



VIRTUAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT | PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 25

9:00-11:00 AM PT

POWER + PLACE

Opening Keynote featuring:

Moderator: **Erin Ishizaki AIA, AICP** | Partner, Mithun
Bryan Lee Jr. | Founder/Director, Colloqate

This keynote will explore the privilege and power structures that have defined injustice in the built environment from America's inception. We will look at the history of the design justice movement and how the theory of practice continually advocates for the dismantling of power ecosystems that use architecture and design to create injustice throughout the built environment. This will be further applied through the lens of environmental justice.

12:00-2:00 PM PT

SESSION 2: ADVOCATING TO ELIMINATE EMBODIED CARBON

Panel Discussion featuring:

Moderator: **Alex Ianchenko Assoc. AIA** | Researcher/Designer, The Miller Hull Partnership
Michelle Connor | President & CEO, Forterra
David Diaz | Director of Forestry Technology & Analytics, Ecotrust
Davina Duerr | State Representative, 1st Legislative District; Architect and Owner, Haven Works, LLC
Meghan Lewis | Senior Researcher, Carbon Leadership Forum

This session will explore significant research, opportunities, and strategies for reducing atmospheric carbon and impacts on the health and well-being of our ecosystems at-large. We will examine small resource-based economies, sustainable forestry initiatives and practices, and data and policy interventions that examine the responsibility of the industry and government, advocate for systems-change, and support the elimination of embodied carbon from the built environment.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

9:00-11:00 AM PT

SESSION 3: EQUITABLE LIFE-CYCLES IN HEALTHY MATERIAL SOURCING

Panel Discussion featuring:

Moderator: **Mark Vossler** | President, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Gina Ciganik | CEO, Healthy Building Network
Bradford C. Grant | Professor of Architecture, Howard University
Mike Schade | Mind the Store Campaign Director, Toxic-Free Future
Nora Rizzo | Sustainable Materials Director, Grace Farms Foundation

We must take a whole life cycle approach to healthy material sourcing that considers the spectrum of upstream and downstream impacts of decarbonization and supports equitable outcomes for communities. Expanding on the focus of last year's Just Transition Summit, this session will investigate healthy building strategies, labor and supply chain implications, materials toxicity and chemical concerns that affect the lived experiences of users, and historical and current community design practices.

12:00-2:00 PM PT

SESSION 4: THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBLE BUILDING

Panel Discussion featuring:

Moderator: Rico Quirindongo AIA | Acting Director, City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development

Grace Park- Bradbury | General Manager- West, BlocPower

Molly McCabe | CEO, HaydenTanner

Michael Newland | Northern California Cultural Resources Director, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Gladys Ly-Au Young AIA, LEED AP | Partner, Sundberg Kennedy Ly-Au Young Architects

High costs can be viewed as a significant barrier to decarbonization strategies. But across project scales, we must build responsibly based on what can be afforded and consider how the investments we make now can have the most equitable long-term impacts. This session will explore research on affordable housing strategies, examples of all-electric systems implementation in low-income communities, decision-making processes to encourage owner/developer buy-in, and our collaborative responsibilities to the land and communities.

VIRTUAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT | **SPEAKER BIOS**

SESSION 1: OPENING KEYNOTE PRESENTER | **POWER + PLACE**



Moderator: Erin Ishizaki AIA, AICP, Partner, Mithun | Erin Christensen Ishizaki, AIA, AICP, is an urban planner and architect who partners with cities, agencies, trusts, and developers to put people first in support of strong economies and resilient environments. With over 20 years' experience advancing healthy housing, transit-oriented development and high-performance districts, Erin understands the power of collaboration. She knows that business success and social good are not at odds – in fact, the most successful projects use an inclusive, holistic approach to maximize investment for all. In her current role as Partner at Mithun, Erin's practice actively integrates cross-disciplinary research in projects like the widely published Mariposa Healthy Living District and helps shape industry standards like the EcoDistricts Protocol. She launched Mithun's Design for Health initiative with the Green Health Partnership, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the U.S. Green Building Council, and the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Erin was recognized by the Urban Land Institute as a Global 40 Under 40 Professional, and regularly contributes to discourse and publications on urbanism, health, and the transformative power of design. Erin is an active volunteer with the Urban Land Institute and the International Well Building Institute, and currently serves on the City of Seattle Housing Levy Oversight Committee.



