



**AIA** Florida 2026 Convention and Trade Show

# DESIGN **TOGETHER**

The Emergent Properties of Leadership,  
Mentorship, and Business Success

July 15-18, 2026





**IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I INVITE YOU TO THE 2026 AIA FLORIDA CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW, JULY 15–18, AT THE GAYLORD PALMS RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER IN KISSIMMEE.**

This year's theme, Design Together: The Emergent Properties of Leadership, Mentorship, and Business Success, is all about what happens when architects connect across generations, disciplines, and diverse ways of practicing. The 2026 convention is intentionally designed to bring those connections to life, with practical takeaways, fresh ideas, and plenty of chances to learn from one another, step into leadership, and grow together.

Tied directly into the theme, we're excited to kick things off with artist and landscape architect JEFRE as this

year's opening speaker. JEFRE will share how collaborating with communities to create iconic works of art can shape a city's identity and spark connection, drive meaningful economic development, and even provide a tangible return on investment.

Rounding out the keynote lineup, Kristin Scroggin will bring a fun, insightful look at today's multi-generational workforce, helping teams to better communicate and keep talent engaged, and vice president of research and practice at the American Institute of Architects, Michele Russo will break down current economic trends, what they mean for firms and project pipelines, and how architects can plan with confidence.

This year's program will also feature an expanded mix of design-focused sessions and business and practice management education, offering something for every career stage and firm size. Attendees can explore topics ranging from design excellence and innovation to leadership development, firm operations, mentorship, and strategic growth – reinforcing the idea that great design and strong business practices go hand in hand.

We're also excited to introduce several new events, including enhanced mentoring opportunities, consultant and firm-to-firm business development meetings, complimentary professional headshots, and extended networking breaks, giving you more time to connect,

recharge, and engage.

Of course, the convention would not be complete without our annual favorites, including the President's Welcome Reception, Drink and Draw!, the Trade Show, Design & Honor Awards, multiple receptions, the golf tournament, networking events and much more!

Our host venue, the Gaylord Palms Resort, is more than just a place to meet; it's part of the experience. From the soaring glass atrium to the wide range of dining options and resort-style amenities, there are plenty of spots to unwind, and catch up between sessions. Whether you're coming on your own or bringing along family or friends, it's an easy, welcoming setting that fits right into the flow of the convention.

Beyond the convention center, attendees can take part in off-site tours and experiences, including Journey of Water at EPCOT, Gene Leedy's iconic projects in Winter Haven, and other curated opportunities that highlight Florida's architectural legacy and evolving built environment.

I hope you'll join us this July as we lead, learn, and design together. I look forward to welcoming you to Kissimmee and to another inspiring AIA Florida Convention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adam Gayle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A".

Adam Gayle, AIA  
2026 AIA Florida President



# KICKOFF AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## KICKOFF AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JEFŘĚ

In this kickoff session, internationally recognized artist and placemaker JEFŘĚ explores how leadership, mentorship, and collaboration unlock the emergent properties that turn good design into lasting civic and economic impact. His path from urban designer and landscape architect to creator of landmark public artworks was reshaped by a life-altering health crisis that clarified the power of trust, teamwork, and shared responsibility.

Early in his career at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM Chicago), JEFŘĚ contributed to large-scale master planning efforts around the world, building a systems-thinking approach to interdisciplinary collaboration and city-shaping design. He later reimagined the business behind his creative practice, grounding it in public engagement, stakeholder alignment, and measurable return on investment—resulting in nearly \$40 million in awarded public art competitions and global civic commissions, including strategic partnerships with leaders like Daymond John.

Through a transparent look at his process from visioning to storytelling and delivery, JEFŘĚ challenges architects to design together, aligning leadership, mentorship, and business strategy to create places that generate lasting value.

## KEYNOTES:

**MICHELE A. RUSSO**, LEED AP, vice president of research at the American Institute of Architects, brings a data-driven lens to Design Together by centering architects' collective influence in today's economy. Drawing on national research, she will translate macroeconomic forces, from employment and interest rates to federal reserve actions and policy shifts, into practical insight for firm leaders. The session concludes with key industry benchmarks and trend data that help inform strategic, collaborative decisions, setting the stage for deeper conversations on leadership, mentorship, technology, and business performance across the convention.

