

FULL SPEAKER BIO

Rebecca Dunn Bryant, AIA co-founded W A T E R S H E D in 2008 in order to build expertise around affordable, sustainable building solutions for a hot humid climate, create built environments that inspire a greater connection with the natural world, and to perform work in the spirit of collaboration, sharing information with her clients and community. Originally from Alabama, Rebecca moved to Colorado study sustainable design and social ecology in 1990 and worked in San Francisco and Houston before returning home to get red dirt back under her feet.

Rebecca is a registered architect and has been a LEED accredited professional since 2002. She is also trained and certified in Permaculture Design and Passive House Consulting. Prior to co-founding Watershed, she worked with Bailey Architects in Houston, TX and Walcott Adams Verneville Architects in Fairhope, Alabama. Her architectural project experience ranges from the second LEED certified church in the nation, educational and laboratory facilities, to green model homes for the first conservation community in the gulf south. Ms Bryant also designed her family's green demonstration home, which was featured on Planet Green's Renovation Nation.

Rebecca is frequently a featured speaker at regional sustainability conferences in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. She has received a Synergy Award from the Citizen's Environmental Coalition, been recognized as one of 9 "Green Leaders in Red States" by Fortune Magazine and recently voted one of her region's "Top 40 under 40." She is the first USGBC Faculty member, first Certified Passive House Consultant, and first Living Building Ambassador in the state of Alabama. Since 2008, she has provided green building training to over 3,000 people across the southeast.

Rebecca has been pursuing her passion in sustainable development for over 20 years, and has spent the past 17 years focused on sustainable design, construction, and operational strategies for the hot humid south. While the growing green building movement is international, her approach is decidedly local.