Bryan Lee Jr, Founder/Director, Colloqate Design | Architect and Design Justice Advocate, Founder/Director of Colloqate Design, a nonprofit design practice. A founding organizer of the Design As Protest Collective and Dark Matter University. Led two award-winning architecture + design programs for high school students through the Arts Council of New Orleans (local) and the National Organization of Minority Architects (national), respectively. National NOMA South VP. Many awards and fellowships. 2018 Fast Company Most Creative People in Business and Youngest firm to win the Architectural League's Emerging Voices award in 2019. 2021 Cooper Hewitt National Design Award.



SESSION 2: ADVOCATING TO ELIMINATE EMBODIED CARBON

Moderator: Alex Ianchenko Assoc. AIA, Researcher/Designer, The Miller Hull Partnership | Alex is a researcher and design



staff member with the Miller Hull Partnership in Seattle. Previously a researcher with the Carbon Leadership Forum and founding member of the Circular City + Living Systems Lab at the University of Washington, Alex is passionate about the intersection of information science, research and design. Her experience with data management and visualization continues to inform her ongoing work in whole-building life cycle assessment, and building performance forecasting. Today, Alex is dedicated to applying her background to climate advocacy as a member of the Seattle hub of the Carbon Leadership Forum, the AIA Washington Climate Committee, and the Sustainable Design Leaders Climate-Smart Wood Group.



Michelle Connor, President & CEO, Forterra | Michelle Connor has worked to conserve land for community and environmental well-being throughout her 28-year career at Forterra. She has played a part in more than 400 transactions worth ~\$500M and provided executive leadership in all phases of public policy, community engagement, negotiations, fundraising and innovative finance. Highlights of her leadership include successful completion of the 4,000-acre Kitsap Forest and Bay Campaign, saving the Wayne Golf Course in Bothell to become a large public park, protecting waterfront on Maury Island from being developed as a gravel pit. She also worked to restore the culturally important Duwamish Hill Preserve, the scenic Moolak Lakes to the Mt. Si Natural Area, negotiated a community stake in coming redevelopment at 23rd and Union in Seattle’s Central District and laying the groundwork for Wadajir, a micro-enterprise hub in Tukwila together with the Abu Bakr Mosque. Michelle is a third-generation Washingtonian, with an M.S. from the University of Washington’s College of Forest Resources and a B.A. from the Evergreen State College.



David Diaz, Director of Forestry Technology & Analytics, Ecotrust | David Diaz has reported on international climate negotiations, developed how-to-guides for forest carbon projects, designed carbon market accounting standards, and negotiated contracts for carbon offsets. Since 2013, he has worked with the nonprofit Ecotrust where he serves as Director of Forestry Technology & Analytics. David leads work to integrate open-source data science, geospatial analysis, and forest ecology and management to produce actionable science, user-friendly technologies, and data-driven insights that engage forest owners and enable improved forest management. He holds a BA in Environmental History from Harvard University, an MS in Soil Science from Oregon State University, and is a PhD candidate in the University of Washington School of Environmental and

Forest Sciences. Though David is a native Texan, he has been living in Seattle since 2016 where he and his wife Abby are learning along with their dog Melvin to take more deep breaths and to hunt truffles.



