

AMANDA STURGEON, FAIA

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Inspirational and visionary leader, consultant and Architect with 25 years of experience leading high performing teams, growing organizations and creating strategic plans, policies and direction. Excellent communicator, TED speaker and Author: [‘Creating Biophilic Buildings’](#) and [‘All We Can Save’](#)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Climate Change Practice Lead & Head of Regenerative Design | MOTT MACDONALD 2020-Present

Lead the climate change practice in Asia Pacific and Australia/New Zealand and founded and lead the Regenerative Design consulting service across the buildings and infrastructure sectors. Creating strategic solutions for net zero buildings, precincts and infrastructure to address climate change and biodiversity loss. Develop and implement sustainability frameworks and climate strategies throughout the region. Built and lead a team across the APAC region.

INTERNATIONAL LIVING FUTURE INSTITUTE | 2010-2020

CEO 2015-2020

Led the creation and adoption of programs and policies for buildings, communities, cities, states and manufacturing that reverse global climate change, protect and enhance eco-systems and support diverse communities. Created organizational strategy and thought leadership, oversaw 45 staff and 1,000 volunteers, and successfully fundraised and managed \$7million a year budget from diverse sources. Represented the organization on a global stage as a public speaker and developed collaborative partnerships with government, non-profits and the private sector.

Executive Director 2013-2015

Led the organization through a successful transition as the former CEO stepped down. Created a new strategic direction, Introduced new initiatives, diversified the funding streams and overhauled all internal systems and processes.

Vice President 2010-2013

Oversaw the growth of the programs into new markets globally. Introduced new programs including “Living Communities,” “Declare” and a robust education, research and volunteer program. Oversaw the program and content for a 1,000+-attended conference and educational programming that reached 6,000+ people a year.

Senior Associate/Sustainable Design Initiative Co-Leader | PERKINS+WILL 2005-2010

Global co-leader for the Sustainable Design Initiative across 21 worldwide offices. Project Manager/Architect for multiple award-winning Higher Education projects.

Sustainable Design Specialist | CITY OF SEATTLE 2002-2005

Oversaw the implementation of the Green Building Policy across a portfolio of new public building projects, developed policy, developed staff and design team education programs and tools for streamlining green building practices.

Architect | MITHUN, Seattle 1999-2002

Project Architect and green building lead on the award winning and LEED-certified Islandwood, an environmental education center.

Architect | STUTCHBURY & PAPE, Sydney 1995-1996

Intern Architect on residential and higher education projects.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture | University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee 1998

Bachelor in Science: Architecture | University of Sydney 1994

Power of Leadership | Whidbey Institute 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer | University of Sydney, 2021 Three lectures for the Architecture Faculty

Visiting Lecturer | University of Washington, College of Built Environment, Seattle 2019, Lecture in the Biophilic Design course: Undergraduate level

Visiting Lecturer | University of Washington, Urban Ecology, Seattle 2014

Lecture in the Urban Ecology class on biophilic design: Undergraduate level

Visiting Professor | University of Washington, College of Built Environment, Seattle 2010, Led a semester long graduate design studio in the Masters in Architecture focused on designing a Living Building.

PUBLIC SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS:

[Ted Med: Using Biophilic Design to heal body, mind and soul. 2018](#)

Transform, GBCA, Australia wide

ISCA Conference, Sydney

UN Global Compact Australia, Melbourne

Greenbuild (US and Europe)

Living Future, Seattle and Portland

SXSW, Austin

Klimahouse, Europe,

Net Zero 19, Los Angeles

SELECT AWARDS

Top Ten Women in Sustainability Award - Green Building & Design 2016

American Institute of Architects Fellow, 2014

US Green Building Council Fellow, 2014

IIDA / Metropolis, Smart Environments Award 2007

AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) Top Ten Award 2002

VOLUNTEER/LEADERSHIP

Board experience:

Living Future Institute of Australia
Hyla Middle School
American Institute of Architects, Seattle

Committee work:

NSW State Design Review Panel 2021- Present
US Green Building Council Greenbuild Program Committee
American Institute of Architects Materials Health Committee
American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment
City of Seattle Mayoral appointment: Technical Advisory Group/
Sustainable Building Policy

Juror:

American Institute of Architects Top Ten Awards
Women in Green Leadership Awards