

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEEK | PROGRAM SCHEDULE****MON, OCT 19****9:00 - 11:00 AM PT****→ AUTHENTIC CONNECTION IN BIPOC COMMUNITIES****Panel Discussion featuring:***Moderator: Gladys Ly-Au Young* | Partner, SKL Architects**Colleen Echohawk** | Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club**Milenko Matanovič** | Founder and Trainer, Pomegranate Center**Sarah Fathallah** | Independent Designer and Researcher**Sili Savusa** | Executive Director, White Center Community Development Association (CDA)**TUES, OCT 20****9:00 - 11:00 AM PT****→ ENGAGING THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY****Panel Discussion + Case Studies featuring:***Moderator: Karen Braitmayer* | Founder and Managing Principal, Studio Pacifica**Hansel Bauman** | Human Centered Design Specialist**Karen Tamley** | President and CEO, Access Living**Peggy Martinez ADAC, CPACC** | Principal, Creative Inclusion, LLC**4:00 – 6:00 PM PT****→ LESSONS LEARNED FROM ENGAGEMENT****Panel Discussion + Case Studies featuring:***Moderator: Ubax Gardheere* | Equitable Development Initiative Division Manager, Office of Planning & Community Development, City of Seattle**Chris Persons** | CEO, Community Roots Housing**Doug Leigh AIA LEED AP BD+C** | Partner, Mithun**Rachael Meyer PLA GRP, LEED AP** | Landscape Architecture Principal, Weber Thompson**TraeAnna Holiday** | Community Organizer, Africatown Community Land Trust**Uche Okezie** | Director of Real Estate Development, Homesight**WEDS, OCT 21****9:00 - 11:00 AM PT****→ LEARNING FROM OTHERS****Panel Discussion featuring:***Moderator: Rico Quirindongo* | Principal + NW Civic Design Leader, DLR Group**Amir Sheikh** | Curatorial Associate, Burke Museum**Ian Stewart** | Principal, EMC Research**Cameron Campbell-Wilkens** | Principal Design Strategist, OneDesign Digital Services at Amazon

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEEK | SPEAKER BIOS****AUTHENTIC CONNECTION IN BIPOC COMMUNITIES | PRESENTERS**

**Moderator: Gladys Ly-Au Young, Partner, SKL 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 over 25 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.



**Colleen Echohawk, Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club** | Colleen Echohawk (Pawnee/Athabascan) is the executive director of Chief Seattle Club, a human service provider for urban Natives many of whom are experiencing homelessness, and founder of the Coalition to End Urban Native Homelessness. Recognizing a lack of equity in housing design and development, she is focused on equitable low-income housing and indigenous-led design solutions. Echohawk is a Mayoral appointment to the Community Police Commission, recipient of King County's 2020 Martin Luther King Medal of Distinguished Service; and named one of 2019 Seattle's most influential people by Seattle Magazine. Her board affiliations include Seattle Foundation, KUOW (National Public Radio member station), Downtown Seattle Association, and

King County All-Home Coordinating Board.



**Milenko Matanovič, Founder and Trainer, Pomegranate Center** | Milenko Matanovič is a community builder, artist, and thought leader who has spent decades exploring the art of creative collaboration. He founded the non-profit Pomegranate Center in 1986 after leaving a successful art career. Since then, he has worked with countless neighborhoods around the country and abroad, collaborated with numerous communities to build more than 60 gathering places 100s of plans, and trained hundreds of remarkable community leaders in the Pomegranate Center method of community building. He now advises organizations on community engagement and collaborative practices. His most recent book, 'The Case for Everyday Democracy,' focuses on methods for effective public meetings.



**Sarah Fathallah, Independent Designer and Researcher** | Sarah Fathallah is an independent designer and researcher, who specializes in applying design to the social sector. She has worked on projects of all sizes with non-profits, governments, and social enterprises, on topics ranging from civil and human rights, to healthcare, education, and financial inclusion. Her clients have included the World Bank, the International Rescue Committee, and Open Society Foundations, to name a few. Sarah also co-founded Design Gigs for Good, a free community-driven resource to help more people use the tools of design to create positive social change. Sarah is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris, where she studied International Business and Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Affairs. She also studied design innovation at the Paris Est d.school, User

Experience design at General Assembly, and participatory design at MIT.