**KRISTIN SCROGGIN**, founder of genWHY Communications and a nationally recognized expert on generational dynamics, brings humor and research-driven insight to Design Together by exploring how generational perspectives shape collaboration, mentorship, and business success. Drawing on nearly two decades of academic research and real-world consulting, this session decodes generational norms, communication styles, and workplace expectations to help firms attract, engage, and retain talent. By strengthening understanding across generations, attendees gain practical tools to build cohesive teams and sustainable leadership cultures that thrive amid evolving economic and workforce realities.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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#AIAFLA26    

The 2026 AIA Florida Convention & Trade Show is where Florida's design community comes together to learn what's next, share what's working, and reconnect with people from across the state. With education sessions, the Trade Show, Design & Honor Awards, tours, and plenty of time built in to connect, you'll leave with ideas you can put to work right away. Come see why this convention has continued to grow for more than a decade. Bring a guest or family and enjoy everything the convention has to offer.

### CE Credit

This year's convention features more than 35 hours of continuing education credit. All convention continuing education credits have been submitted to AIA CES for approval.



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### Wednesday, July 15, 2026

1-4 p.m. AIA Florida Annual Meeting

### Thursday, July 16, 2026

7:45-8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:15-8:45 a.m.	Welcome to Convention
8:15-10 a.m.	Session A: Kickoff and Keynote: I Don't Make Art. I Make Change. Where Risk Becomes Return
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Kids Workshop
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Session B: Digital Twins for Disaster / Hazard Prevention
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Session C: The Architecture of Ownership: Practical Strategies for Equity & Partnership
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	TOUR: Leedy & Strang in Winter Haven
11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Networking / Snack Break
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Session D: Fit to be Clad
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Session E: High-Performance Fenestration for Climate Resilience: Extreme Conditions
12:30-3:30 p.m.	TOUR: Guided tour of Lake Nona by JEFRE
1-2:30 p.m.	Session F: Citizen Architects: Architecture as a Force for Change
1-2:30 p.m.	Session G: Architectural Mentorship: Developing Competency, Leadership, and Practice Excellence
1-5 p.m.	Architectural Photography Workshop
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Session H: The Broward Resilience Plan: A Countywide Blueprint for Organized Flood Risk Reduction
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Session I: Adaptive Heritage: Preserving the Past for the Resilient Future
4-5 p.m.	Session J: So You Want to Build a Climate-Minded Architectural Practice?
4-5 p.m.	Session K: How To Protect Your Business from the Increased Risks of Design-Build
4-5:30 p.m.	Sumi-e and Sake
5:30-7 p.m.	President's Welcome Reception
7-8 p.m.	Emerging Professionals Social Hour
7-9 p.m.	Fellows' Dinner (Members of the College of Fellows and their guests)

 Designates concurrent sessions. Please select only one when registering.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, July 17, 2026

<b>6:45-8:30 a.m.</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>7:15-10:30 a.m.</b>	TOUR: Journey of Water at EPCOT
<b>7:15-8:15 a.m.</b>	Session L: Early Bird Session: Designing with Confidence: Fully Tested Panels
<b>7:15-8:15 a.m.</b>	Session M: Early Bird Session: The Architecture of Sound
<b>8 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>	Euro-Wall Golf Outing
<b>8:30-9:45 a.m.</b>	Session N: Keynote: Architects & the Economy
<b>9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</b>	TOUR: Frank Lloyd Wright's Child of the Sun Campus at Florida Southern College
<b>10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b>	Kids Workshop
<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	Session O: Material Strategies for Resilience Design
<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	Session P: Florida Market Annual State of Fees
<b>11 a.m.-12 p.m.</b>	Networking / Snack Break
<b>11 a.m.-2:45 p.m.</b>	TOUR: 4Roots Campus Lunch and Learn
<b>11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>	Session Q: Beyond the Studio: Women Navigating Career Growth and Life Responsibilities
<b>11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>	Session R: Untold Stories: Black Architects in Florida Across Generations
<b>1-7 p.m.</b>	Trade Show
<b>5-6 p.m.</b>	JLI Reunion
<b>7-8 p.m.</b>	NOMA and Alumni Receptions
<b>7-9 p.m.</b>	Drink & Draw! with Salsa Dancing
<b>9-10 p.m.</b>	FCPA Dessert Reception

