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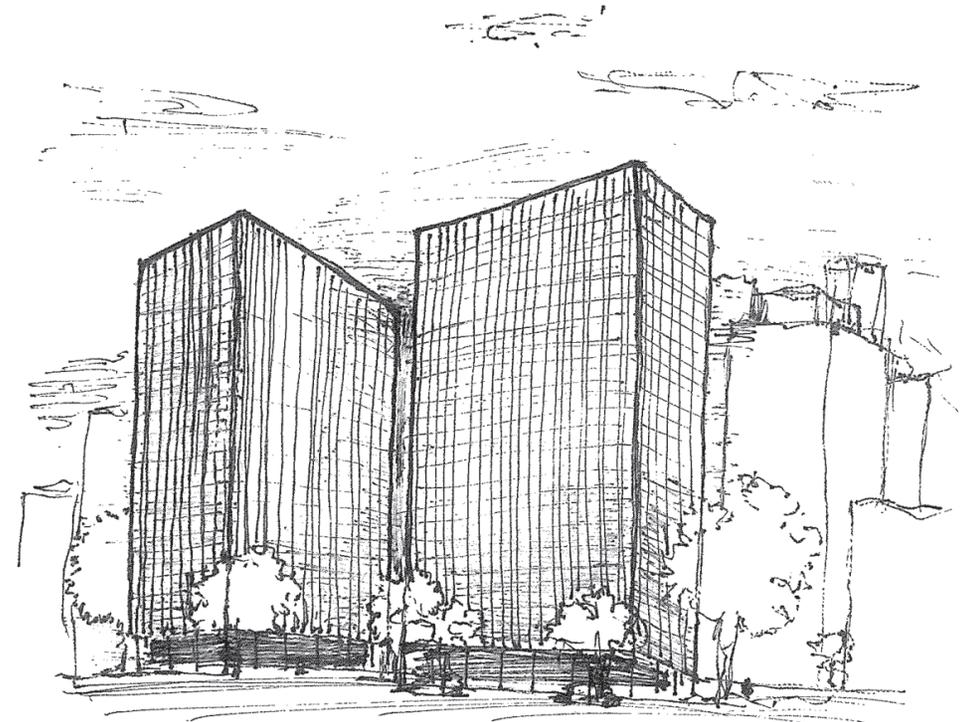
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AIA Illinois Student Leadership Conference

September 7-8, 2018

WELCOME YOUNG LEADERS



Following in the footsteps of the successful AIA Illinois Leadership Institute, and Master Class programs, **AIAspire** was created exclusively for AIAS members who aspire to become leaders in the field of architecture. To offer an opportunity for professional and organizational growth to the profession's next generation, AIAS member applicants have been selected from each Illinois accredited architecture school to attend **AIAspire**.

The goal of this program is to enhance your understanding of traditional and alternative career paths through high-level presentations, one-on-one engagement with leading industry professionals, and offer opportunities to grow connections through networking. The **AIAspire** student leadership conference was designed to demonstrate the value of AIA membership and groom future leaders of our profession and our organization.

Welcome to Springfield and thank you for participating in **AIAspire**! We hope you have a rewarding, educational, and inspiring experience.

Kim Kurtenbach, AIA
Project Architect, BLDD Architects

THE AGENDA

Session Location: *Statehouse Inn*

Friday, September 7

Noon **Opening Luncheon**

Guest Speaker - Local Legislator

1:30 p.m. **Session 1 / Advocacy**

Theme: AIA's role in advocacy - Local, State and Nationally.

Moderator: Andreas Symeonides

Presenters: Mike Waldinger, Tom Jacobs, and Andreas Symeonides

Outline: Presentation plus small group activity

2:30 p.m. **Capitol Visit / Tour / Sketching**

Theme: Tour and sketching time.

Guide: Anthony Rubano

Outline: Anthony will lead the students on a walking tour to and around the Capitol exterior, leaving time for the students to sketch a building/element of their choice.