**Sili Savusa, Executive Director, White Center Community Development Association** | Sili Savusa is currently the Executive Director of the White Center Community Development Association, a non-traditional CDC which promotes authentic resident leadership opportunities and community-led, neighborhood initiatives. She serves on the Highline Community College Board of Trustees, the Governor's Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap and Communities of Opportunity Governance Group. As a long time organizer and advocate, Sili has over 30 years of non-profit experience, anti-racist organizing with a focus on Pacific Islander communities and communities of color. Her experience include systems level policy development, cross cultural coalition building, and anti-racist organizing within institutions. Sili and her family reside in White Center, which is an

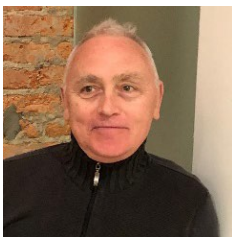
unincorporated area of Seattle.

### ENGAGING THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY | PRESENTERS



**Moderator: Karen Braitmayer, Founder and Managing Principal, Studio Pacifica** | Karen Braitmayer, FAIA is the founder and managing principal of Studio Pacifica, an accessibility consulting firm in Seattle. She and her team provide consulting services to local governments, school districts, architects, engineers, companies and individuals concerned with complying with Federal laws and State codes, as well as simply creating spaces that work for the unique needs of individual users. Karen also leads presentations and workshops around the country to further educate professionals about codes, standards, and inclusion. Early in her career, it occurred to Karen that as an architect and a wheelchair user, it was possible for her to make a unique

contribution to the field. Her professional focus on accessibility and her advocacy efforts for inclusion have certainly done that! As a registered architect, Karen was admitted to the prestigious College of Fellows by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). In 2010 she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Access Board, a policy position that she still holds today. Most recently she was awarded the 2019 Whitney M. Young Jr. award by the American Institute of Architects in recognition of her leadership in civil rights for people with disabilities, social sustainability, public policy and universal design. In addition, Karen was named 2019 Person of the Year by New Mobility Magazine. Karen is also an active volunteer and non-profit board member.



**Hansel Bauman, Human Centered Design Specialist** | Hansel Bauman has 25 years of experience as a designer, teacher and researcher at the intersection of the senses, diversity, well-being, community engagement and architecture. Hansel is a pioneer of Deaf Architecture. From 2006 to 2019 he lead the DeafSpace\* Project—a community-based research and design initiative at Gallaudet University to codify architectural principles of DeafSpace—the long-held cultural traditions Deaf people employ to customize the hearing-centered world to fit their unique ways-of-being into a Design Guide attuned to Deaf sensibilities. The Design Guide received the International Association of Universal Design's Gold Award in 2015. From in the U.S. and abroad.

He co-authored a LEED Pilot Credit for Inclusive Design and space standards for visual communication. He has published and lectured internationally, received international media coverage and exhibited at the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum and the National Museum of American History.



**Karen Tamley, President and CEO, Access Living** | Karen Tamley was named the new president and CEO of Access Living in January 2020. Before that, she served as Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities in Chicago for 14 years, where she tackled disability policy and accessibility initiatives under three Chicago mayors. Karen was appointed by President Obama in 2016 to serve on the United States Access Board, which develops national accessibility guidelines and standards. In March of 2019, she was elected Chair of the Access Board. In becoming CEO of Access Living, Karen is returning to her roots. She worked at Access Living from 1996 to 2005, under founding CEO Marca Bristo, first for three years as the Housing Policy Coordinator and then for six years as the Director of Programs. Prior to that, she was the Housing Director at Atlantis

Community, Inc. a Center for service and advocacy for people with disabilities in Denver, Colorado. Tamley has a depth of experience serving on a wide variety of community and nonprofit boards that focus on cultural experiences and diversity and inclusion. In 2015, Karen received the Motorola Solutions Excellence in Public Service Award from the Civic Federation, which recognizes a non-elected government official for having an extraordinary impact on the quality of state and local government services in Illinois, and she received the Distinguished Fellow award from Leadership Greater Chicago. Karen is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. She lives in Chicago with her husband, Kevin Irvine, and their adopted teenage daughter, Dominika. All three have disabilities themselves and are actively involved in grassroots disability advocacy locally and nationally.



