FEBRUARY 5

Social Entanglements: The Politics of Belonging and Creative Placemaking
Using the City of Oakland’s initiative “Belonging in Oakland: A Cultural Development Plan” as a case study, this dialogue will explore how one operationalizes creative placemaking given the complexities of race, economic development, and civic trauma.

Roberto Bedoya
Cultural Affairs Manager
City of Oakland

MARCH 4

Cutting Against the Bias
The conversation about gender in design practice often leans in on the challenges as opposed to the agency of women designers. This dialogue will focus on gender as a creative driver in practice, a multi-faceted benefit in business, and a critical dimension of diversity in design.

Gina Ford
in conversation with Brie Hensold
Co-Founders
Agency Landscape + Planning

APRIL 1

Heterogeneous Futures: Design Thinking Alternatives for Anthropologically and Ecologically Diverse Landscapes
Creating new and radical public spaces begins with unpacking the nexus of anthropological and ecological biodiversity. Expanding upon landscape ecology definitions of heterogeneity, this talk will explore new public space paradigms that embrace a palimpsest of histories and spatial constructs.

Diana Fernandez
Associate
Sasaki

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