Davina Duerr, State Representative, 1st Legislative District; Architect and Owner, Haven Works, LLC | Rep. Davina Duerr has spent her life in service to her community. A longtime Bothell resident, Davina has worked on preserving open space and addressing affordable housing and transportation needs, with a particular focus on environmental sustainability. Rep. Duerr also currently serves as a councilmember in the city of Bothell, where she works with cities across the region to meet the needs of her community. Before taking office, Rep. Duerr served as Vice President of the Northshore Schools Foundation and was a co-founder and co-chair of the Foundations’ M.I.L.K. Money campaign, which helps to raise money for students experiencing homelessness. She also had over 10 years of service on the Bothell Landmark Preservation Board, including 8 years as

Chair. Rep. Duerr was inspired to seek appointment to the legislature after working to secure funding for I-405 capacity increases in the state budget last year. A daughter of a Taiwanese immigrant, Davina was raised in upstate New York, and then attended Syracuse University, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in architecture. She currently works as a senior interior architect at a local architecture firm and is raising two active teenagers. Davina serves as Vice Chair of the Environment & Energy Committee, Vice Chair of the Local Government Committee, and is a member of the Transportation Committee.



Meghan Lewis, Senior Researcher, Carbon Leadership Forum | Meghan Lewis is a Senior Researcher at the Carbon Leadership Forum, where she leads their efforts to inform local, state, federal, and corporate embodied carbon policies that support the rapid decarbonization of building materials and construction. Previous to joining the CLF, Meghan launched the Supply Chain Sustainability program at WeWork in 2018. Meghan gained her architecture license while practicing at Mithun, where she worked on a range of project types and spearheaded internal efforts to integrate LCA and low carbon material selection into the design process. Meghan has co-authored a range of publications, including the CLF's Embodied Carbon Policy Toolkit and Embodied Carbon Toolkit for Building Owners, and the Green Building Materials Manual published in 2021.

SESSION 3: EQUITABLE LIFE-CYCLES IN HEALTHY MATERIAL SOURCING



Moderator: Mark Vossler, President, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility | Mark Vossler has practiced cardiology in Kirkland for 20 years. He has a long standing interest in planetary health and environmental justice in general and the cardiovascular consequences of air pollution specifically. He previously served as the medical director of cardiac services and chairman of the department of medicine at Evergreen Health in Kirkland. He currently serves as president of Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, a health based advocacy organization dedicated to reducing and eliminating the greatest threats to human health and well being: nuclear weapons,

climate change, and economic inequity.



Gina Ciganik, CEO, Healthy Building Network | Gina Ciganik, Chief Executive Officer, has been growing and scaling HBN's vision since assuming the CEO role in 2016. Previously she served as Senior Advisor for Housing Innovation, establishing and leading the HomeFree initiative, an expansion of HBN's healthy materials work into the affordable housing sector. Gina is recognized as a national leader in transforming human and environmental health through strategic partnerships, innovative business practices, capacity building, and novel approaches. A champion of equity and environmental justice, Gina is an innovator with a proven track record of creating leading-edge, nationally recognized sustainable spaces where we live, work, and play. Prior to HBN, Gina was Vice

President at a Minneapolis-St. Paul area real estate developer, where she spent two decades creating thousands of healthy, high-performance affordable homes. Her efforts culminated in the construction of The Rose, a 90-unit apartment building in Minneapolis that set a new national standard for healthy materials. Gina was named to Finance and Commerce's Top Women in Finance (2012 & 2015), and in 2021 received a Women in Sustainability Leadership Award (WSLA), one of the most prestigious awards honoring leadership in sustainability across the globe. She completed the Achieving Excellence program at Harvard University's JFK School of Government and holds a B.S degree in Housing from the University of Minnesota.



Bradford C. Grant, Professor of Architecture, Howard University | Bradford C. Grant is a Professor of Architecture in the Department of Architecture at Howard University. He has been in leadership roles at Hampton and Howard Universities as Chairperson, Director, Associate Dean and Interim Dean. As a registered architect he has extensive experience in Universal design, contemplative practices in design education and environmental justice in architecture. His community design work, research on the role of African American architects and his teachings on "Drawing as Meditation" has earned him the Virginia Downtown Development Association Award, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Education Honor Award, the AIA Institute Honor for Collaborative Achievement and

the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society's Contemplative Practice fellowship. Grant has served as past president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society. He is past president of the board of the Healthy Building Network and is the co-founder of the "Directory of African American Architects". He was appointed as the inaugural "Instagram Artist in Residence" at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery and has been honored with the ACSA Distinguished Professor Award.



