

SPEAKER BIOS FOR THE ULI UK WEBINAR ON HEALTHY PLACES 1ST JULY @ 3PM

Name: Rachel MacCleery

Firm: Urban Land Institute

Title: Senior Vice President, Content

Rachel MacCleery is senior vice president at the Urban Land Institute, where she leads the organization's Building Healthy Places Initiative as well as its Infrastructure Initiative.

Under the Building Healthy Places Initiative, MacCleery is spearheading ULI's efforts to leverage the power of its global networks to shape projects and places in ways that improve the health of people and communities. The initiative seeks to advance understanding of and action on connections between the built environment and health.

MacCleery's infrastructure portfolio includes the production of a variety of reports examining cutting-edge infrastructure trends and issues; engagement in federal, state, and local discussions about infrastructure policy, funding, and financing; outreach to ULI's council networks; and positioning the organization as an infrastructure thought leader.

MacCleery is a frequent speaker and writer on infrastructure topics. She has both local and international experience, and serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure.

MacCleery began her career as a transportation planner for the city of Washington, D.C., where she worked from 2001 to 2004. She consulted on infrastructure and planning projects in China while working for global infrastructure provider AECOM from 2004 to 2008.

MacCleery speaks Mandarin Chinese and has lived off and on in China since 1994. She held a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Taiwan from 1996 to 1997. She holds an undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and holds master's degrees in public affairs and urban and regional planning from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

Name: Bert Gregory

Firm: Mithun Architects

Title: Chairman and CEO

As Chairman and CEO of Mithun, Bert has led Mithun to national recognition for concept-based, environmentally intelligent design. Under his leadership, the firm has been honored with five Committee on the Environment (COTE) Top 10 Green Projects, two American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) National Awards, a Sustainable Design Leadership Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), an AIA National Honor Award for Urban Design, two ULI Awards of Excellence, and a Local and Regional Leadership Award from the United States Green Building Council.

Bert plays an active design leadership role in projects with a focus on work in the urban realm including mixed use housing, workplace, transit oriented development and urban design.

Bert serves as an international leader, speaker and advocate for sustainable building and urbanism, with recent lectures in Beijing, Jerusalem and Sarajevo. He served as Vice Chair of the USGBC LEED® for Neighborhood Development Core Committee, is the immediate past Co-Chair of the Urban Land Institute's national Climate, Land Use and Energy Advisory Committee, and was an advisor to the National Building Museum's Intelligent Cities Initiative. He currently serves on the Forterra Board of Directors, the ULI TOD Council, the Technical Resource Group of the Clinton Climate Initiative's Climate Positive Development Program and the faculty of The Portland Institute of Sustainability's EcoDistrict Institute.

Name: James Parkinson

Firm: Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

Title: Policy Officer

James Parkinson joined the RIBA in September 2011 to lead on planning policy and Localism. He coordinates the RIBA Building Futures think-tank, which aims to stimulate informed debate about the future of both the built environment and the profession.

Before joining the RIBA he worked for three years as a Regional Design Advisor, within RDA Yorkshire Forward, promoting and enabling design quality and placemaking as part of the Urban Renaissance Programme. He has a BA in Architecture and a masters in Urban Design from the University of Sheffield.

Name: Kaela Fenn-Smith

Firm: Land Securities

Title: Head of Commercial

Kaela has over 20 years of commercial property experience and began her career in Canada in 1993. She has been working in London as a Director since 2002 and joined Land Securities as Head of Leasing, London in 2010. Kaela is now Head of Commercial for the London Portfolio of Land Securities, responsible for leasing, marketing and business development and also sits on the London Executive Committee.

Land Securities' London portfolio has a capital value of circa £6 billion and has the largest "live" property development programme in the United Kingdom. This development programme includes over 2 million square feet of commercial office and retail space which will complete over the next two years across central London. Kaela is responsible for leasing the offices and retail, marketing, PR strategies, brand and place making for this ambitious development pipeline and for the London business as a whole.