4:15 p.m. **Session 2 / Career Paths**

Theme: Traditional and non-traditional career possibilities.

Moderator: Fred Brandstrader

Presenters: Carol Dyson, Karen Shoup, Matt Wolf, Felicia Burton & Chris Cole

Outline: Overview of panelists' career paths followed by rotating tabletop discussions.

5:15 p.m. **Old Capitol & Architects Corner Visit**

Outline: Visit to the Architects' Corner at the Old State Capitol with a brief talk about the history and restoration.

5:45 p.m. **Pizza Dinner (La Piazza)**

Presenter: Kelly Lyons (Brightwood) speaking about the path to licensure.

Outline: Networking with local architects. Sketch presentations and voting.

THE AGENDA

Saturday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Outline: Statehouse Inn design/redesign and morning overview

9:15 a.m. Session 3 / Chapter Exchange

Theme: Chapter organization, leadership, programs.

Moderator: Jeremy Gentile

Presenters: Arlene Hayes

Outline: Jeremy will share thoughts from his experience on the national level and facilitate conversation with student chapter leaders about successes and challenges at their chapters. Small group discussions will follow.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Session 4 / Interviews & Portfolios

Theme: What do firms look for in interviews and portfolios?

Moderator: James Maciejewski

Reviewers: Todd Hannah, Chuck Pell and Leanne Meyer-Smith

Outline: Presenters talk about interviewing and portfolios then break into smaller group settings for further discussion, using example student portfolios. Students will be offered the opportunity to submit their portfolios and all participants will be offered the chance to submit a portfolio for review.

11:45 a.m. Lunch (AIA Illinois)

Outline: Office Design Story – Discussion of the design process for the new AIA Illinois office. Closing thoughts by participants.

12:45 p.m. Optional Tour of UIS Student Union

Outline: Tour the new University of Illinois/Springfield Student Union.
Presenters: Chuck Coderko, Associate Chancellor of Administrative Affairs, Facilities and Services, University of Illinois Springfield

UIS is currently seeking a LEED Gold certificate both for the sake of the environment and in order to take advantage of energy saving measures. The tour will focus on some of the building's key design features. Travel is on your own. Carpooling available.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Session 1 / Advocacy

Moderator – Andreas Symeonides

Panel Participants: Mike Waldinger and Tom Jacobs

Part I: Discussion on Advocacy

What is Advocacy all about? Why does it matter to the AIA, its members, and the profession? What role do I play and how do I get involved? Our advocacy activists will explain the importance of advocacy and how they interact with governance for the good of our profession on the national, local and state levels.

Part II: Exercise

Work with the moderators on a Mini ‘Speak-Up’ session. This hands-on workshop for emerging professional who wants to engage to build power for the profession and learn new skills. It is an excellent opportunity for those who believe they can make a difference by engaging in the legislative and political process, while learning some useful professional skills along the way.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the importance of Advocacy in our profession and our organization.
- Discuss past experiences and best practices along with lessons learned.
- Determine the best ways AIA members can get involved.
- Explore the skills sets and tools available to successfully run or participate in a campaign inside or outside of the AIA.

Session 2 / Career Paths

Moderator – Fred Brandstrader

Panel Participants: Carol Dyson, Karen Shoup, Matt Wolf, Felicia Burton & Chris Cole

The practice of architecture is much more than “making blueprints” and the profession is engaged in activities beyond building design. Many professionals use critical thinking/problem-solving and awareness of built environment components to pursue a variety of careers. In prepping for this panel, a past panelist couldn’t have better described the essence of what this discussion is all about...“Not everyone who gets a degree in architecture obtains a license, and not everyone who has a degree in architecture and becomes licensed works steadily in the profession for all or most of their career.”

