City Council; quoted in *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Time* magazine, and others; appeared in television interviews and debates on NY1 and WABC-NY
- 2002-2006 **McKinsey & Company** Florham Park, New Jersey  
*Engagement Manager (2003-2006); Associate (2002-2003)*
- Summer 1999 *Summer Associate*
- Focused on transportation and telecommunications, serving clients in the US, Japan, and Europe
  - Helped develop, and managed aspects of, a broad-based turnaround of a US logistics company, including network analysis, pricing and costing, and product strategy
  - Managed market entry study that led to a European transportation client's acquisition of two US businesses, and managed the post-merger integration of those companies
  - Managed McKinsey's recruiting efforts at Columbia Business School, leading to 41 full-time offers and 16 summer associate offers in the 2004-05 school year
  - Assisted with global research effort to understand the economics and efficiencies of urban transit agencies, leading to an article in the *McKinsey Quarterly*, Spring 2004
  - Other client experience included information services, medical devices, and chemicals firms

- 1998-1999      **Virginia Railway Express**      Alexandria, VA  
*Marketing Intern (Summer 1998); Consultant (1998-1999)*
- Conducted study on pricing and fare structures to increase rider frequency and change point-of-sale to cost-effective ticket machines
  - Analyzed connector bus services, including ridership, costs, revenues, and benefit to overall revenues from connecting passengers; identified changes to reduce costs but retain ridership
- 1997-1998      **New York State Assemblymember Sam Hoyt**      Albany, NY  
*Special Assistant for Transportation Policy*
- Advised on funding, policy, and political strategies regarding passenger rail issues.
  - Managed High Speed Rail Commission bill (A.10373); bill passed by Assembly, June 1998.
- 1994-1995      **U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration**      Washington, DC  
*Special Assistant to Deputy Administrator Donald M. Itzkoff*
- Worked extensively with regulatory issues, Amtrak, and high-speed rail policy
  - Wrote parts of reports to Congress on train control technology, freight rail safety, and the commercial feasibility of high speed rail
  - Drafted speeches, press releases, and correspondence
- 1993-1994      **Hughes, Hubbard, and Reed**      New York, NY  
*Legal Assistant*

#### **Education:**

**Columbia University**, New York, New York

Ph.D., U.S. History, May 2002

M.B.A., Finance, May 2000

M.Phil., U.S. History, February 1998

B.A., History, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia College, May 1993

**Queen's University**, Kingston, Ontario

M.A., Canadian History, November 1996.

#### **Professional Board and Committee Memberships:**

- Board member, **Regional Plan Association** (New York), 2011-present
- Advisory Board member, **New World Capital, Inc.** (New York-based green private equity firm), 2011-present
- Real Estate Program Advisory Board member, Columbia Business School, 2011-present
- Member, Committee on Intercity Passenger Rail (AR010), **Transportation Research Board** of the National Research Council, 1997-present; Chair, Subcommittee on Social and Economic Issues of Intercity Passenger Rail (A1E13-01), 2000-2008, 2010-present.
- Board member, **Building America's Future** (national coalition for infrastructure investment), 2008-2010
- Member, Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustainability, **Metropolitan Transportation Authority** (New York), 2007-08

#### **Alumni Activities:**

- Trustee, St. Stephen's School, Rome, Italy, 2008-present; Vice-Chair, 2010-present
- Board member, Columbia College Alumni Association, 2002-present
- University Senator, Columbia University Senate, 1998-2002; Chair of the Student Caucus, 1999-2001
- Member, Columbia University Presidential Search Committee, 2001

#### **Teaching Experience:**

2008-2009      Adjunct Associate Professor of Urban Studies, Barnard College, **Columbia University**  
 Fall 2009: **The Shaping of the Modern City** V3545x (U.S. urban history colloquium)  
 Fall 2008-Spring 2009: **Senior Seminar in Urban Studies** V3992x-V3993y

2000-2001      Preceptor, **Columbia College**, Columbia University  
**Contemporary Civilization** C1101x-C1102y

**Selected Publications:**

“Not Predestination: New York Harbor and the Challenge of Philadelphia,” *New-York Journal of American History* LXVII (2010), 24-36

([http://www.nyhscommunications.org/journal/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=24&Itemid=3](http://www.nyhscommunications.org/journal/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=24&Itemid=3))

“Think Locally, Act Globally: How Curbing Global Warming Emissions Can Improve Local Public Health,” with Michael R. Bloomberg, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 35:5 (November 2008), pp. 414-423.

([http://www.ajpm-online.net/issues?issue\\_key=S0749-3797\(08\)X0016-9](http://www.ajpm-online.net/issues?issue_key=S0749-3797(08)X0016-9))

“Sustaining Leadership,” *Hermes* (Columbia Business School alumni magazine), Winter 2008, p. 44.

([http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/null?&exclusive=filemgr.download&file\\_id=3754](http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/null?&exclusive=filemgr.download&file_id=3754))

“Chants Plutocratic: Four Books on New York City’s Commercial Elites,” review essay, *Journal of Urban History*, 31:4 (May 2005), pp. 554-564. (<http://juh.sagepub.com/content/31/4.toc>)

“Whose Railroad is This, Anyway?: Opportunities and Challenges in Regionalizing the Northeast Corridor,” with Daniel L. Roth, *Transportation Research Record* 1785 (2002), pp. 1-9.

(<http://trb.metapress.com/content/f155m366242202k7/?p=7bbcae30171a4745a5abfa179f1e426a&pi=0>)

“The States, New Modes, and Federal Transportation Policy: Lessons from History for High Speed Rail,”

*Transportation Quarterly* 52:3 (Summer 1998), pp. 53-67. (TRIS Record: <http://tris.trb.org/view.aspx?id=542849>)

“‘Non-Resident Me’: John Bartlett Brebner, Nationalism, and the Canadian Historical Profession,” *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, new series 10 (1999), pp. 237-277.

(<http://www.erudit.org/revue/JCHA/1999/v10/n1/030515ar.pdf>)