## Saturday, July 18, 2026

<b>6:45-8:30 a.m.</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>7:15-8:15 a.m.</b>	Session S: Early Bird Session: Masonry Industry Resources
<b>7:15-8:15 a.m.</b>	Session T: Early Bird Session: Structural Hurricane Glazing
<b>7:30-8:15 a.m.</b>	Past Presidents' Breakfast (Invitation Only)
<b>7:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.</b>	TOUR: Why Design Matters: Orlando Center for Architecture and Design and Orlando Downtown Walking Tour
<b>8:30-9:45 a.m.</b>	Session U: Keynote: Generation "Them": Navigating a Multi-Generational Workforce
<b>10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b>	Kids Workshop

<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	Session V: Pulse Night Club Memorial
<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	Session W: Dynamic Spaces: The Role of Sliding Door Systems in Modern Architecture
<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	Session X: The Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Firm
<b>10 a.m.-3 p.m.</b>	ARE Training & Lunch
<b>11 a.m.-1:15 p.m.</b>	Networking / Snack Break / Coordinated by Design: Engineer Meet and Greet
<b>11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>	Florida Foundation for Architecture Lunch Meeting (Invitation Only)
<b>11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>	Session Y: Masonry Game Show 2026
<b>12-1 p.m.</b>	Session Z: Designing Visually Dynamic Facades with Coil and Extrusion Coatings
<b>1:15-2:15 p.m.</b>	Session AA: Florida's Missing Middle Housing: From Case Study Review to Policy Solutions
<b>1:15-2:15 p.m.</b>	Session BB: How To Use Data & Facts to Make Your Pitch Stronger
<b>1:15-2:15 p.m.</b>	Session CC: Education Panel: Co-Designing the Space Between Academia and Application
<b>2:45-4:45 p.m.</b>	Session DD: 2023 Advanced Training: Designing The Accessible Means of Egress
<b>6:15-10 p.m.</b>	Design and Honor Awards Reception & Presentation

### 2026 Annual Convention Committee

Thank you to our Convention Committee for providing their time, expertise, and creativity to curate outstanding content, speakers, and tours for the 2026 Annual Convention & Trade Show.

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

## Session A: Kickoff and Keynote: I Don't Make Art. I Make Change. Where Risk Becomes Return | 1 LU

8:15-10 a.m.

In this design inspiration keynote, JEFRE reflects on a life-altering moment that reshaped how he defines success, risk, and purpose. Drawing from his journey from urban designer to public artist, he explores how creative courage, collaboration, and human-centered design can transform cities and generate lasting cultural and economic value. This talk challenges designers to move beyond objects and toward work that creates meaningful change and endures.  
**Speaker:** JEFRE, Artist, studio JEFRE LLC

## Session B: Digital Twins for Disaster/Hazard Prevention | 1 HSW

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Decision support tools such as maps, dashboards, and reports support informed action during uncertain events like natural disasters. This session explores how digital twins connect real-time data with AI prediction models to visualize complex conditions and guide response strategies, with examples ranging from buildings to cities to support safer outcomes for stakeholders  
**Speaker:** Dr. Karla Saldaña Ochoa, assistant professor, University of Florida

## Session C: The Architecture of Ownership: Practical Strategies for Equity and Partnership | 1 LU

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Becoming an equity partner is a major career transition and often poorly understood. Firm leaders share firsthand insights on buying in, negotiating ownership, and stepping into leadership. Attendees gain clarity on financial, legal, cultural, and interpersonal dimensions, including valuation, partnership structures, and building transparent, equitable ownership pathways across generations.

**Speakers:** Jeff Huber, FAIA, ASLA, WEDG, NCARB, LEED AP, partner and principal, Brooks Scarpa Huber Architects, Inc., Kelly Wieczorek, AIA, vice president, Goodwyn Mills Cawood

## Session D: Fit to be Clad | 1 HSW

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

This session reviews key factors shaping the evaluation, selection, pricing, and installation of architectural metal cladding systems. Topics include roof and wall system types, materials, fasteners, environmental conditions, structural considerations, sustainability impacts, installation challenges, and jobsite best practices to support informed design and delivery decisions.