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Session 2 / Career Paths – Continued

Learning Objectives:

- Explore career options for someone with an architecture degree and discuss when is the 'right' time to switch out of a traditional architecture career path;
- Determine what skills and tools developed from architecture curricula can translate to non- traditional architecture careers;
- Discuss how professional organizations; like AIA, ULI, USGBC, etc. help expand career development;
- Understand the importance of mentoring, volunteering and being a Citizen Architect in your community.

Session 3 / AIAS Chapter Exchange

Moderator - Jeremy Gentile, Illinois Regional Associate Director

Panel Participants: Arlene Hayes, AIAS (IIT)

This discussion focuses on practices and programs for successful and stable chapters focused on Leadership, Design & Service. Growing a successful chapter is challenging given the demands of school and maintaining that level of chapter achievement can be even more challenging given the relatively brief time members are in school.

Current Illinois Regional Associate Director Jeremy Gentile will join Arlene Hayes (IIT) in sharing their experiences in leadership of their AIAS chapters, discussing successes and obstacles in achieving thriving chapters focused on Leadership, Design and Service, and building a framework for continued success by the next generation of members. Following the conversation, each will facilitate a table top discussion with the attendees.

Learning Objectives:

- Growing a vibrant Chapter
- Focusing on Leadership, Design and Service
- Developing a framework for ongoing success
- Engaging the next generation of leaders

Session 4 / Interview and Portfolio Tips

Moderator - Jim Maciejewski

Panel Participants: Todd Hannah, Chuck Pell and Leanne Meyer-Smith

Architectural graduates and young architects have to present themselves and their work in the best way possible to land that first internship or full time job. What can I expect in an interview? How can I best prepare? What do firms look for in my portfolio? How can I improve my presentation? This session will examine these questions and more. The panelists will offer their perspective on these topics and engage attendees in small group breakouts that will allow a direct question and answer session.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the purpose of the interview
- Understand how to prepare for the interview
- Understand how to use your portfolio to explain your strengths
- Describe pertinent information to include in my portfolio

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Mike Waldinger, Hon. AIA
Executive Vice President, AIA Illinois

Mike has been with AIA Illinois since 2001 and is the chief staff executive. He reports to the board of directors and works with the staff team and volunteer leaders to help set the strategic direction for the organization with a particular emphasis on the core mission of advancing the profession through advocacy initiatives.



Kelly Lyons
Brightwood College, Product Manager - Architecture & Engineering

Kelly is an experienced Account Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry and demonstrated skills in nonprofit organizations, event planning, customer service, coaching, and sales. Kelly is an out-of-the-box thinker, self-motivated, and enjoys a good challenge. On Friday night, Kelly will talk about the AIA Community, how Brightwood has developed relationship with AIA and how they continue to support the AIA. She will give an overview of what is new and up and coming in their products, including what they've learned in the first year of 5.0. Brightwood College provides exam prep materials developed by instructors with real-world experience in architecture. The goal of Brightwood College is to prepare you with the education you need to pass your exams and excel in today's job market. You can learn more about Brightwood College at www.brightwood.edu.



Representative Tim Butler

Representative Tim Butler (R-Springfield) joined the Illinois House of Representatives on March 3, 2015, replacing former Rep. Rich Brauer. Butler, a native of Peoria, is the fourth-great grandson of Lewis Barker, a State Senator from Pope County during the first four Illinois General Assemblies. Tim brings to the House more than 20 years of public service working for the people of Central Illinois. He has served as District Chief of Staff

for both Congressman Rodney Davis and former Congressman Ray LaHood. He also served as the director of marketing for St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Butler began his professional career working on Capitol Hill for over three years.

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Fred Brandstrader, AIA, *Principal at South Lake Consulting & Management, LLC.*

A licensed architect, Fred provides Owner's Rep / project management services in areas of building due diligence, Cap-Ex budget planning, design, construction in the hospitality, higher education, aviation and commercial sectors with a focus on sustainability. He manages projects across North America and prefers being based in Chicago (the South Lake region of the Great Lakes Basin!). Fred believes in a project management philosophy that is

based on a) listening and understanding the needs, goals and expectations of the project stakeholders, b) facilitating communication of the project team while coordinating their strengths and weaknesses, and c) following through on project goals and closeout documentation. Fred serves as Secretary on the AIA Illinois, holds certification for IDOT Documentation of Contract Quantities and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Sustainable Urban Development program at DePaul University.



