## Laura Sherman, AIA

Laura Sherman is a design-focused architect whose intuitive and thoughtful approach transforms existing spaces into purposeful environments that serve communities and enrich the urban landscape. Based in Atlanta and currently a Project Architect at Gensler, Laura specializes in adaptive reuse and community-impactful projects, reimagining the built environment with a sensitivity to context and social impact.

A graduate of Kennesaw State University, Laura's early career was shaped by the support of the Architecture Foundation of Georgia-an organization she later gave back to through a full term on the AFGA board. Her natural design sensibility and dedication to community-building have defined her professional journey, informing not only her work but also her leadership within the profession.

Laura currently serves as the Georgia Statewide Representative to the AIA Young Architects Forum and is the former Emerging Professionals Director for AIA Atlanta. She is an alum of the 2022 AIA Georgia Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program and the 2023 AIA National Intercultural Leadership Program. Through these roles, she champions the growth of emerging designers, advocates for equity, and helps shape a more inclusive and resilient future for architecture.

As a first-generation Filipino American, Laura brings a personal commitment to representation and access in the profession. Her leadership and mentorship reflect a belief that architecture must not only respond to place, but also to the people it serves-inviting broader perspectives, empowering new voices, and designing with lasting impact.