Mike Schade, Mind the Store Campaign Director, Toxic-Free Future | Mike Schade is the Director for Mind the Store, a program of Toxic-Free Future that challenges the nation’s leading retailers to transform the marketplace away from hazardous chemicals and develop comprehensive safer chemicals policies. Previously, Mike was the Markets Campaign Coordinator with the Center for Health, Environment & Justice (CHEJ), a national organization where he led campaigns to phase out PVC plastic, phthalates, and bisphenol A (BPA) in consumer products and packaging. Before that, he was the Director of the Buffalo office of a statewide environmental health organization. He has a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University at Buffalo.



Nora Rizzo, Sustainable Materials Director, Grace Farms Foundation | Nora is Grace Farms Foundation’s first Sustainable Materials Director, leading the recently launched Design for Freedom Initiative. Design for Freedom aims to eradicate modern slavery within the built environment by addressing the systemic use of forced labor in the building materials supply chain. For more than 15 years, Nora has dedicated herself to creating change in the built environment through her sustainability, resiliency, and social equity work. Before joining Grace Farms, Nora spent over a decade as Director of Sustainability for Fusco Corporation in New Haven, CT. As one of the first Ambassadors in the world to be accredited by the International Living Future Institute, she founded the CT Living Future Collaborative. Nora also co-chairs the bi-annual Northeast Summit for a Sustainable Built Environment (NESSBE) Conference. Nora currently serves on the Board of Directors for the CT Green Building Council and was recently invited to serve on the Governor’s Council for Climate Change (GC3) Infrastructure and Land Use Adaptation Working Group.

SESSION 4: THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBLE BUILDING



Moderator: Rico Quirindongo, AIA, Acting Director, City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development | Rico is Acting Director of the City of Seattle Office of Planning & Community Development. Rico was a mayoral appointee to the Historic Seattle Council for six years, was a founding member of the National Organization of Minority Architects Northwest Chapter and Rico sat on the AIA+2030 national steering committee, helping 24 cities nationally provide curriculum to meet the 2030 Challenge. Rico works with organizations to positively influence communities through design. He was chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation and

Development Authority Council, was a Downtown Seattle Association board member, and was AIA Seattle President in 2012-13. Rico’s first Ted talk is called Transforming Communities Through Architecture. This year, he was given a Commercial Real Estate Leadership Award as a Neighborhood Champion by the Puget Sound Business Journal. He was recognized by AIA as a Citizen Architect in 2020 and is a Northwest & Pacific Regional Representative on the AIA Strategic Council.

Grace Park-Bradbury, General Manager- West, BlocPower | Grace Park-Bradbury leads business development in the West at BlocPower, where she is responsible for strategic initiatives and new market expansion. Grace has over 15 years in climate tech, beginning with marketing at Enernoc, supporting grid stability through the reduction of demand during critical periods. While at DataRaker and Oracle Utilities, Grace led SaaS deployment, sales operations and big data analyses for utility clients with smart grid/advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) deployments. Grace aligns corporate strategy with operational results and was most recently in residential solar, as Chief of Staff at Solar Mosaic. Before that, she led new markets for Sunrun. Grace has a B.A. in English from the University of California at Berkeley.



Molly McCabe, CEO, HaydenTanner | Molly is the CEO of HaydenTanner, a development and investor advisory firm accelerating impact and sustainability in the built environment. A veteran of commercial real estate finance and capital markets, she serves as a bridge between risk and return, visionary development and the bottom-line, to create financially and environmentally resilient buildings and vibrant, sustainable cities. She's on the board of The Freshwater Trust, is co-founder and board member of The Lotus Campaign, providing housing-driven solutions for homelessness. Past Chair of Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Responsible Property Investment Council, founder of a VC funded, commercial mortgage-backed securities firm, and manager, institutional real estate

capital markets group. Author: *"Practical Greening: The Bottom Line On Sustainable Property Development & Investment."* *"Financing and Driving Value: Responsible and Resilient Property Investing in the New Millennium."* Industry leader on investment, climate change, social-impact and resilience. Mom, dog-lover, amateur "handy-woman," serial entrepreneur.