Felicia Burton, *Accessibility Specialist, State of Illinois Capital Development Board*

Felicia Burton is the Accessibility Specialist with the State of Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB). She serves as the subject matter specialist for accessibility at CDB and is the chief interpreter of the Illinois Accessibility Code as mandated by the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act. She has more than 20 years of experience in architecture and construction project management, in both public and private sectors. She holds architectural and construction

management degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Chuck Coderko, Associate Chancellor of Administrative Affairs, Facilities and Services, University of Illinois Springfield



Chris Cole, AIA, *Battalion Chief, Springfield Fire Department*

Chris Cole, AIA is a Battalion Chief with the Springfield Fire Department and has worked in the Operations, Training and Fire Safety Divisions during his 19 years with the department. Chris is currently assigned to the Fire Safety Division where his duties include fire and life safety plan review, routine fire inspections, certificate of occupancy inspections, fire cause and origin investigation and fire operations related reviews of large scale developments

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in the Springfield area. Chris completed his formal architectural education at SIU-Carbondale in 1992 and has worked in related industries and traditional architectural firms alike over the course of the last 26 years. His non-traditional experience includes time with local civil engineering firms as a survey crew member and CAD technician, a shop drawing detailer and estimator for an institutional greenhouse manufacturer, and time in State Farm Insurance's Building Design and Construction Division in Bloomington. Chris's current assignment in the Fire Safety Division is the most recent example of a related field outside of traditional architectural practice. Chris has also worked in traditional architectural firms both small and large in size. His roles have included all levels of construction document production, construction administration, and site observation of pre K-12, higher education and religious projects located in central Illinois.



Carol J. Dyson, AIA, Chief Architect, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
Carol Dyson, AIA heads the Architecture and Tax Incentives programs as a Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office. She enjoys dealing with a wide variety of preservation programs and many diverse projects as diverse as Louis Sullivan's Carson Pirie Scott building in Chicago, the Geodesic Dome Home of Buckminster Fuller in Carbondale, specifying Route 66 historic concrete repairs in Pontiac, and Wrigley Field renovations in Chicago. Carol has spoken at national and international

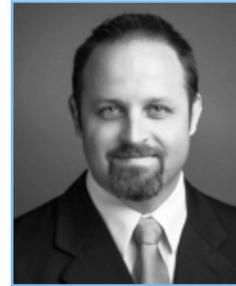
conferences about preservation of mid-twentieth century buildings, family-friendly urban design, treatments for historic architectural glass, lead-safe construction, rehabilitation of historic theaters, and preservation policy. Previously Carol held positions as a federal Regional Deputy Historic Preservation Officer in Washington DC where she got to work on the White House and the Old Executive Office Building among other projects. She started out working at a preservation architecture firm in Ohio on Henry Ford's Fair Lane Home, the Old Louisiana State Capitol, as well as the Dana Thomas House in Springfield. In her spare time, Carol serves as the current President of the Springfield Chapter of the AIA and co-teaches a course on Preservation of the Recent Past at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Historic Preservation Program where she cheerfully tries to convince her students that the 1980s are already historic.



Jeremy Gentile, Associate AIA, Architectural Designer at Ross Barney Architects

After receiving his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Illinois Tech, Jeremy joined Ross Barney as an Architectural Designer. He was an active member AIAS at IIT and ultimately served as President. He also served as Midwest Quadrant Director and is currently the AIA Illinois Regional Associate Director. He has spoken at the IIT Leadership Academy and AIAS Midwest Quad and Grassroots

Leadership Conferences. His practice experience ranges from the public sector to high-end renovation, residential and facility maintenance projects.



