

Distinguished **SPEAKER SERIES**



Debra Guenther, FASLA
ASLA President's Medal, 2010
BLA, Michigan State University, 1982

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 MSU BROAD ART MUSEUM

ANTHROPOCENE

Collaboration in an Era of Human Influence

MSU Alumna Debra Guenther, FASLA
LEED AP BD+C, Partner

Mithun
Seattle, Washington
San Francisco, California

SEPTEMBER 22

5:30–6:30 PM

Meet & Greet
MSU Jazz Quartet
Optional Museum Tours
MSU Broad Art Museum

6:30–7:30 PM

Presentation
MSU Broad Art Museum

Jazz-Bites-Spirits

Immediately Following
MSU Broad Art Museum

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More than half of the world's population is living in cities. How we build and live in our cities is perhaps the greatest opportunity to explore how to respond to human and natural processes that are now considered so tightly linked that this era is called the "Anthropocene"—an era of human influence. How can designers respond to conditions of climate change, species loss and human inequity with urgency and use everyday projects as a transformational tool for communities? Deb Guenther will share a wide range of work from Mithun, an interdisciplinary firm in Seattle and San Francisco that strives to design for positive change.

As a partner and landscape architect at Mithun, Deb has built a team of landscape architects that brings exceptional quality, critical thinking and award-winning design to projects. She is interested in the role of the public realm in our cities—how it can connect people with their surroundings and each other, support equity and increase social cohesion. Her innate understanding of that interaction leads her to work on complex, diverse projects across scales for public, private and nonprofit partnerships, delivering conceptual design ideas for projects firm-wide. This range of work allows her to make strategic connections and create new partnerships that strengthen projects. Clients benefit from her dedication to integrating policy, practice and design through her understanding of national trends and relationships with other national leaders.

Deb is a regular speaker at conferences, such as Greater and Greener, an urban parks conference: Living Futures, and the Urban Land Institute. Nationally recognized for her leadership on green infrastructure and ecosystem service issues, she was awarded the American Society of Landscape Architect's Presidents Medal in 2010.