Michael Newland, Northern California Cultural Resources Director, Environmental Science Associates (ESA) | Michael has been a professional archaeologist for nearly 30 years and has worked throughout California and Nevada. As the Northern California Cultural Resources Director, he oversees all NorCal cultural resource projects for Environmental Science Associates (ESA). He received his master's degree in Cultural Resources Management at Sonoma State University, where he spent 20 years as a senior staff archaeologist with the Anthropological Studies Center before taking the Director position at ESA. Michael is a past President of the Society for California Archaeology and serves as co-chairman of the Society's Climate Change and California Archaeology

Committee. Nationally, he serves on the Society for American Archaeology's Climate Change Strategies and Archaeological Resources Task Force. He is a Principal Investigator and board member of the Alta Heritage Foundation, a non-profit emergency response team that recovers human cremations from residences destroyed by catastrophic fire. He received the 2019 *North Bay Community Philanthropist Award*, and the 2020 *Society for California Archaeology Presidential Award* for this work. Climate Change and Tribal consultation and collaboration have been career foci for Michael. He was the lead author with several Tribal scholar co-authors of a chapter on Tribal issues and climate change in *Public Archaeology and Climate Change* (2017) and published a general interest chapter on climate change and archaeology in *Climate Abandoned* (2019). He has two pending publications on these topics in 2022.



Gladys Ly-Au Young AIA, LEED AP, Partner, Sundberg Kennedy Ly-Au Young Architects | A founding partner of Sundberg Kennedy Ly-Au Young Architects, Gladys Ly-Au Young is driven by a social purpose to design earth-friendly, community-based places that function well, create belonging, and promote health, well-being, and sustainability. Climate change is real, and Gladys believes our job is to work towards an equitable future for people and the environment. Her firm's mission is to design buildings that give back more than they take, creating climate change solutions rather than obstacles. Gladys held both an MS in Sustainable Design from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor of Architecture from Washington State University. She has been applying a deep understanding of sustainable design, sensitivity to context and place, and thoughtful design integrity

to projects for close to 30 years. She is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Social Justice at Harvard Extension School, working to change business as usual practices to address the root causes of systemic inequity.

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Cassandra Delaune, Interim Executive Director, Seattle 2030 District | Cassandra Delaune is a high-performance building consultant She is a founding board member of the Seattle 2030 District and has led many task forces during her tenure. Cassandra has had a long sustainability career in the Pacific Northwest region—Projects have included curating and distributing cutting-edge professional education, leading collaboration with utilities and municipalities, and informing carbon reduction policy. Cassandra is a Seattle native who has lived throughout the US but considers this region her home. Cassandra has an MBA from the University of Denver and a Data Analytics certificate from Harvard. An outdoor enthusiast, she can be found on the mountains, trails, and lakes of our

beautiful land.



Chris Hellstern, AIA, LFA, LEED AP BD+C, CDT, Living Building Challenge Services Director, The Miller Hull Partnership | Chris is the Living Building Challenge Services Director, architect and author with The Miller Hull Partnership in Seattle with a variety of project experience including five certified Living Buildings and several more currently in design. Chris has dedicated his career to progressing sustainability within the built environment. Having completed numerous projects including public and private facilities he works with teams to initiate, plan and coordinate the execution of sustainable goals ranging from Zero Energy certification to Living Building Challenge Certified projects. His book, *Living Building Education*, chronicles the story behind his first LivingBuilding, the Bertschi School. Chris founded the Seattle 2030 Roundtable and co-founded the Healthy Materials Collaborative. A Living Future Accredited professional and a Living Building Challenge Hero, Chris is a university guest lecturer and speaker at numerous conferences across the country. He works on state and local environmental policy with AIA Washington, publishes articles and volunteers with local school groups mentoring students about sustainable practices and advocacy. As an Affiliate Instructor with the University of Washington, Chris teaches a graduate sustainability course for the College of Built Environments.



