



*Women Leading Design*

AIA LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE February 27, 2015

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10500 Constellation Blvd. – Los Angeles, CA 90067

- 8:30-8:45 **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:45-9:00 **Welcoming Remarks:**  
Nicci Solomons, Hon AIA - Executive Director, AIA Los Angeles and Center for Architecture & Urban Design LA
- 9:00-9:10 **“Where We’ve Been...Where We’re Going”**  
Laura Zucker, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Arts Commission
- 9:10-9:20 **“Equity by Design = AIA Diversity and Inclusion”**  
Virginia E. Marquardt, AIA, LEED AP - Senior Associate, DLR Group  
Gabrielle Bullock, FAIA, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C - Director of Global Diversity, Principal, Perkins + Will
- 9:20-10:00 **PANEL 1: “DIVERSITY: WHY DOES IT MATTER?”**  
[25 January 2015 BCC News Article – Is there a diversity dividend? By Linda Lueh](#)  
  
**Moderated by: Katie Carley** - Business Development Director, Moore Ruble Yudell  
  
Gabrielle Bullock, FAIA, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C - Director of Global Diversity, Principal, Perkins + Will  
Lisa Fay Matthiessen, FAIA, LEED Fellow - Principal, Integral Group and Board Director, USGBC  
Virginia E. Marquardt, AIA, LEED AP - Senior Associate, DLR Group  
Stephanie Reich, AIA, LEED AP – Urban Designer, City of West Hollywood
- 10:00-10:15 **“Equality & Privilege: Covert & Overt Barriers”**  
Deborah Weintraub, AIA, LEED AP - Chief Deputy City Engineer, City of Los Angeles
- 10:15-10:30 **“The Added Value Women Bring to the Design Profession”**  
Leigh Christy, AIA, LEED AP BD+C - Associate Principal, Perkins + Will  
Heidi Creighton, AIA, LEED AP BD+C O+M – Associate, Buro Happold Engineering
- 10:30 -10:40 **“Breaking the Glass Ceiling”**  
Karin Liljegren, AIA - Principal, *omgiving* – Architect, Interior Designers and Urbanists
- 10:40-11:00 *Networking & Beverages*
- 11:00-11:40 **PANEL 2: “ARE WOMEN LED PROJECT TEAMS MORE EFFECTIVE?”**  
[15 January 2015 New York Times – Why Some Teams are Smarter than Others](#)  
[By Anita Wooley, Thomas W. Malone and Christopher F. Chabris](#)  
  
**Moderated by: Frances Anderton** - Host, DnA: Design & Architecture; KCRW 89.9  
  
Carissa Shrock, AIA, LEED BD+C - Senior Associate, Moore Ruble Yudell  
Kristi Paulson, AIA - Principal, ZGF Architects  
Donna Barry, AIA - Design Principal, AC Martin

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- 11:40-11:55 **“Managing the Firm: A Woman’s Perspective”**  
Barbara Bouza, AIA, IIDA, LEED® AP, EDAC – Managing Director, Principal - Gensler  
Tania L. Van Herle, AIA, LEED AP BD+C - Managing Principal, Harley Ellis Devereaux
- 11:55-12:10 **“Barriers? What Barriers?”**  
Debra Gerod, FAIA, LEED AP – Partner, Gruen Associates  
Leanna Libourel, AIA, LEED AP BD+C - Associate, Gruen Associates & NCARB IDP Coordinator for So Cal
- 12:10-12:20 **“Walk the Talk: Sustainable Practices”**  
Isabelle Duvivier, FAIA, LEED AP - Duvivier Architects  
Amelia Doyle Feichtner, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP DB+C - Principal, Cuningham Group Architecture & USGBC-LA Chapter Chair
- 12:20-1:20 *Networking & Lunch*
- 1:20-2:00 **PANEL 3: “REDEFINING THE ARC OF A SUCCESSFUL CAREER”**  
[March 2014 Harvard Business Review – Manage Your Work, Manage Your Life - By Boris Groysberg and Robin Abrahams](#)  
  
*Moderated by: Christi Van Cleve, AIA – Co-Director, Urban Policy Center, Woodbury University*  
  
Krista Becker, FAIA, LEED AP - Principal, Moore Ruble Yudell  
Kate Diamond, FAIA, LEED AP - Principal, HDR  
Patricia Rhee, AIA, DBIA, LEED AP - Partner, Ehrlich Architects
- 2:00-2:10 **“Can an Architect really Design Her Whole Life?”**  
Virginia Tanzmann, FAIA, LEED AP - Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
- 2:10-2:25 **“Creating Your Own Niche and Inventing Your Own Career”**  
Susan Painter, PhD, FCPA - Director, Research Studio & Senior Planner, AC MARTIN  
Jenny Wu - Oyler Wu Collaborative
- 2:25-2:40 **“A Diversity of Practice: Expanding Opportunities”**  
Elena Manfredini - Atelier Manfredini & Graduate Thesis Coordinator, SCI-Arc  
Lisa Little, AIA – Founder, Vertebrae Architecture + Design
- 2:40-3:00 *Networking & Beverages*
- 3:00-3:20 **“Urban Collaborations”**  
Siobhan Burke, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, Lyric Design & Planning  
Deborah Murphy, Assoc. AIA – Executive Director, Los Angeles Walks & Principal, Deborah Murphy Urban Design + Planning  
Lisa Padilla, AIA, LEED AP - Principal, Cityworks Design
- 3:20- 3:30 **“Design Like a Girl!”**  
Ella Hazard, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP - Principal, Hazard Frankel Architects & Co-President, LA Forum for Architecture & Urban Design
- 3:30-3:50 **“Research, Architecture & Social Impact”**  
Jennifer Marmon, AIA - Platform for Architecture + Research  
Chelina Odbert – Co-Founder & Executive Director, Kounkuey Design Initiative  
Elizabeth Timme - Co-Director, LA-Más



3:50-4:50

**PANEL 4: "WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE: WHERE ARE WE NOW?"**

[3 October 2014 Archinect – Where Are The Women? Measuring Progress on Gender in Architecture - By Lian Chikaki](#)

*Moderated by:* **Christina Monti** - Association for Women in Architecture + Design

**Claudia Carol**, AIA, LEED AP ND – Senior Associate, Planning & Urban Design, Gensler

**Doris Sung**, Assoc. AIA - Assistant Professor, USC Architecture; Principal, DOSU Studio

**Nicole A. Davis Tinkham**, Attorney-at-Law, Collins Collins Muir + Stewart LLP

**Ingalil Wahlroos-Ritter**, AIA - Associate Dean, School of Architecture & Director, WUHO Gallery

4:50-5:00

**Closing Remarks – Where do we go from here? What's next?**

**Kishani De Silva** – Vice President, Association for Women in Architecture + Design

**Will Wright**, Hon. AIA|LA – Director, Government & Public Affairs, AIA Los Angeles