



US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL NEW JERSEY'S CELEBRATING WOMEN IN GREEN

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FELICIANO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

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Info & registration: <https://usgbcnj.wildapricot.org/widget/event-3375897>

PARTICIPANT BIOS

KEYNOTE:



Michele N. Siekerka, Esq., President and CEO of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association

Michele Siekerka leads the nation's largest, most influential employers' organization, advocating on behalf of New Jersey's large and small businesses for policies that will make New Jersey more affordable and regionally competitive.

Siekerka has been at the forefront of efforts to build more effective workforce development alliances in New Jersey between academia, business and government. The NJBIA Postsecondary Education Task Force's yearlong study of New Jersey's highest-in-the-nation millennial outmigration produced a 13- point action plan in 2018 that is driving policymakers' discussions on how to retain our future workforce by enticing more young adults to pursue education and careers in New Jersey.

MODERATOR:



Lauren Brust Moss, LEED AP O&M, Fitwel Ambassador, Program Director, New York City Sustainability Services, NORESKO

Lauren Brust Moss is the program director of the NORESKO Sustainability Services New York City office. Lauren joined NORESKO after seven years with another New York City-based energy and sustainability consulting firm. As program director, Lauren manages a team that provides energy services, commissioning and retro-commissioning and certification consulting for commercial and industrial buildings throughout New York. Lauren is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Northeast Sustainable Energy

Association (NESEA) as well as an active member of the New York Energy Consumer Council, where she is the chair of the Education Committee as well. She earned an undergraduate degree from Columbia University and a Masters in Urban Planning from New York University.

PANEL:



Casey Cullen-Woods, Living Future Accredited, WELL AP, LEED AP BD+C Project Director, Thornton Tomasetti, USGBC NJ Board Member

Casey is the Sustainability Project Director at Thornton Tomasetti in New York City. She has over eight years of consulting experience in LEED, WELL, and Living Building Challenge for buildings, as well as operational plans and policies. As founder of the NYC Living Building Challenge Collaborative, she challenges her peers to evaluate rating systems, codes, and initiatives for what is truly ‘sustainable’ for densely populated communities. She formerly served as the sole sustainability consultant for the Willow School’s Health, Wellness, and nutrition Center in Gladstone, the 14th Living Building in the world and the only Living Building in New Jersey. She was selected as one of Union County’s Environmental Heroes in June 2018, and has gladly volunteered her time for Roselle Park’s Environmental Committee, Union Township’s Environmental Committee, and Roselle Park Girl Scouts.



Nathaly Agosto Filión, Chief Sustainability Officer, the City of Newark

Agosto Filión is the city’s leading sustainability strategist, convening interdepartmental teams to make Newark a cleaner, greener, healthier, better prepared, and more engaged city. She also serves as a bridge linking a diverse network of community, nonprofit, academic, institutional, philanthropic and governmental partners advancing a variety of sustainability, greening, environmental health, and quality of life initiatives across Newark. To learn more about the Newark Sustainability Action Plan 2020, please visit www.newarknj.gov/sustainability. Prior to staffing Newark’s Office of Sustainability, Agosto Filión worked as a Resiliency Manager with Sustainable Jersey, connecting post-Sandy communities with recovery and resiliency resources. Before relocating to New Jersey, she worked as a Program Officer with the Institute for Sustainable Communities helping to develop, design and deliver national and regional capacity-building programs for local government climate and sustainability practitioners. Agosto Filión earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont. Over the course of her career, she has worked as an urban sustainability training support specialist, municipal climate action planning consultant, community organizer, and environmental educator.



Gail Lalla, Client Manager, Resiliency Planning and Engineering, T&M Associates

Gail recently joined the T&M team as a Client Manager in the Sales Department. Her background includes positions with Uptown Linden Inc. as the Director of Marketing, and most recently, Greener by Design as the Vice President of Operations, where she convened the first international conference on green building at NJIT. Gail brings a thorough background and extensive knowledge in public policy, client management, marketing, and government affairs.



Jayne Spector, PLA, ASLA, LEED®AP, Senior Landscape Architect, Langan Engineering

Jayne Spector directs Landscape Architecture studios at Langan, specializing in the redevelopment and sustainable reuse of urban, historic, and brownfield sites. Jayne holds a Master’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a BLA from Rutgers University. She has published articles and developed presentations on sustainable urban development and cultural landscapes. Her book, Dockyard to Esplanade, explores best practices for leveraging our industrial heritage in the redevelopment of industrial waterfronts. Prior to joining Langan, Jayne worked at a design/build landscape contracting firm and served as the principal and lead designer of her own firm, JOS Landscape Architecture, focusing on historic and residential projects. She currently sits on the board of the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance, the Archives and Collections Board of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and is a member of the Policy and Planning Council of the Philadelphia Chapter of the ULI.



Amy R. Tuininga, PhD, Director of Montclair State’s PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS)

Amy R. Tuininga, PhD, is the Director of Montclair State’s PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) where she grows academic-corporate-community partnerships that advance sustainability science and engender resilient communities. Projects involve the environment, energy, water, food, and natural resources. Outcomes developed from the novel classroom-to-career Green Teams internship program that partners transdisciplinary teams of students from multiple universities with corporations and organizations to address sustainability challenges are shared through the PSEG ISS resource center. Students receive training in sustainability, financial analyses, communications, professional development, and teambuilding and generate comprehensive reports and deliverables for host organizations. Prior to Montclair State, Dr. Tuininga served as the Interim Chief Research Officer and Associate Vice President, as well as Co-Director of the Bronx Science Consortium, at Fordham University. Dr. Tuininga received her B.S. in Botany from the University of Washington, M.S. in Botany and Plant Pathology from Oregon State University, and her PhD in Ecology and Evolution from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, where she is a Rutgers 250 Fellow.

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