Tanya Kataria, Assoc. AIA, WELL AP, LEED Green Assoc, Weber Thompson | Pursuing a degree in architecture was a natural choice for Tanya. Born and raised in India, she grew up admiring forts, tombs and minarets of the Mughal architecture and grand buildings of the colonial era. Tanya is a designer in the Affordable Housing studio at Weber Thompson. Her drive for leadership in architecture is a desire to share her passions with a wider audience to affect real change. These include her wholehearted commitment to a sustainable environment, focusing on health and wellness, and the promotion of equitable and affordable housing. In addition to being a LEED Green

Associate, Tanya is a WELL Building certified Accredited Professional, a standard that focuses on the impact of a building on human health and wellness. If not already evident, sustainability is one of Tanya's core passions and she seeks to integrate sustainable strategies into her projects whenever possible. Living in Edmonds, WA, she was appointed a Commissioner on the Edmonds Citizen's Housing Commission where she worked to develop policy ideas that promote diverse, affordable housing options within the city. She advocated for policies advancing a wider variety of single-family housing options and inclusionary zoning to increase density in single family areas. Her policy proposals are currently being considered for council appointment and implementation.



Claire McConnell, BEMP, Associate, Mithun | Claire is a building performance modeler and analyst at Mithun with a passion for deep green building design. Her holistic approach to sustainability leverages climate-based passive and active building strategies, whole-building energy simulation, daylighting analysis, thermal comfort analysis, and whole-building life-cycle assessment. Her Masters in Sustainable Architecture from the Norwegian Institute of Science and Technology and undergraduate background in civil engineering give her strong problem-solving capabilities and a unique perspective on the architecture industry. At Mithun, Claire works collaboratively across architectural and engineering disciplines to optimize project goals and elevate sustainability through building performance simulation and analysis. Her engineering thinking, knowledge of the intricacies

of sustainability metrics and expertise in adapting scientific tools and methodologies drive data-based decision making at all stages of design for a range of project typologies including housing, education, workplace and civic environments.



Deepa Sivarajan (no pronouns), Washington Clean Building Policy Manager, Climate Solutions |

Deepa works to facilitate an equitable and just shift to clean energy in Washington, focusing on building decarbonization. As the Washington Clean Buildings Policy Manager, Deepa works with local and state governments to develop and advance policies that phase out fossil fuels and begin our transition to clean, safe, and all-electric buildings. Deepa is passionate about ensuring that environmental justice communities are represented in the development and implementation of these policies. Deepa holds an M.A. in Climate & Society from Columbia University, focused on climate policy and law, as well as a B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies from

Georgetown University. Prior to joining Climate Solutions, Deepa served as a project manager at the public engagement and communications firm EnviroIssues, working with local government agencies to involve communities in planning processes for transportation and urban planning projects. Deepa also has a background in environmental and electoral organizing,



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Including advocating for wilderness protection with the Sierra Club. Deepa currently serves on the Seattle Green New Deal Oversight Board and the Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee.



Jessie Templeton, AIA, LFA, Embodied Carbon Specialist, Associate, GGLO | Jessie Templeton is an Architect and Researcher who focuses on carbon and equity in the built environment. She leads Embodied Carbon Research and Analysis efforts at GGLO Design where she facilitates Carbon accounting for all the firm's projects on the road to a Climate Positive project portfolio by 2030. Jessie also co-leads the Design Equity Initiative, an effort to embed an equity lens in the project process, culminating in material choices, spaces and projects that strive for a more equitable built environment. Jessie's project experience includes LEED Platinum and Living Building Challenge Multi-Family, Affordable, and Mixed-Use urban projects. Jessie holds a Masters in Architecture

from the University of Oregon where she also studied Urban Planning, and a B.A in Environmental- Studies and Politics from Whitman College. Prior to her career in architecture, she worked in the outdoor sector as a Forest Ranger and land conservationist.