**Speaker:** Royal Casey, Florida sales manager, PAC-Clad

## Session E: High-Performance Fenestration for Climate Resilience: Wind, Water and Other Extreme Conditions | 1 HSW

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

This course explores high-performance, impact-rated fenestration for hurricane-prone and coastal environments, focusing on performance evaluation, common failure points, and resilient design strategies. Participants will learn to integrate fenestration early in the design process to improve life safety, envelope performance, and post-event functionality, emphasizing resilience and climate-adaptive design in coastal markets.

**Speaker:** Bethany Ollison, director of architect solutions, Euro-Wall

## Architectural Photography Workshop | 4 LU

1-5 p.m.

Led by Steven Brooke, recipient of the AIA National Career Award for Photography, this immersive workshop will elevate how design professionals capture and communicate their work. Building on prior workshops, this updated session introduces mirrorless

camera guidance and AI-enhanced digital workflows reflecting recent advances in image processing, along with composition, light, shadow, and timing—including techniques for dramatic night photography. The session covers best practices for photographing interiors, exteriors, landscapes, and black-and-white imagery, giving attendees practical tools to strengthen visual storytelling and professional portfolios.

**Speaker:** Steven Brooke, fellow, American Academy in Rome, adjunct professor, UM-School of Architecture, Steven Brooke Studios, Inc.

**Fee:** \$65

## Session F: Citizen Architects: Architecture as a Force for Change

1.5 HSW

1-2:30 p.m.

Architecture operates within regulatory, environmental, and civic frameworks that can either limit or empower design impact. This panel discussion reframes compliance as a starting point rather than an endpoint, exploring how architects can engage advocacy, collaboration, and public processes to shape stronger outcomes. Through real-world case studies, panelists share experiences influencing policy, advancing resilience initiatives, and addressing social and environmental challenges. There will be strategies attendees can use to strengthen their professional voice and position architecture as a catalyst for positive, community-centered change. This includes how to advocate for change in codes and regulations, environmental and resiliency threats, or the protection of the public from injury through civic engagement.

**Speakers:** Bryce Bounds, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB, CGC, moderator, construction project management supervisor, Broward County Public Works and Environmental Services Department, Matt Toddy, AIA, NCARB, Jessica O'Donnell, AIA, senior architect, Urban Practice, LLC, Dr. Jennifer Jurado, chief resilience officer, deputy director, Broward County

**Session G: Architectural Mentorship: Developing Competency, Leadership and Practice Excellence | 1.5 LU**  
**1-2:30 p.m.**

This course examines structured mentorship within architectural practice as a tool for developing professional competency, supporting emerging professionals, and improving project delivery. Participants will learn how effective mentor-mentee relationships enhance communication, knowledge transfer, ethical decision-making, and firm culture. The session provides practical frameworks and strategies that can be applied within firms or organizations of any size to strengthen professional development and elevate architectural outcomes.

**Speaker: Jeffrey Jerrels, AIA, LEED BD+C, VP, Maryland Architecture and Engineering at Prime AE**

**Session H: The Broward Resilience Plan: A Countywide Blueprint for Organized Flood Risk Reduction | 1 HSW**  
**2:45-3:45 p.m.**

Changing climate is reshaping the built environment, increasing risks from rising seas, heavier rainfall, and extreme heat. This session presents a systems-based framework for applying future conditions, projections, and economic considerations to infrastructure planning and design, supporting more resilient, sustainable, and community-centered investment decisions.

**Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Jurado, chief resilience officer, deputy director, Broward County**

**Session I: Adaptive Heritage: Preserving the Past for the Resilient Future | 1 HSW**  
**2:45-3:45 p.m.**

Historic preservation supports public well-being through the adaptive reuse of existing buildings. Panelists discuss code compliance challenges, cultural value, and the resilience of historic districts facing climate and flooding risks. Attendees gain practical insights

on protecting life safety, strengthening community identity, and advancing environmental responsibility in Florida's evolving urban and coastal contexts.

