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April 3, 2023

**1.5°C SYMPOSIUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The California Endowment, Los Angeles

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

**8:00am - 4:00pm**

**California Endowment**

**1000 Alameda Street**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**CES Learning Units: 6LU/HSW**

**The 6th Annual 1.5°C Symposium on Climate Change challenges our industry to explore the power of beauty in sustainable design to bridge the practicality of building construction with our desire to live in harmony with the natural world. There has been a paradigm shift that beauty is only a consideration of formal aesthetics; true beauty in architecture must inherently be grounded in an integration of physical form with community connection, livability, equity, resilience, and adaptability.**

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### 1.5°C PROGRAM

**8:00 am Breakfast & Networking in the Courtyard**

**8:30 am Theater Opens**

**8:45 am Welcome**

Megumi Hironaka, AIA, AIALA COTE 2023 Chair - Associate Principal, HED  
Leslie Sydnor, AIA, 2023 AIALA Board President - Director, Cumming

**9:00 am Presentation - Dimensions of Architectural Experience**

Introduction by Brendan Bailey, AIA - Project Architect, Torti Gallas + Partners  
Anjan Chatterjee, PhD. - Director of the Penn Center for Neuroaesthetics,  
University of Pennsylvania

**9:30 am Presentation - Adapt to Change - The 5 Rs**

Introduction by Fabian Kremkus, AIA, LEED GA - Design Principal, CO Architects  
Barbara Buser - Architect and Town Planner, Zirkular GmbH

**10:10 am Presentation - "I Want You to Have Nice Things"**

Introduction by Tahmores Zandi, AIA, AIALA COTE 2023 Vice Chair -  
Senior Associate Principal, SOM  
Russell Fortmeyer, LEED AP BD+C - Global Sustainability Leader, Woods Bagot

**10:40 am Presentation - Architecture & Moral Beauty**

Introduction by Michael Bulander, AIA - Design Principal, HED  
Loriane Icibaci, AIA - Director, Superuse Studios North America

**11:10 am Panel Discussion - Radical Pragmatism:  
Paths to Mass Timber Success**

Introduction by Christopher James, Associate AIA - Business Development  
Manager, Holmes  
Abbey Ehman - Vice President, Lincoln Property Company (Moderator)  
Amy Leedham, AIA - Associate, Atelier Ten (Panelist)  
Jonathan Heppner, AIA - Principal, LEVER Architecture (Panelist)  
Michelle Kam-Biron, PE, SE, F. SEAOC - Commercial Business Development,  
Manager Boise Cascade (Panelist)



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### 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH THINK Table Leaders:

#### ESG - Good Design + Responsible Action

**Anthony Brower, AIA** - Global Climate Action & Sustainability Practice Area Leader, Gensler & Adjunct Professor, USC School of Architecture

#### Embodied Carbon - The Inevitability of Concrete

**Mitchel Le Heux** - Senior Project Director, Englekirk  
**Ety Benichou**, Associate Principal, Englekirk

#### Decarbonization of Existing Buildings

**Lance Collins, AIA, NOMA** - Director, Partner Energy

#### Whole Life Carbon: Considering a Building's Total Carbon Impact

**Pablo La Roche, AIA** - Principal, CallisonRTKL

#### Energy and Daylight Modeling to Inform Design

**Vikas Shrestha, PhD, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, LFA** - Associate Principal/Director of Sustainability, Steinberg Hart

#### Social Impact of Building Materials

**Avideh Haghighi, AIA** - Sustainable Design Lead, ZGF

#### Adaptive Reuse: Elevating Our Existing Building Stock

**Jed Donaldson, AIA, AIALA Board Director** - Principal, Johnson Fain

#### Net Zero is Dead; Long Live Net Zero!

**Dave Intner, AIA** - Senior Advisor, Southern California Edison

#### AIA 2030 Challenge Confessional

**Paul Poirier, AIA** - Principal, Poirier + Associates Architects  
**Keith Hempel, FAIA** - Chief Design Officer, LPA

#### Things to Consider When Using Mass Timber

**Linda Chung, AIA, LEED AP** - Senior Project Architect, Lever Architecture  
**Michelle Kam-Biron, PE, SE, F. SEAOC** - Commercial Business Development Manager, Boise Cascade

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### 1:30 pm AIA|CA Update

**Avideh Haghighi, AIA** - Sustainable Design Leader, ZGF Architects  
**Simone Barth-Auster, Assoc. AIA** - Associate Principal, Mithun

### 1:40 pm Presentation – Creative Resilience: Housing for People on a Warming Planet

**Introduction by Sabrina Yuen** - Associate, ZGF  
**David Baker, FAIA** - Principal, David Baker Architects

### 2:10 pm Presentation – Dignity Building Blocks Panel

**Ismar Enriquez, AIA, LFA, LEED AP, AIALA Board Director** -  
Senior Associate, Steinberg Hart (Moderator)  
**Gauri Rajbaidya** - Principal, SERA (Panelist)  
**Michael Bohn, AIA** - Partner, Studio One Eleven (Panelist)  
**Audrey Peterson** - Holos Communities, f/k/a  
Clifford Beers Housing (Panelist)

### 3:00 pm Presentation – Our Climate of Racialized Space

**Introduction by Casey Castor** - Associate, GGA+  
**Christopher Locke** - President and Co-Founder of  
Designing in Color

### 3:30 pm Closing

**Tahmores Zandi, AIA, AIALA COTE 2023 Vice Chair** -  
Senior Associate Principal, SOM

### 3:40 pm HAPPY HOUR!

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#### Symposium Committee Members

**Brendan Bailey, AIA, NCARB, LFA, EcoDistricts AP -**

Project Architect, Torti Gallas + Partners

**Michael Bulander, AIA, LEED AP - Design Principal, HED**

**Casey Castor, Associate AIA -**

Building Science Analyst/Environmental Designer, GGA+

**Linda Chung, AIA, LEED AP - Senior Project Architect, LEVER Architecture**

**James (Jed) Donaldson, AIA - Principal, Johnson Fain**

**Liz Duray, AIA - Sustainability & Wellness Lead, SuperLA**

**Ismar Enriquez, AIA Board of Directors, LFA, LEED AP -**

Senior Associate, Steinberg Hart

**Christopher Fenton, AIA, LEED AP - Senior Project Architect, Gensler**

**Christopher James, Associate AIA - Business Development Manager, Holmes**

**Fabian Kremkus, AIA, LEED GA - Design Principal, CO Architects**

**Michael Martin, FAIA**

**Blake Patten, AIA - Associate Principal, Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners**

**Kathy Pray, Affiliate AIA - Marketing Associate, PBS Engineers**

**George Reilly - West Coast MEP, Buro Happold Engineering**

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**Kathy Wishard, Associate AIA - Principal, LRM Landscape Architecture**

**Sabrina Yuen, AIA - Associate, ZGF Architects**

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