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# Health in Buildings Partnerships and GSA's Vision for the Future

GSA's Health in Buildings Research Program - A Federal  
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*Panelist Biographies*



# Michael Bloom

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**Michael Bloom** is a High-Performance Buildings Program Advisor with the U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings. With 21 years of experience at GSA, Michael is the National Program Manager for the Sustainable Facilities Tool, ([www.SFTool.gov](http://www.SFTool.gov)), GSA's flagship sustainability website providing critical tools and best practices to teams that implement high-performance buildings and sustainable procurement. Michael strives to simplify sustainable practice and design solutions that stick. He leads GSA sustainable outreach and education initiatives, training practitioners and policymakers in government and industry in the US and abroad.

Michael graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Political Science from University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Chicago.

# Brian Gilligan

GSA



**Brian Gilligan** is a Professional Engineer and Division Director in the Office of Governmentwide Policy. He has 20 years experience in facilities, construction, and energy management and a passion for sustainability in the built environment. He is currently focused on GSA's Health in Buildings and Workplace 2030 efforts. This work seeks to envision the future of the federal workplace, develop tools and methods to enhance health in buildings, and make every project at GSA a learning experience.

Brian holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Civil and Environmental Engineering from RPI and Stanford University.

# Whitney Gray

International WELL Building Institute



**Dr. Whitney Austin Gray** is the Senior Vice President at the International WELL Building Institute leading research that supports best practices in building design and operations, community development and organizational policies that can contribute to improved public health for everyone, everywhere. She led the development of the first WELLAP exam, WELL Faculty Program, WELL Case Studies, the Global Research Agenda, and the Impact of WELL global study, and was at the forefront of launching WELL globally to over 100 countries. Her keynotes, lectures, webcasts, trainings and published works have touched tens of thousands of design and health professionals worldwide, building a strong infrastructure of support for those who work to advance better buildings, vibrant communities and stronger organizations.

Dr. Gray holds dual appointments as an adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown. She received her Ph.D. and BA in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

# Judi Heerwagen

GSA



**Dr. Judi Heerwagen** is an environmental psychologist whose work focuses on evidence-based design and the impact of the built environment on occupant health, wellbeing and performance. She currently serves as a research psychologist in the US General Service Administration's Office of Federal High Performance Buildings. Prior to joining GSA in 2009, she had her own research and consulting firm where she worked with clients to integrate social science research into design projects. She was a senior scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and a research faculty member at the University of Washington, College of Built Environments where she is currently an affiliate faculty member in Architecture. She is co-editor of *Biophilic Design: the Theory, Science and Practice of Bringing Buildings to Life* which won the 2009 Publishers Award in architecture and urban planning. She received the 2014 Design for Humanity Award from the American Society of Interior Designers.

Dr. Heerwagen obtained a PhD from University of Washington in Behavioral Ecology and Environmental Psychology.



# Kevin Kampschroer

## GSA

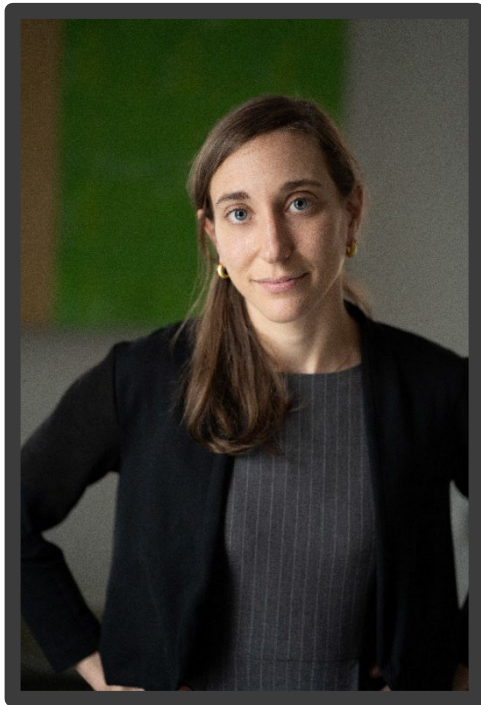


**Kevin Kampschroer** is the Chief Sustainability Officer, and the Director, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, in the US General Services Administration. He has created the framework for which GSA responds to the challenges of improving a diverse and aging portfolio of commercial buildings so that they can serve the mission needs of their occupants, support effective work, and deliver solid financial performance. His team manages the government's implementation of a comprehensive improvement in the training and certification of facility managers and personnel across the entire Federal government (Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010)

Kevin has worked for GSA for more than 48 years and is a graduate of Yale University. In 2022, he was the recipient of a Presidential Rank Award (Meritorious Executive Winner) for his service at the General Services Administration.

# Sara Karerat

## Center for Active Design

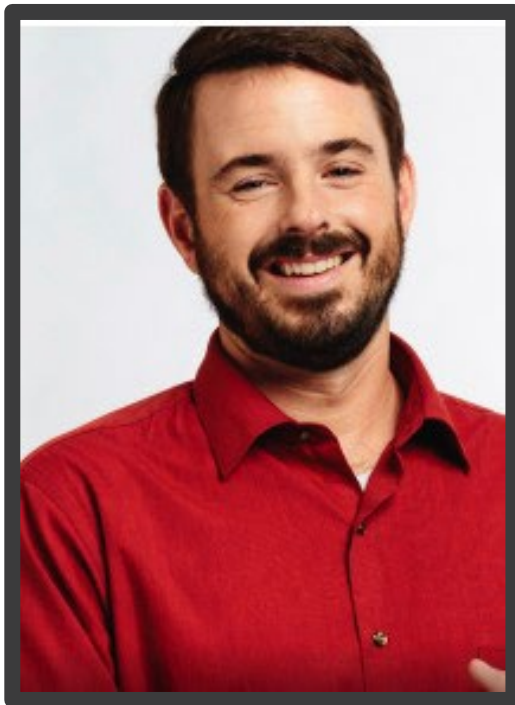


**Sara Karerat** is the Managing Director of the Center for Active Design (CfAD), where she leads the organization's translation of public health research into actionable solutions that optimize the built environment for health, both domestically and internationally. During her time with the Center for Active Design, Ms. Karerat has authored several publications on the intersection of health and the built environment, including *Healthcare: A Cure for Housing* and a series titled *Research to Action: Building Health for All® in the Face of COVID-19*. Previously, Ms. Karerat worked as a communications associate with the Partnership for a Healthier America, where she developed strategic campaigns to motivate healthy behavior change among target populations.

Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts from Hamilton College, where she majored in Public Policy and a Master of Public Health from Columbia University with a certificate in Health Promotion Research and Practice.

# Bryan Steverson

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**Bryan Steverson** is a Program Advisor in the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings where he is the program manager for GSA's circadian-effective lighting program. Mr. Steverson has been examining the connections between lighting and health and how optimal lighting in the workplace influences human health and performance. He has conducted numerous studies and interventions in federal office buildings across the country and in northern Europe, has co-published these studies in renowned industry journals, and has spoken at numerous conferences and Podcasts on circadian lighting. He is a member of the UL Task Group that developed UL24480: Design Guideline for Promoting Circadian Entrainment with Light for Day-Active People.

Bryan holds a Bachelor of Arts from James Madison University and a Master of Arts in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy from George Washington University.