Todd R. Hannah, AIA, Principal of Allied Design Consultants, Inc.

Mr. Hannah is a licensed architect with 16 years architectural experience and has been an owner of Allied Design Consultants, Inc. for over five years. He has served as project architect on many completed projects ranging from small renovation projects to multi-million dollar new construction projects including various building types and uses. Mr. Hannah is responsible for documentation, management and coordination of project design and

drawings through every phase of construction. He also provides construction administration work while closely working with each client and contractors for numerous types of projects. Todd graduated from SIU Carbondale with a Bachelor's of Science in 2002. He has been recognized by the 2015 Springfield Business Journal for the 40 under 40 award. Mr. Hannah has worked closely with the local AIA chapters including the Springfield section and Central Illinois Chapter.



Arlene Hayes, AIAS (IIT)

Arlene Hayes graduated in May of 2018 from the Bachelor of Architecture program at the Illinois Institute of Technology. While there, she also completed a minor in Construction Management, and now works with Mortenson Construction Company at their Chicago office. Arlene participated in many AIAS conferences and events in her lower undergrad years, joining the executive board as Chapter Secretary in her 4th year. She went on to serve as Chapter President for the 2017-2018 academic year, overseeing the re-initiation of Illinois Tech's Freedom By Design chapter, and

the implementation of new chapter events such as Archi Talks and the takeover of the Annual College of Architecture Halloween Party. Outside of AIAS, Arlene participated in several other student organizations and continually served on at least one of two other executive boards throughout her college career. Arlene has always been a proponent of cross-disciplinary interaction between architecture students and those from other majors. She is an active advocate of youth development through shared experiences, and believes in early exposure to any field of interest before full-on pursuit.

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Tom Jacobs, AIA, LEED AP, Partner, Krueck + Sexton Architects

Tom Jacobs is a Swiss-American citizen architect who practices at the intersection of design, education and advocacy to catalyze outcomes that contribute to inclusive positive change in the built environment and beyond. Tom is a partner with Krueck + Sexton Architects in Chicago where he leads key projects and the strategic direction of the firm. At IIT College of Architecture, Tom is an adjunct professor and teaches the seminar Good Business is Good Design.

In September 2016, Tom co-founded Architects Advocate for Action on Climate Change, a non-partisan grassroots network and catalytic action platform dedicated to urgently needed legislative action.



James A. Maciejewski, AIA, Principal Architect of JMA Architects

Jim Maciejewski received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. He received his Masters of Science Degree in Architectural Studies, with emphasis on structural engineering, from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Starting as an intern, and progressing to ownership, Jim has spent the last 24 years at JMA focusing on public architecture, including educational,

municipal, and healthcare projects. With a commitment to the communities served and a focus on enduring architecture, JMA has evolved under Jim's leadership to offer architectural and construction management services to a variety of clients. Jim is a past President of the Eastern Illinois Chapter of AIA. As a citizen architect, Jim has served as president of the local Board of Zoning Appeals for 14 years.



Leanne Meyer-Smith, AIA, LEED AP BD+ C, VP of Architecture, Wight & Company

Ms. Meyer-Smith has nearly 30 years of extensive experience that ranges from building design, facility analysis, and master planning to construction administration and project management applying her unique skills to both new construction and renovation work for a variety of educational, municipal, religious, and commercial clients. She can recall the day in grammar school while most of her classmates were writing book reports, she was

actually building "The House of Seven Gables". After completing this project, she announced to her parents that she was going to become an architect one day. That was almost 40 years ago, and she's never looked back. Architecture has always been more than a career, it is a life-long passion, and it's with that

passion that she approaches every opportunity to improve the built environment for communities. In her volunteer activities, she has traveled to Haiti several times to review the construction of a Catholic church and a health care facility that she designed for the sister parish of her church. Ms. Meyer-Smith extends this type of personal commitment in projects closer to home as well. At Wight & Company she is responsible for leading teams in making a client's vision become a successful reality. She is committed to providing leadership in a participatory process dedicated to bringing quality, long-lasting, and sustainable solutions to each client's building needs. As a Director on State of Illinois Board of the American Institute of Architects, Leanne is committed to collaborating with other architects in service, advocacy and public awareness relative to the profession of architecture. In her hometown of Naperville, she enjoys sharing her architecture expertise on the Naperville Review Board and she is proud of her Naperville Park District Seager Park Building design.



