

CINDY FREWEN, PhD, FAIA BIOGRAPHY

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Dr Cindy Frewen, FAIA, LEED AP, urban futurist and architect, teaches the Design Futures Workshop and Social Change at the University of Houston graduate program in Strategic Foresight. She consults, speaks, and writes on urbanization, future cities, and design futures, specializing in the intersection of people, technology, and environment. Clients include the United Nations Development Program, UNESCO, US AID, US Treasury, US Federal Reserve, US General Services Administration, IBM, Hallmark Cards, VF Corporation, Saint Gobain, and IBI Group. She serves on the boards of the Kansas City Design Center and the University of Kansas School of Architecture, Design, and Planning. Until recently, Dr Frewen chaired the board of the Association of Professional Futurists (APF) for seven years -- a global organization of over 500 members in 40+ countries -- and wrote a column for *The Kansas City Star* newspaper.

- A business owner for three decades focused on design, sustainability, community development, and public works
- Chief architect for design and planning of the Kansas City downtown civic center and Illus W. Davis Park, a two-block civic commons connecting City Hall and the Charles Whittaker US Courthouse. D
- Designed schools, police facilities, courthouses, fire stations, parks, zoos, and housing developments.
- The American Institute of Architects recognized Dr Frewen as a Fellow and featured her work in a national traveling exhibit "That Exceptional One".
- The National Association of Women Business Owners in Kansas City honored her as the inaugural Business Owner of the Year.
- Recognized as a Distinguished Alumna by the School of Architecture at University of Kansas.
- Bachelor degree in architecture and a doctorate in communications and rhetoric from the University of Kansas, and master of science in futures studies from the University of Houston where she now teaches in the graduate program in strategic foresight.

Dr Frewen lives in Kansas City with her husband Gene and 3,000 books. She recently rode Arabian-Berber stallions in the Sahara Desert where she galloped across ancient lake beds, crossed golden sand dunes, and followed nomadic shepherds herding camels and goats.