**Speakers: Julia Epstein, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, moderator, project architect, Dasher Hurst Architects, Jennifer Hunter, R.A., AIA, historic preservation officer, City of Orlando, Eric Kleinsteuber, AIA, president, KMF Architects, Ryan Young, AIA, CEO, Interstuct Design + Build**

**Session J: So You Want to Build a Climate-Minded Architectural Practice? | 1 HSW**  
**4-5 p.m.**

As climate risks intensify, architects play a key role in protecting occupants and communities. Drawing from the AIA Climate Action Playbook and Lake Flato research, this course shares practical strategies for climate mitigation and adaptation, linking firm policies to project decisions that improve building performance, resilience, durability, livability, and resource efficiency.

**Speaker: Daniel Stine, AIA, IES, CSI, CDT, Well AP, director of design technology, Lake Flato Architects**

**Session K: How to Protect Your Business from the Increased Risks of Design-Build | 1 LU**  
**4-5 p.m.**

This presentation will focus on how you can protect your business from the increased risks of Design-Build by using informed bidding practices, innovative project management techniques, specialized agreements and appropriate contract terms.

**Speakers: Ron Ciotti, J.D., attorney, partner, Hinckley Allen**

**FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026**

**Session L: Early Bird Session: Designing with Confidence: Fully Tested ACM Wall Panel Systems | 1 HSW**  
**7:15-8:15 a.m.**

A comprehensive overview of fully tested ACM and MCM wall panel systems

highlights why system-level testing and code compliance matter for performance and durability. Participants review common misconceptions, attachment types, required testing, fire and wind considerations, and best practices for specifying complete, verified assemblies to support code compliance and long-term project success.

**Speaker: Tyler Landry, metal specialist, Compass Sales Group**

**Session M: Early Bird Session: The Architecture of Sound: Acoustics as a Significant Arbiter of Comfort, Aesthetics and Social Responsibility | 1 HSW**  
**7:15-8:15 a.m.**

Sound is shaped early by architectural decisions about form, proportion, adjacency, structure, and massing. This session reframes acoustics as a core design element, showing how early choices drive outcomes and why problems surface after construction. Attendees learn where acoustic risk hides and how sound interacts using visualization and listening techniques.

**Speaker: Arthur van der Harten, CEng, lead acoustician, Acoustic Distinctions, TLC Engineering**

**Session N: Keynote: Architects & the Economy | 1 LU**  
**8:30-9:45 a.m.**

The presentation will give attendees an overview of current economic conditions, how they influence firm operations and project pipelines, and the critical role architects play in driving economic activity and community development. The presentation will also introduce practical sources and forecasting tools that can help professionals at all career stages better evaluate business conditions and plan strategically for the year ahead.

**Speaker: Michele Russo, LEED AP, vice president research, AIA National**

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Session O: Material Strategies for Resilience Design | 1 HSW

10-11 a.m.

As the built environment continues to evolve, architects are increasingly tasked with selecting materials that enhance the resilience, safety, and sustainability of buildings. This panel will explore the role of steel, wood, and masonry in creating structures that not only withstand environmental pressures but also improve the long-term health, safety, and welfare of building occupants.

**Speaker:** Larry Flynn, architectural liaison and resource specialist, American Institute of Steel Construction, Chris Bettinger, masonry sales manager, Oldcastle, Anthony Harvey, PE, regional director, WoodWorks

## Session P: Florida Market Annual State of Fees | 1 LU

10-11 a.m.

This session brings the focus to Florida and the realities of architectural fee setting at the state level. Informed by Zweig Group's 2026 Florida Fees Survey, this session reveals how firms across the state are structuring and negotiating fees today—and how those approaches vary by market conditions and project profile. The session translates survey findings and industry benchmarks into clear context, helping firms move beyond intuition and use data to support more competitive, defensible, and profitable fee strategies in Florida's current business environment.

**Speaker:** Will Swearingen, principal, Zweig Group

## Session Q: Beyond the Studio: Women Navigating Career Growth and Life Responsibilities | 1.5 HSW

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Women in architecture navigate evolving responsibilities both inside and outside the studio. From managing households to supporting loved ones, building community, and balancing personal commitments with professional growth. This session brings together women at three different stages of their

careers: senior leaders, early to mid-career practitioners, and mid-career to senior architects working in firms and in independent practice to share the lessons they've learned along the way. Through candid conversation, the panelists will explore how priorities shift over time, how they've adapted to changing life circumstances, and what strategies have helped them build fulfilling, resilient careers. Following the discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with peers during a dedicated networking portion designed to spark conversation, mentorship, and community building.

