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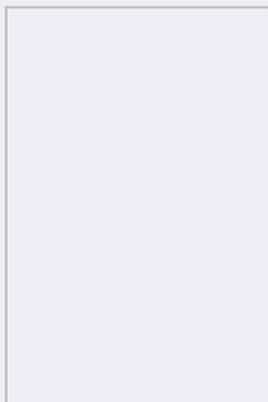


Hello CBE community,

I am happy to bring some good news to your inboxes; namely, the promotion/tenure of 4 of our incredible faculty members here at CBE. Three faculty members have been approved for promotion and tenure: Rachel Berney in the Department of Urban Design & Planning, Tyler Sprague in the Department of Architecture, and Rebecca Walter in the Runstad Department of Real Estate. One faculty member, Kate Simonen, has been approved for promotion from associate to full professor.

These promotions add to the bedrock of our faculty which is particularly welcome now. In a time of so much uncertainty, I find assurance in this news that we have academic processes in place to honor and reward those that clearly meet CBE faculty's long-term commitment to scholarship, teaching and service excellence.

Please join me in welcoming our elevated faculty members to their new ranks and read more about them and their work below!



[Rachel Berney](#)

Rachel Berney is an urban design and planning scholar teaching and researching in the Department of Urban Design and Planning. She is also an adjunct in the Department of Landscape Architecture. She currently serves as a Fellow of Urban@UW, an interdisciplinary university-wide initiative. Rachel's primary focus is on equitable development teaching and research in the US, and Central and South America.

[Kate Simonen](#)

Kate Simonen AIA, SE is founding director of the [Carbon Leadership Forum \(CLF\)](#). Along with her founding role in



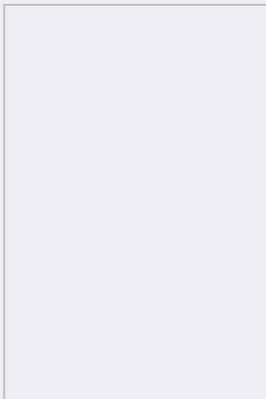
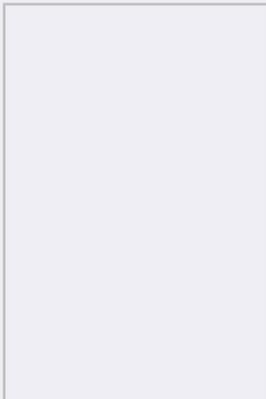
CLF, Kate authored the authoritative Life Cycle Assessment and the LCA Practice Guide and is co-chair of the Embodied Carbon Network Ð a global, open-access communications and action network. She has recently accepted the position of chair of the Department of Architecture and will start her role in Fall 2020.

[Tyler S. Sprague](#)

Tyler S. Sprague is a structural engineer and historian, in the Department of Architecture, with an adjunct appointment in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He teaches courses in architectural & structural history and design. He currently serves on the board of the Construction History Society of America, and as president of the local chapter of the preservation advocacy group of Docomomo.

[Rebecca J. Walter](#)

Rebecca J. Walter is an applied housing researcher that focuses on advancing federal housing policy for low-income households across the United States. She works closely with public housing authorities and nonprofit housing providers to address barriers to housing and criminal justice scholars to understand how crime impacts residential and commercial real estate.



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