**Peggy Martinez, ADAP, CPACC, Principal, Creative Inclusion, LLC** | Peggy Martinez has worked in disability inclusion in higher education, nonprofit management and as a business owner since 1996. Peggy launched Creative Inclusion in 2015 to address requests from designers and planners for her accessibility expertise in the areas of technology, wayfinding, transit, recreation, and entertainment. Creative Inclusion offers accessible walk audits, customized disability awareness education and training, ADA assessments, inclusive meeting outreach planning and facilitation, policy development, and usability testing. Creative Inclusion utilizes the Americans with Disabilities Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, Section 508, the Twenty First Century Communications & Video Accessibility Act, the Principles of Universal Design, and other known best practices to

meet client goals. Many clients wish to move beyond legal requirements to elevate the accessibility of products, programs, and services. Peggy and her team especially relish these opportunities and provide the knowledge, experience, and innovative spirit to enhance the project from concept to completion.

### LESSONS LEARNED FROM ENGAGEMENT | PRESENTERS



**Moderator: Ubax Gardheere, Equitable Development Initiative Division Manager, Office of Planning and Community Development** | Ubax is the [Equitable Development Initiative](#) Division Manager in the City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development. She currently oversees the EDI fund the City is investing in community-based organizations working in Seattle on anti-displacement strategies and economic development opportunities. Ubax's core values are rooted in Social Justice and transformative practice. She prioritizes working towards equity, authentically listening to community and she has extensive experience in community development and building an inclusive vision with many of Seattle's communities of color. She was a member of the [Housing Affordability Livability Agenda](#) Committee. Ubax previously was a

Program Director at Puget Sound Sage. Ubax serves as a Governance Group Member for [Communities of Opportunity](#), a multi-million dollar, cross-sector initiative aimed at creating systems change across King County to address equitable health, housing and economic opportunity. She serves on the board of Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) a partnership of the County and East King County Cities who have joined together to assist with preserving and increasing the supply of housing for low- and moderate-income households in the region. Ubax is a proud single parent to three very energetic kids who keep her on her toes.





**Chris Persons, CEO, Community Roots Housing** | Christopher Persons has led Community Roots Housing since 2007 and has more than three decades of senior nonprofit leadership experience. Prior to joining Community Roots Housing, he was the executive director of Inspiration Corporation, a homeless and housing services agency in Chicago. Under his leadership, it grew from a neighborhood agency to a city-wide, award-winning corporation. Chris has led Community Roots Housing through significant transition and growth and has overseen the development of several award-winning properties including 12th Avenue Arts, Liberty Bank Building, the Jefferson, and Station House. In 2010, he oversaw the creation of the Community Roots Housing Foundation, and in 2012 he oversaw the creation of the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, which leads the community's efforts around resilience and equity. Chris has provided leadership on many external community boards and currently serves on the boards of the Housing Partnership Network and Seattle Crescent Collaborative.



**Doug Leigh, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Partner, Mithun** | Doug has spent the last 31 years of his 40+ years in practice at Mithun. He is a senior project manager for architecture and planning projects with a current focus on affordable housing projects. Those projects include Hirabayashi Place and Uncle Bob's Place for Interim CDA, Liberty Bank Building for Community Roots Housing, Yesler Family Housing for SCIDpda/Community Roots Housing and Maddux North and South for Mount Baker Housing Association. In 2019 he managed the #DesignTheHill Community Development Framework Plan in the Hilltop neighborhood in Tacoma with the Tacoma Housing Authority and theFAB5. He received his Bachelor of Science Architecture from the University of Nebraska and is a member of the AIA and is a LEED Accredited Profession, BD+C.