**Speakers:** Shadia Jaramillo, AIA, WELL AP project architect, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, moderator, Arlene Gil, AIA, principal, DLR Group, Brooke Godinez, AIA, project architect, PRIME AE Group, Inc., Amie Calisti, AIA, principal, A Calisti Studio

## Session R: Untold Stories: Black Architects in Florida Across Generations | 1.5 HSW

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

This session explores the intergenerational experiences of Black architects practicing in Florida—from the pioneering forefathers who confronted systemic barriers, to Gen X professionals who advanced through mentorship and perseverance, to Gen Z architects redefining practice through technology, advocacy, and entrepreneurship.

Through storytelling and open dialogue, the discussion will reveal the evolution of diversity and representation in the profession, providing insight into how individual journeys and collective progress intersect. The discussion culminates with a call to action, inviting all architects to help shape a more equitable and inclusive future for the built environment.

**Speakers:** Stacey Boynton, AIA, NOMA, principal architect, Studio-US Design, moderator, Malcolm Jones, AIA, principal architect, owner, MAJ Architecture + Design, Chad Jones, managing partner/Orlando, PBK Architects, Daniel (Neil) Hall, FAIA, NOMAC, principal, The Hall Group

**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026**

## Session S: Early Bird Session: Masonry Industry Resources | 1 HSW

7:15-8:15 a.m.

What resources are out there to help when you are developing a design and specification? Your goal is clear... Satisfy code requirements while exceeding your client's performance expectations of a project. It is hard to be an expert on every material choice you make during design development. When considering masonry there are numerous resources available that will educate you on structural performance, aesthetics opportunities, and lifecycle costs.

**Speaker:** Danielle Mokris, technical director, Concrete Masonry Checkoff, Block Design Collective

## Session T: Early Bird Session: Structural Hurricane Glazing | 1 HSW

7:15-8:15 a.m.

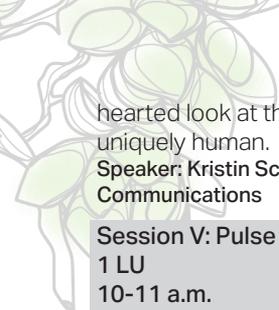
This course will review structural hurricane glazing options and glazing systems for commercial applications including impact-resistant frameless systems as well as glass fin wall solutions. The course will review design standards, building codes, applications, specifications, and design trends for architectural glazing.

**Speaker:** Jason Quimby, president, SLIMPACT by Faour Glass Technologies

## Session U: Keynote: Generation "Them": Navigating a Multi-Generational Workforce | 1 LU

8:30-9:45 a.m.

Embark on a journey with Generation "THEM," a captivating exploration into the "WHY" behind each American generation's unique perspectives. Discover the key to fostering understanding, strengthening teamwork, and ensuring workplace cohesion. This presentation provides a solid grasp of generational norms. It emphasizes the critical need to attract and retain top young talent for long-term sustainability, all while offering a light-



hearted look at the quirks that make us uniquely human.

**Speaker:** Kristin Scroggin, genWHY Communications

**Session V: Pulse Night Club Memorial**  
1 LU

10-11 a.m.

This session examines the City of Orlando's approach to creating a memorial in response to a tragic event that targeted a community simply seeking joy and connection. Participants will learn how families of the victims were engaged in the process, contributing ideas to preserve the memories of their loved ones. We will explore how these contributions informed thoughtful design decisions, artifact stewardship, and spatial planning to honor the 49 angels. The ultimate goal is to provide families with dignified remembrance while creating a space that invites reflection and healing for visitors worldwide.

**Session W: Dynamic Spaces: The Role of Sliding Door Systems in Modern Architecture** | 1 HSW

10-11 a.m.

Explore how contemporary sliding door systems support safer, more resilient building performance across project types. This session examines structural and code considerations, energy-efficient materials, and design strategies that improve spatial flow, ventilation, and accessibility. Attendees will also review emerging innovations that reduce environmental impact while strengthening occupant protection and long-term building performance.

