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**lecture: Architecture and Life**

speaker: Cynthia Weese, FAIA, principal at Weese Langley Weese Architects Ltd.

Architecture brings meaning to life no matter what gender. Weese will speak about the influences in her life, including the landscape of her childhood and working in the revitalization of Chicago's older urban neighborhoods during the turbulent 1960s.

Weese is a founding partner of Weese Langley Weese, a distinguished Chicago architecture firm. While practicing, she taught widely before serving as dean of the School of Architecture at Washington University in St. Louis from 1993 to 2005. She was a founding member of Chicago Women in Architecture and the Chicago Architectural Club, and participated in the group of architects known as the Chicago Eleven.



Weese earned a BS in Architectural Sciences in 1962 and a BArch degree in 1965, both from Washington University. She worked independently for several years before joining Joe Karr & Associates, a landscape architecture firm, in 1971. She returned to independent practice again in 1974, following two years at Harry Weese & Associates. While practicing, Weese was a visiting critic at a number of universities. She lectured widely and served on many competition and awards juries.

Since its founding in 1977, Weese Langley Weese has been involved in both new construction and adaptive reuse projects throughout the country. The firm has worked for many colleges and universities, including Grinnell College, Williams College, and Regis University. It also has built hundreds of units of affordable housing. The firm has had several projects with the Art Institute of Chicago and the School of the Art Institute. Recent work includes projects for Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. The firm's buildings have received many design awards.

