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Kerr was awarded the AIANY's Public Architect Award in 2012 and was elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2015. She serves on the board of the Global Cool Cities Alliance, the Cornell Alumni Advisory Board for Sustainability, and the Building Energy Exchange, and is the inaugural Director for Sustainability at AIANY.

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