**Speaker:** Kaden Stinger, architect engagement specialist, Special-Lite, Inc.

**Session X: The Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Firm** | 1 LU

10-11 a.m.

During this panel presentation, architects at three stages of their careers will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and pitfalls of starting and running their own practice. Each panelist will touch on business legalities, finding client

prospects, overhead & costs, consultant contracts and relationships, staffing and labor, varied income opportunities, technology uses and applications, contract laws and legal aspects, and how each addressed the issues they face as a business owner.

**Speakers:** Bryce Bounds, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, CGC, construction project management supervisor, Broward County Public Works and Environmental Services Department, moderator, Wesley Kean, AIA, principal, KODA, Stacey Boynton, AIA, NOMA, principal architect, Studio-US Design, Ruffin Rhodes, AIA, NOMA, principal, Rhodes+Brito Architects

**Session Y: Masonry Game Show 2026**  
1.5 HSW

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

This course examines 3D concrete printing and innovative design strategies through case studies, equipping architects with tools for code-compliant, high-performance buildings.

**Speaker:** Chris Bettinger, masonry sales manager, Oldcastle

**Session Z: Designing Visually Dynamic Facades with Coil and Extrusion Coatings** | 1 HSW

12-1 p.m.

Color and coil and extrusion coated metal products can elevate facade design while supporting occupant well-being and sustainability. Attendees learn how coatings contribute to performance and durability, and how color influences emotion, celebrates culture, and supports wayfinding, helping create safer, more engaging building environments.

**Speaker:** Todd Hakenjos, enterprise account executive, Sherwin Williams

**Session AA: Florida's Missing Middle Housing: From Case Study Review to Policy Solutions** | 1 HSW

1:15-2:15 p.m.

This session examines Florida's Missing Middle Housing case studies and how small-scale infill design can expand attainable housing options. In addition to reviewing samples from the Missing Middle Case Study, panelists will discuss how design, zoning, and policy alignment

can support walkable neighborhoods and benefit communities such as Orlando and Orange County.

**Session BB: How to Use Data & Facts to Make Your Pitch Stronger** | 1 LU

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Persuasive pitches succeed when data connects with how leaders decide. Drawing from Cialdini's principles of influence and the SUCCE model, this session shows how to build trust, appeal to emotion, and craft simple, concrete messages. Attendees learn to combine evidence with storytelling so insights resonate and leave a lasting impression.

**Speaker:** Bret Hood, CFE, MBA, director, 21st Century Learning & Consulting, LLC.

**Session CC: Educational Panel: Co-Designing the Space Between Academia and Application** | 1 LU

1:15-2:15 p.m.

This collaborative session brings educators, practitioners, and industry partners together to explore opportunities for better alignment between architectural education and professional practice. Participants will explore aligned curricula, experiential learning models, and shared accountability strategies to better prepare students for licensure, practice readiness, and the evolving demands of the profession.

**Speakers:** Panelists representing key perspectives in the education of future architects.

**Session DD: 2023 Advanced Training: Designing the Accessible Means of Egress** | 2 HSW/FBC

2:45-4:45 p.m.

This advanced course is designed to provide participants with a review of the technical provisions applicable to the design of an accessible means of egress as required under the Florida Building Code, Accessibility volume.

**Speaker:** John Farinelli, CBD, MCP, CDC, LEED AP, vice president, JC Code & Construction Consultants, Inc.

# NETWORKING & SPECIAL EVENTS

**From networking and leadership connections to social events and hands-on activities, these experiences add energy, connection, and value to your convention week.**

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

**AIA Florida Annual Meeting  
Open to All | 1-4 p.m.**

Attend AIA Florida's Annual Meeting and hear speeches from candidates running for leadership positions, join the time-honored FAPAC parade of checks, stay updated on the latest activities unfolding within volunteer committees, and gain insights into the future of the architecture industry.

**Sponsored by: Collinsworth Insurance  
Fee: Complimentary**



## THURSDAY, JULY 16 –

## SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

**Kids Workshops**

**10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily**

Kids and their parents are invited to register for the Kids' Pop-Up Workshops available during the convention where there will be presentations and hands-on fun learning about architecture, planning, engineering, and construction. Model building exercises will be integrated within each workshop.