**Rachael Meyer, PLA, GRP, LEED AP, Landscape Architecture Principal, Weber Thompson** | Landscape Architecture Principal Rachael Meyer has over 17 years of experience in commercial, residential, and public projects. She is a critical team member early in projects to help build consensus amongst clients, consultants and other key stakeholders. Rachael is passionate about green roofs, urban agriculture and sustainable strategies, and integrates these passions into each of her designs. She regularly speaks and writes about her research, which ranges from water management practices to functional landscapes. Active in the community, Rachael has served on a variety of professional boards, including the UW Landscape Professional Advisory Committee, Architects Without Borders, and the Washington Association of Landscape Architects Executive Board. She currently Co-Chairs the NAIOP Sustainable Development Committee.



**TraeAnna Holiday, Community Organizer, Africatown Community Land Trust** | TraeAnna Holiday is a true Seattleite who has watched her city change in many ways. She took her creative passion to Howard University, where she studied theater management in her first year of college. Then through the communications program at UW Tacoma, she began to understand her value in the field; always wanting to tell the stories she saw before her. In a Communities in Economics course, she learned about the academic version of displacement- gentrification. Through studying abroad and being displaced by gentrification, she's now fueled to tell her neighborhood's story through film and education while working on the solutions. Working with Africatown Community Land Trust and producing content with Converge Media are two of the ways she's begun to do just that. As a steward of community with a passion for storytelling, she brings her ideals to life and strives to help others do the same.



**Uche Okezie, Director of Real Estate Development, HomeSight** | Uche Okezie is the Director of Real Estate Development at HomeSight, a nonprofit Community Development Corporation in Southeast Seattle. She manages the development of HomeSight's commercial and affordable homeownership projects and oversees the project management services provided to non-profit organizations in the Puget Sound area. Most recently she managed the development of single family homes at Greenbridge, King County Housing Authority's mixed income master planned community and acted as owner's representative for the Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle's Community Center expansion. In 2017 she completed the feasibility plan for Othello Square, a mixed-use Transit Oriented Development project at Seattle's Othello Light Rail Station. Currently she is managing the development of HomeSight's affordable homeownership cooperative project at Othello Square. She received her Master of Urban Planning from the University of Washington and is also a certified Project Management Professional and Construction Manager.

### LEARNING FROM OTHERS | PRESENTERS



**Moderator: Rico Quirindongo, AIA, Principal + NW Civic Design Leader, DLR Group** | DLR Group Principal Rico Quirindongo, AIA, has been working for 25 years to revitalize and reimagine Seattle historic landmarks and neighborhoods. As Civic Design Leader for the firm, Rico believes that through proactive design, vision, and multi-agency collaboration, opportunities for social change can be realized through community-invested civic projects. Rico works with organizations to positively influence communities through design and is committed to the betterment of his hometown, Seattle, through public engagement, design, and civic service. Rico is a recognized expert on civic projects and city-convened taskforces to create and execute processes for inclusive and authentic engagement. Rico is currently chair of the Pike Place

Market Preservation and Development Authority Council, is a Downtown Seattle Association board member, and was AIA Seattle President in 2012-13. Rico was recognized by AIA National as a Citizen Architect in 2020 and is a Northwest and Pacific Regional Representative on the AIA Strategic Council.



**Amir Sheikh, Curatorial Associate, Burke Museum** | Amir Sheikh is a transdisciplinary urban environmental researcher, curator, and collaboration builder. He utilizes the tools of anthropology, geography, environmental science, historical inquiry, and design based collaborations to examine critical questions about our spatial relationships to landscapes and their deeply intertwined narratives of place. He is a Curatorial Associate with the Burke Museum at the University of Washington where he is a team leader for The Waterlines Project and consults for cultural landscape projects. He is also a founding member of the developing People's Geography of Seattle Project based at UW-Bothell. Previously, at the University of Washington, he contributed to a range of geospatial environmental modeling and urban

planning projects from hyper-local scales to global development contexts, regional historical ecology research, and the development of place-based curriculum bridging the environmental sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.



