

**About:**

# J. Manuel Mansylla

**01/20/1978**

Guatemalan, Happily Married  
**Living in NY for the past 4 years under an O1 Visa**  
 Fluent in Spanish, English and German.

[www.manman.me](http://www.manman.me)**Education:****2007-2008**

M.S Degree in Urban Design  
**Columbia University**, New York, New York.

**Graduated Summer 2008****2006-2007**

M.S Degree in Urban Design  
**Pratt Institute, Brooklyn**, New York

**On Leave of Absence****1998-2003**

M.A Degree in Architecture  
 Universidad Francisco Marroquin [**UFM**], Guatemala.

**Graduated Cum Laude****Experience:****2010 -**

**Urban Design Lab:** Research Advisor  
 Working with a multi-disciplinary team from Columbia University's Earth Institute in the development of design oriented solutions to better understand the lasting implications of plastic marine debris.

[www.urbandesignlab.columbia.edu](http://www.urbandesignlab.columbia.edu)**2009 -**

**Trash Patch:** Founder & Executive Director  
 New York based open-source-do-tank devoted to find and promote design oriented solutions to tackle plastic marine debris; transforming a global problem into novel solutions.

[www.trashpatch.org](http://www.trashpatch.org)**2008 -**

**La Fantastica LLC:** Founder & Design Director  
 Design Studio focused in developing sustainable design models together with artisans communities around the world.

[www.lafantastica.com](http://www.lafantastica.com)**2003 -**

**reActivar Design Studio:** Founding Member  
 A grassroots team of designers, and artisans, sharing a firm commitment of collective [on-site] collaboration; devoted to achieve outmost quality by working with re-used and salvaged materials.

[www.reactivar.org](http://www.reactivar.org)**Awards:****2008**

**World Game [Beta]:**  
 Buckminster Fuller Challenge

**finalist****2008**

**Paving for Development:** William Kinne Fellowship  
 Columbia University

**recipient****2007**

**Merit Scholarship:**  
 Pratt Institute

**recipient****Art Work:****2010**

**Ghost Net[works]:** Environmental Art Installation  
 Part of Weaving In & Out by No Longer Empty

[www.nolongerempty.org](http://www.nolongerempty.org)**2009**

**Farm[ing] Day:** Pop up Art Installation  
 Part of Park[ing] Day

[www.parkingday.org](http://www.parkingday.org)**2008**

**The Speakers Triangle:** Performance  
 Part of Art Under the Bridge Festival

[www.dac.org](http://www.dac.org)**2007**

**Pearl Square Triangle:** Test Plaza  
 In Collaboration with D.U.M.B.O. BID

[www.dumbonyc.org](http://www.dumbonyc.org)