



Michelle Halle Stern has been partnering with organizations to co-create improvements to their triple bottom line of people, planet, and profit since the late 90s. Prior to launching her own firm, Michelle held sustainability leadership roles in architecture, engineering, and non-profit organizations, where she orchestrated the development of green building strategy for operations and building projects. As the founding Director of Sustainability at OWP/P, she built one of the country's first in-house green building initiatives from the ground up, by cultivating leadership support for new green policies, while rallying core practitioners to integrate sustainable strategies into projects. At that same time, she convened a group of local environmental advocates to establish the Chicago Chapter of the US Green Building Council, one of that organization's first chapters. During her career she has led visioning and strategy workshops, as well as implementation for dozens of green building certification projects. This work gained her a reputation as an outstanding convener and consensus builder.

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**THE GREEN FACILITATOR**, Chicago, Illinois: **President**

**2013 – present**

- ) The Green Facilitator facilitates strategic planning and provides sustainability consulting, including: contract director of sustainability services, workshop and meeting facilitation, green building training and education, research, and green building certification management.

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**, Evanston, Illinois: **Adjunct Faculty**

**2015 – present**

- ) Co-developed graduate sustainability courses in systems thinking and metrics, building critical thinking skills and sustainability expertise for future sustainability practitioners.

**HDR**, Chicago, Illinois: **Director, Sustainable Design Services**

**2011 – 2012**

- ) Infused department with strategic vision and values by fostering teamwork and standardization, while balancing a \$1.2 million budget.
- ) Cultivated consensus among multi-disciplinary practice leaders in the 1600-person firm for an integrative design strategy that reflected collaboration between designers and sustainability experts.
- ) Demystified Minimum Sustainability Requirements for practitioners by developing an implementation guide, simple infographic, and an organized communication campaign.
- ) Managed client relationships for the LEED certification of healthcare and institutional projects, including a LEED Platinum lab building at the University of Oregon.

**PERKINS+WILL**, Chicago, Illinois: **Sustainability Strategist and Associate**

**2005 – 2011**

- ) Elevated firm as sustainability expert in the community through speaking engagements, publications, and leadership on high profile projects, many exceeding 1 million square feet.
- ) Certified first LEED Gold hospital in Chicago, and the largest LEED Gold hospital in the world, at Rush University Medical Center. Motivated client and design team to become sustainability advocates.
- ) Certified the first healthcare LEED Core & Shell Gold building in Chicago – Rush University Medical Center's Orthopedic Ambulatory Building.

**DELTA INSTITUTE**, Chicago, Illinois: **Associate**

**2003 – 2005**

- ) Advanced green cleaning practices of a dozen property management firms by designing and implementing a technical assistance program.
- ) Transformed Yum! Brands Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, and Kentucky Fried Chicken paint specifications by collaborating with three 3 paint manufacturers to agree on green criteria for equivalent products.
- ) Engaged businesses, architects, engineers, and real estate developers to quantify emissions reductions to monitor progress towards achieving air quality attainment. The Clean Air Counts program exceeded its original emissions reduction goal by 200%.
- ) Laid groundwork for the consulting contract for largest LEED Existing Building project in the world, the Merchandise Mart, which led to the establishment of a green building certification consulting practice.

**US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (USGBC): USGBC Faculty™**

**2002 – 2013**

- ) Inspired hundreds of students, teaching licensed USGBC buildings, interiors, and healthcare curriculum.

**OWP/P ARCHITECTS, INC**, Chicago, Illinois: **Director of Sustainability and Associate**

**1998 – 2003**

- ) Pioneered one of the first architecture sustainability programs in the U.S., and the first among large Chicago design firms, using a top-down bottom-up approach, garnering leadership support for policy changes while leading practitioners to implement sustainable strategies on projects, leading to the establish of a sustainability consulting practice.
- ) Built reputation for the firm as the green consultant of choice for City of Chicago, and a sustainability expert for county and state committees.
- ) Led the effort to promote LEED certification for what would become the first LEED certified hospital in Chicago and the first certified primary care Healthcare facility in Illinois – Northwestern Memorial Hospital Prentice Women's Hospital.



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### **AWARDS and HONORS**

USGBC Illinois Emerald Award, Intent to Matter: Individual Leadership, 2016  
Lamba Alpha International Honorary Society, Ely Chapter, Member 2015  
Toastmasters International, Competent Leader, 2016, Advanced Communicator Bronze, 2016  
LEED Fellow, Inaugural Class, 2011 - one of only 34  
Chapter Leader Award, US Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter, 2008 (the first awardee)  
Industrial Hygiene Graduate Fellow, U.S. Department of Energy, 1998

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS and SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Presentation. “Experiencing a Regenerative Design Process.” NeoCon. Chicago, June 13, 2017.

Panelist. Women Building Green Leadership Breakfast - LEEDing Chicago. Chicago, December 14, 2016.