Terence Moeller, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, (Moderator) Vice President, Director of Architecture Wight & Company

In his professional career, Terry has worked on a broad variety of project types, across the United States. He has worked on award-winning projects of corporate, educational, and government facilities and his clients have come from both the public and private sectors. In addition, he serves in both firm and professional leadership positions. Terry is a former AIA Northeast Illinois chapter president

and currently serves as Treasurer/President-elect for the AIA Illinois Board of Directors.



Charles Joseph Pell, AIA, CJP Architects Incorporated

Charles Joseph Pell, AIA is the founding principal of Charles Joseph Pell Architects Incorporated and is an active leader in his community. Pell's award winning firm is located in the heart of downtown Springfield. He is a past board president of Downtown Springfield Incorporated and the chair of the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission. He is a past board member of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Dana-Thomas House Foundation and has led various activities with the American Institute of Architects and the Community

Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. He helped oversee a 2012 SDAT visit to Springfield by the AIA and 10 years earlier was an active participant in a R/UDAT.

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Molly Rademacher, AIAS (SAIC)

Molly Rademacher is the outgoing AIA Illinois Student Director and a recent graduate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). Currently a Marketing Intern at SmithGroup in Chicago, she plans to transition into a more traditional architectural role soon. Molly has enjoyed further developing a network for students and promoting the resources and support that AIA and AIAS provide. She hopes to continue her involvement with the organization and be an advocate for the architectural profession.



Anthony Rubano, Project Designer, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Anthony reviews historic rehabilitation projects across Illinois, and he helps provide architectural services to 45 historic Illinois Main Street communities. His work, along with that of his four colleagues, has garnered awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the Illinois Council of the American Institute of Architects. A part-time faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he has consulted across the country on historic

preservation and downtown design issues.



Karen Shoup, AIA, LEED AP, Bureau Chief of Business Services, Illinois Department of Transportation

Karen is an administrator with 30 years of experience in government construction, including, budget development and implementation, grant management, capital planning, project management, contract administration and technical support. She is a former AIA Illinois and AIA Central Illinois board member, chairing numerous committees and working with a wide range of people and groups. She received her education from SIU, Carbondale and the University of Illinois at Chicago and looks forward to contributing to the AIAspire program.



Andreas Symeonides, AIA, Architect at Williams Architects

Before coming on board as the Young Architect's Regional Director, Andreas served as an AIA Illinois Board Director and Associate Director for the Northeast Illinois chapter for several years. Among the committees Andreas actively represents and/or chairs include the AIAspire program, the Young Architects Forum, Technology in Architectural

Practice and Advocacy. Andreas earned both his Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies degrees from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Andreas' professional experience includes work in campus and urban planning, commercial and institutional design and an emphasis in the education market. As the Young Architect Regional Director for AIA's Illinois region, Andreas has a passion to help those in training to become licensed architects and work with our younger generations – the future leaders of our communities.



Matthew R. Wolf, AIA, LEED AP, CBO, Planning Coordinator, City of Springfield, Department of Building and Zoning

Matt is the current Planning Coordinator for the City of Springfield, in the Department of Building and Zoning and was previously their Plans Examiner. Before coming to work for the City, he was a Project Manager for Melotte Morse Leonatti and Parker, Ltd, and Project Architect/VP of Production with Image Architects. Matt looks forward to sharing his vast experiences with the next generation of leaders.