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Carol Phillips MORIYAMA TESHIMA ARCHITECTS Changing Culture

Thursday March 27 2025 6:00 PM Museum London Lecture Theatre

Carol Phillips, Partner at Moriyama Teshima Architects, will explore the architect's agency in addressing today's interlinked crises, where the environmental emergency is deeply connected to social, justice, and health challenges. While the causes are complex, a common thread between climate change and Canada's colonial legacy is exploitation—both of the planet and of people—necessitating solutions that are both quantitative and qualitative. Architecture exists at this critical intersection, offering opportunities for meaningful transformation. Carol will discuss two projects that embody this potential—the Makwa Waakaa'igan Indigenous Centre for Cultural Excellence, a reconciliation initiative for Algoma University and the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association, and Limberlost Place, a 10-storey mass timber, net-zero carbon academic building at George Brown College in Toronto. She will highlight how architecture can shape behavior, influencing how people perceive their relationship with nature and with each other.

Through thoughtful and integrated design, architects have the power to shift cultural perspectives, fostering a deeper connection between communities and the environment while rethinking how society builds and lives together.

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Carol Phillips, a Partner at the acclaimed architecture firm Moriyama Teshima Architects, is the Design Leader behind many of the firm's most celbrated Canadian and international projects.

A graduate of the University of Waterloo School of Architecture, with both global and Canadian experience informing her work, she has led numerous award-winning projects, including the Visitor Welcome Centre in Ottawa, the Multifaith Centre at the University of Toronto, and Limberlost Place for George Brown College, a groundbreaking mass timber, net-zero carbon emissions building.

Carol is a passionate educator, teaching graduate courses at the University of Toronto and Toronto Metropolitan University. She is an active voice in the architectural community, advocating for higher design standards and low-carbon solutions, frequently lecturing and serving on review panels for the City of Markham and Toronto Community Housing.

A Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Carol is celebrated for her elegant designs, distinguished by the spare but assertive use of materials, as well as her commitment to sustainability, with an emphasis on low-carbon and mass timber solutions. Driven by a collaborative creative process, her work aspires to connect people to each other and the natural environment, embracing architecture's role in addressing social and climate issues.