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Len Charney is the head of the Practice Department at the Boston Architectural College. His diverse career has focused on three professional areas: education and career development training, design and construction management, and community planning and real estate development. Since joining the BAC, he has initiated innovative programs of instruction and career enrichment, focusing on developing closer working relationships with design practitioners throughout metropolitan Boston to fully engage employers as supervising mentors. In addition to managing the BAC's Practice Academy grant on BIM/integrated practice, for which the College received a 2008 NCARB Prize for the Integration of Education and Practice, he and his staff spearheaded a comprehensive revision to student and employer assessment under the college's experientially-based concurrent learning model. Under Len's leadership, the Practice Department launched the Gateway to Practice Initiative in 2010, a nationally recognized, project-based endeavor in which BAC students and teams of adjunct practitioner instructors have provided pro bono design services to non-profits, neighborhood associations, and municipal agencies throughout the greater Boston area. To date more than 1,000 students have worked on over 100 community projects. Len holds a Masters of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a Masters in Teaching, Antioch College; and a Bachelor of Science, Cornell University.