Article. “How Can Design Promote Community Health?” CNU Illinois 8 Conference Journal, September 2016.

Workshop. “Regenerative Design and Development: Case Studies and Practice,” USGBC-Illinois LEED Fellows Blitz, March 18, 2016.

Keynote Speaker. Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce Inspiring Women Luncheon, Michigan City, IN, October 2015.

Presentation/Facilitation. Green Places, Healthy People: Green Infrastructure as a Public Health Strategy, Chicago, October 2015.

Presentation. “Tackling Climate Change through Systems Thinking,” USGBC-IL Spring Credential Blitz, March 2015.

Full-day workshop. “LEED v4: Beyond the Requirements,” BUILDINGChicago Conference, Chicago, October 2014, and USGBC-IL Winter Credential Maintenance Blitz, Chicago, February 2014.

Article. “How to Get Certified.” Contract, May 2010.

Article. “Quantifiable Benefits of Access to Nature in Buildings.” Perkins +Will Research Journal, Vol 01.01 2009.

Article. “The Energy-Efficient Hospital.” Sustainable Facility, September 2008.

Master’s Thesis. Thesis: “Assessing Contaminant Distribution in a Hospital Waiting Room via Field-Testing and Computer Modelling”, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1998.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

LEEDUser Expert; 2013-2017

USGBC Environmental Quality Technical Advisory Group, Chair 2013-2015. Member 2009-2015.

U.S. Green Building Council – Illinois Chapter, Founding Chair - launched one of the first 7 USGBC chapters  
Committee on the Environment, American Institute of Architects Chicago Chapter, Past Chair,

### **EDUCATION, LICENSES, and CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified ToP Facilitator, 2017

WELL AP, 2017

Envision Sustainability Professional, 2012

LEED Accredited Professional, March 2001, LEED AP BD+C, December 2009, LEED AP ID+C, February 2010

Master of Science, Public Health: Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 1998

Licensed Professional Engineer, Illinois, 1997

Licensed Architect, Illinois, 1996

Bachelor of Science, Architectural Studies and Civil Engineering - Structures, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, 1988



## SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

**Region V Health Equity Council**  
**Community Health Worker Great Lakes Summit**, Chicago, IL  
Action Plan Facilitator

**Nelson Mandela Apartments**, Chicago, IL  
Enterprise Green Communities Workshop Facilitator

**Central DuPage Hospital**, Winfield, IL  
Behavioral Health and Neurology  
LEED Certification Manager

**Grissom Air Force Base**, Grissom, IN  
LEED Certification Consultant

**Hyatt**, Chicago, IL  
LEED v4 Trainer and Sustainability Consultant.

**Chicago Park District**, Chicago, IL  
Park 553  
LEED Workshop Facilitator

**Argonne National Laboratory**, Argonne, IL  
Energy Sciences Building.  
LEED Executive Project Manager  
LEED-NC Gold.

**University of Oregon**, Eugene, OR  
Lewis Integrated Science Building.  
LEED Executive Project Manager  
LEED-NC Platinum.

**Case Western Reserve University**,  
Cleveland, OH  
Tinkham Veale University Center.  
LEED Workshop Facilitator and Preliminary Massing Analysis  
LEED-NC Silver.

**King Abdullah Financial District**,  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
Two mixed-use office towers.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-CS Registered.

**General Services Administration**,  
Washington, DC  
St. Elizabeths Campus, multiple projects.  
Master Plan LEED Certification Manager and Workshop Facilitator  
LEED-NC registered.

**Rush University Medical Center**, Chicago, Illinois  
New hospital.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-NC Gold.  
First LEED Gold hospital in Chicago.  
Largest LEED Gold hospital in the world at the time of certification.

**Rush University Medical Center**, Chicago, Illinois  
Orthopedic Ambulatory Building.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-CS Gold.

**One Haworth Center**, Holland, Michigan  
Corporate headquarters.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-NC Gold.

**1 Bank of America Center**, Charlotte, NC  
Corporate headquarters.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-NC Gold.

**US Coast Guard**, Washington, DC  
Headquarters.  
LEED-NC Gold.

**Chicago Center for Green Technology, Chicago, Department of Environment**,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Training and resource center.  
Indoor Air Quality Consultant  
LEED-NC Platinum.  
The first municipal LEED Platinum project. The first LEED Platinum renovation project.

**City of Chicago Police Department**,  
Chicago, Illinois  
District Station Prototype. 22<sup>nd</sup> District Station.  
LEED Certification Manager  
LEED-NC Silver.  
Chicago's 2<sup>nd</sup> LEED certified project, 1 of 4 pilots that led to Chicago's Green Building Standard.

**Northwestern Memorial Hospital**,  
Chicago, Illinois  
New Women's Hospital.  
Design Development LEED Certification Manager  
LEED Silver  
First LEED certified hospital in Chicago.  
First LEED certified primary care Healthcare facility in Illinois.