

MERRIT BUCHOLZ

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Environment and performance in human centred architecture



Samuel Beckett Civic Campus (photographer Michael Moran)

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Hybridity : Climate change, technological change are things that architecture is highly resistant to adapt to. We have been working through our practice to leverage the constraints of engineering driven performance analytics using environment, structure, landscape, and function to produce an architecture that is responsive over the deep time space that public buildings occupy through a hybridization of human centered design and environmental performance. This requires constant adjustment of the design approach and confirmation through evidence to make links between things that resist linkage by their nature, system logic, economic system, or function. The architecture leaves a trail of evidence in models, prototypes, mock ups, simulations, and drawings revealing how things bend towards each other.

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Merritt Bucholz is founding Professor of Architecture at the School of Architecture University of Limerick (SAUL) and has been leading SAUL since its inception in 2005. In 2009 Merritt founded SAUL's research arm, the Intelligence Unit (IU) through which the research agenda of the school is directed. Merritt qualified with a B.Arch Cornell University and a M.Arch, Princeton University, and is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland. Together with Karen McEvoy he founded the architectural practice Bucholz McEvoy Architects in 1996. Built works include Fingal County Hall, Limerick County Council Headquarters, Westmeath County Council Headquarters and Library, the Elm Park mixed use development, Meath County Council Headquarters and the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus. The practice pursues the idea that architecture is the crafting of connections between the parallel structures of human culture and nature, and tuning the man made world into climate, environment, use, and construction.

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