# Design Speaks.

# Health Care / Health Design 2021 — Session 4

Urgent Attention Required:
Designing for Crisis

Thursday 24 June 2021









### Details.

#### When

Thursday 24 June 2021 11.59 pm (AEST)

#### Where

Design Speaks Virtual Portal Virtual Event

## **Program Info**

As the world grapples with the most far-reaching health crisis in more than 100 years, along with an ageing population and persistent health disparities, the role that architecture can play in health care deserves renewed attention.

How can we ensure architectural agency in the health care sector is progressive and responsive, rather than reactive? This edition of the Health Care / Health Design forum explores how architectural outcomes can influence the quality and efficiency of our health care systems. Leading practitioners, researchers and administrators from Australia and abroad discuss issues, share their experiences and interrogate architecture's relationship with the health challenges the world faces today.

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# Program.

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Healthcare emergencies can include personal injuries or psychotic episodes as well as pandemics and other disasters that increase the demand for access to health facilities. The common thread is that hospitals are the principal source of emergency care. What is the responsibility and role of architecture in environments and situations of high intensity? How can a building and its spatial presence influence healthcare outcomes for individuals and society? Speakers in this session will share research, frameworks and case studies developed in response to necessity in situations of emergency.

#### WELCOME

Log in to the Design Speaks Virtual Portal to access the one-hour speaker presentation session and the panel discussion.

#### SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

Michaela Sheahan, Hassell (Melbourne, Vic) Amie Shao, MASS Design Group (Kigali, Rwanda) Scott Davidson, Perkins and Will (Minneapolis, USA)

#### DISSECTION

An hour-long panel discussion with Michaela Sheahan, Amie Shao and Scott Davidson.

 $\label{thm:moderator: Stefano Scalzo} \ from \ the \ Victorian \ Health \ Building \ Authority.$ 

# Speakers.

#### Michaela Sheahan

Michaela is an experienced design researcher who knows how to sift through mountains of data, observations and publications to find those bits of gold that can make a difference to designers, projects and clients in the health and education sectors. An interior designer by trade, she sees design as both an art and a science, but her remit at Hassell falls squarely in the (social) science realm. Her work has earned industry recognition and taken her all over the globe to explore the experiences of people who commission and use buildings and spaces.

#### **Amie Shao**

Amie Shao is a principal with MASS
Design Group, where she oversees
research focusing on health infrastructure planning,
design, and evaluation. Blending human-centred
design practices with evidence-based research,
Amie has collaborated with Ariadne Labs and the
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to investigate the
impact of design on clinical care in childbirth,
coordinated the production of National Health
Infrastructure Standards for the Liberian Ministry of
Health, and developed infection control design
resources for the United States Agency for
International Development.

#### **Scott Davidson**

Scott is a principal at Perkins and
Will where he leads the Midwestern
United States Health Practice. As an architect with
nearly 30 years of experience, focused on the design
of health and wellness spaces, he is passionate
about creating environments that bridge the
complexity of high-functioning operational buildings
with elegant designs that are exceptional human
experiences for patients, their families, and those
charged with their care. He believes it is the mission
of the design profession to create resilient buildings
that can adapt and flex over time, allowing them to
meet the future with confidence and extend their
usefulness to future generations.



## Moderator.

#### Stefano Scalzo

Stefano Scalzo is the executive general manager, investment planning at the Victorian Department of Health, where he identifies the health infrastructure pipeline for the state. He is the "architect" behind most Victorian health, mental health and public sector aged care projects committed to by government over the past few terms.

In 2015, Stefano was awarded a prestigious Fiftieth-Anniversary Churchill Fellowship to research the designs of highamenity mental health facilities developed over multiple levels; and in 2020, he graduated from the Australian Major Projects Leadership Academy, an initiative of the Victorian government in partnership with Oxford University.

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