

Conference on Sustainability in Pierce County Higher Education

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About the speakers

Judy Walton is the Acting Executive Director for AASHE. She was a founding member and Executive Director of Education for Sustainability Western Network (EFS West), which transitioned into AASHE in 2005. She has had a long-standing interest in sustainability, reflected in both her academic work (she played a key role in campus sustainability efforts at Humboldt State University), and her green building consultancy work in Washington state in the mid-1990s. She has delivered presentations to campuses and businesses, assisted campuses with strategic planning, and participated in or helped organize national webcasts on sustainability and higher education. Judy holds a Ph.D. in geography from Syracuse U., an M.A. in geography from San Diego State U., and a B.A. in political science from UC San Diego.

Will Toor served as the director of the Colorado University Environmental Center from 1992 to January 2005. During his tenure, the center received national recognition, including a 2001 green Power Leadership award from the US Department of Energy for initiating the nation's largest university green power program. He is co-author of the books "Finding A New Way: Campus Transportation For The Twenty-First Century," and "Transportation for Sustainable Campus Communities." He served as mayor of Boulder from 1998-2004, and was then elected a Boulder County Commissioner. He is currently Vice-Chair of the Boulder County Board of Commissioners. He is a founding member of the US 36 Mayors' and Commissioners' Coalition, and is actively involved in efforts to get funding for the locally preferred alternative for US 36, which includes commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and a bikeway. He represents Boulder County on the Denver Regional Council of Governments (which he chaired in 2005). Will currently chairs the Boulder County Regional Transit Committee. He also served on the Governors Blue Ribbon Panel on transportation finance. Will graduated from Carnegie-Mellon University with a B.S. in physics in 1978 and moved to Boulder in 1980 where he worked as a truck driver, mechanic and yard foreman for Eco-Cycle from 1981 to 1984 and 1986 to 1987. He attended graduate school in Chicago, receiving his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Chicago in 1992.

Dale Anderson is a principal at BCRA, an architectural-engineering firm located here in Tacoma. He was the third individual in Washington to receive LEED accreditation, and the third individual in the US to receive certification as a Certified Sustainable Building Advisor. He is the Chair and co-founder of the Tacoma/Olympia Branch of USGBC Cascadia and is Vice President/Co-Chair of the National Sustainable Advisors Program. He has been involved with sustainable design concepts throughout his 30-year career in architecture and has practiced these concepts with public/private organizations throughout the country. He is an author, lector and instructor of sustainable concepts to professional firms and organizations, as well as having created BCRA's in-house "Green Team" dedicated to promoting the use of sustainable practice throughout the firm - both in design and business practices.

Marc Gleason is Principal for Design with McGranahan Architects and has been involved in the design and planning of numerous educational facilities over the past 23 years. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and worked closely with the University of Washington Tacoma on the Phase 2B Expansion which received a LEED Silver Certification. Marc was also part of the design team for the Department of Ecology Headquarters, a seminal sustainable project which was completed in 1993 and recently received a retroactive LEED Silver Certification. Recently, Marc worked with the Tacoma Community College on their new Early Learning Center, which is currently under construction and on track for LEED Gold Certification. He has overseen the design of numerous K-12 educational facilities which have followed the Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol. Additional experience includes design oversight for the Bates Technical College South Campus Expansion as well as for Clover Park Technical College's Student Center and Automotive Education & Training Center buildings. Currently, Marc is also overseeing design of Saint Martin University's new Academic Building.

Bob Katica, AIA, is a licensed architect and principal at BCRA, an architectural/ engineering firm located in Tacoma, Washington. Over Bob's 32 years of experience he has acquired diverse experience in residential, commercial, and institutional architecture. His early experience working on custom residential projects (late 1970's - early 1980's) allowed applications of early energy efficient designs, through building orientation, passive solar methods, solar collector/trombe wall, ground/water source heating, and the use of daylight. Since then, Bob has focused primarily on educational facilities including K-12 and higher education facilities with three current projects targeted to become LEED Silver certified. Bob is an active member in the American Institute of Architects and has been on the Board of Directors since 2002 and President of the AIA Southwest Washington Chapter in 2007.

Terrence T. Bills, AIA, is an architect and senior project manager with BCRA in Tacoma, Washington. With over 20 years of experience in both the public and private sector of the industry, he has managed a number of new and adaptive re-use projects for the State of Washington and higher education institutions. His broad range of experience has given him the opportunity to have close, hands on experience with the LEED process and its specific application to adaptive re-use projects. Recent projects Terrence has managed include Central Washington University, Dean Hall Renovation and The University of Washington, Tacoma, Phase 2B, both adaptive re-use projects required to meet LEED Silver certification. Terrence serves on the AIA South West Washington Board of Directors and is a key member of the Educational Studio at BCRA.