**Cameron Campbell-Wilkens, Principal Design Strategist, OneDesign Digital Services at Amazon** | Before joining Amazon Design, Cameron was the founder of SCHWA, an art and design collective and a founding partner of Wilkens Design Studio. As a socio-cultural trend forecaster and design strategist, Cameron works closely with clients and colleagues to create strategies that engage people, build brand awareness and drive creative growth. In 20+ years in the design industry she has worked with such notable clients as the Boeing Company, History Channel, Herman Miller, Apple, Nike, PointB, China Eastern Airlines, Samsung and BMW/MINI as well as numerous internationally recognized design consultancies including MetaDesign, IDEO, Method, Fuseproject, TEAGUE, Digital Kitchen and GoldenArm. Cameron has spoken at and curated numerous design conferences in the U.S.A, Europe, and Brasil including a Herman Miller

organized panel discussing George Nelson's "How to See". She has juried internationally recognized design awards for AIGA and IDSA and most recently a jury Chair for the IDSA/IDEA awards.



**Ian Stewart, Principal, EMC Research** | Ian is a Principal at EMC Research, an opinion research and strategic consulting company. He has served in many different capacities since starting at EMC in 1999 and is the lead consultant on a wide range of research and consulting projects for private sector clients, public agencies, and campaigns. Ian has found that the learnings from these different sectors are applicable to each other, which means what he and his team learn on each project has given him unique insight and skill into giving clients the strategic direction they need. In the Puget Sound, some of Ian’s clients include Sound Transit, the United Way of King County, the City of Seattle, Harborview Medical Center, Vulcan, and Sabey. Ian has a BA degree

in Political Science from Western Washington University, with a minor in Environmental Studies.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM PLANNING TEAM**



**David Driskell, Principal, Baird + Driskell Community Planning** | David Driskell is principal in the consulting practice of Baird + Driskell Community Planning where he leads participatory planning projects in housing, community design, strategic planning and sustainability. He has a long-standing passion for youth engagement, leading an international action-research program as the UNESCO Chair for “Growing Up in Cities” at Cornell University from 2004 to 2009, and authoring *Creating Better Cities with Children and Youth*. His work in local government includes serving as the City of Boulder’s Executive Director for Planning, Housing and Sustainability from 2009 through 2016 (where he helped launch the Growing Up Boulder initiative) and the City of

Seattle’s Deputy Director for Planning and Community Development from 2017 to 2020. He serves on the national board for ICLEI-USA, and is a graduate of Stanford University and MIT.

**Gladys Ly-Au Young, Partner, SKL Architects** | *Also the Authentic Connection in BIPOC Communities session moderator. Headshot and bio above!*



**John Feit, Architect, 3 Plus** | John is an architect with his own practice, 3 Plus. His civic leadership includes being chair of the Pike-Pine Urban Neighborhood Council (PPUNC), Co-Chair of Lid I-5, and Chair for Seattle University's Citizen Advisory Committee. He lives on Capitol Hill, Seattle. When not professionally engaged he can be found exploring the West on foot, bike, or telemark skis.

**Karen Braitmayer, Founder and Managing Principal, Studio Pacifica** | *Also the Engaging the Disability Community session moderator. Headshot and bio above!*



**Magda Hogness, Urban Designer, Office of Planning and Community Development, City of Seattle** | As an Urban Designer at the City of Seattle’s Office of Planning and Community Development, Magda contributes to large scale planning efforts that have significant urban design impacts. Magda is licensed architect and certified planner with experience in designing, planning, reviewing and implementing projects. The projects she has worked on vary in scale, from fine grain residential architecture to researching larger built environment conditions. Her previous research has been nationally recognized and include a national ASLA Professional Honor Award. Her roles at the City of Seattle have included the review of complex design review proposals, in often challenging political and public decision-making processes, helping

shape over 50 major development projects in downtown Seattle and the surrounding neighborhoods.



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**Rico Quirindongo, AIA, Principal + NW Civic Design Leader, DLR Group** | *Also the Learning from Others session moderator. Headshot and bio above!*



**Vicki Ha, Senior Store Designer – Architectural Standards, Amazon** | Vicki Ha is an Architect working at the intersection of Physical Space, Technology, and Community. As a Standards Designer at Amazon, she is busy examining how these elements collide and coalesce into thoughtful and meaningful customer experiences in physical stores. Outside of work, Vicki has served as a board director for Design in Public and was the chairperson of the Seattle Design Festival in 2017.