**Presented by AIM, BAM, KAP and ACE volunteers.**

**Fee: Complimentary**

## NEW! Networking Snack Breaks

This year's convention has replaced paid lunch sessions with extended networking breaks and complimentary light snacks. Attendees can step away from CE sessions to connect, recharge, and engage with peers—without additional cost. The full lineup of high-quality continuing education remains unchanged; sessions traditionally scheduled around lunchtime are now included with registration, giving you

more flexibility and value throughout the day.

## Networking Snack Breaks Schedule:

Thursday, July 16 - 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 17 - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday, July 18 - 11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

## NEW! Ask an architect

Are you a student, emerging professional, or at any career stage and have questions for architects who are more tenured in their careers? Make meaningful connections at the convention in the Networking Lounge. If you're seeking guidance, this is a chance to connect during the convention and beyond. Attendees may opt in to ask questions or answer questions when registering online. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for private one-on-one meetings.

## THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

**Sumi-e and Sake Social Hour  
4-5:30 p.m.**

In this very popular sumi-e zen brush painting workshop, discover why less is more. Learn basic strokes, zen philosophy, and timeless techniques while exploring your feelings and experiences. Enjoy a sake tasting and take home your own zen masterpiece, along with a brush and sumi-e ink. The fee includes all materials and fun!

Space is limited.

**Fee: \$60**

**Instructor/Host: Don Yoshino, FAIA**

## President's Welcome Reception

**5:30-7 p.m.**

The traditional kick-off social event of the convention will be hosted by 2026 president Adam Gayle, AIA. Plan to join friends and colleagues at the reception as Gayle welcomes all attendees to the convention.

**Fee: Complimentary**

**Emerging Professionals Social Hour  
7-8 p.m.**

Connect and mingle with emerging professionals, associates, and students at this engaging networking event!

**Fee: Complimentary**

**Fellows' Dinner 7-9 p.m.**

**Fee per person: \$155**

**Members of the College of Fellows and their guests only.**

## FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

**Euro-Wall Golf Outing  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Join fellow architects for great networking, friendly competition, and most of all a fun round of golf. This year's outing will be held at Celebration Golf Club. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided for all players.

**Fee per person: \$175**

**Sponsored by: Euro-Wall**



**Trade Show  
1-7 p.m.**

Our biggest trade show ever! Explore the latest products and services from top vendors at the 2026 Trade Show! This annual event offers valuable networking opportunities, enhanced by delicious food, refreshing drinks, and exciting prizes. A big thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors for making this experience possible.

**Fee: Complimentary**

**Drink and Draw! with Salsa Dancing Reception  
7-9 p.m.**

Step into a world where art gets spicy! Don't miss the ever popular "Drink & Draw!" paired with salsa dancing. Unleash your artistic flair and sketch away in a lively atmosphere, with opportunities to win exciting prizes, and hit the dance floor and showcase your best salsa dance moves.

**Fee: Complimentary**

### Schools of Architecture Alumni Reception 7-8 p.m.

Reconnect with fellow graduates at the Florida Schools of Architecture Alumni Reception. This informal gathering brings alumni together by school to meet, mingle, and strengthen professional connections with peers from across the state. Look for more information on which Florida schools of architecture will be hosting alumni receptions.

Fee: Complimentary



### National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Reception 7-8 p.m.

Join colleagues at the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Reception, an informal gathering to connect with fellow NOMA members, allies, and design professionals while strengthening community and shared professional networks.

Fee: Complimentary



### FCPA Dessert Reception 9-10 p.m.

Join the Florida Concrete & Products Association (FCPA) for a dessert reception and enjoy decadent petit fours and dessert cocktails.

Sponsored by FCPA

Fee: Complimentary



### FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026 AND SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

#### NEW! Free Headshots

Refresh your professional image at the convention with a complimentary headshot. Look for our favorite trade show and design awards photographer (Gabriela Hassil), who will be available at designated times for high-quality photos. Time will be limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

### SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026 AIA Florida Past Presidents' Breakfast 7:30-8:15 a.m.

This year's immediate past president, Elizabeth Camargo, AIA, will host a special breakfast honoring AIA Florida's past presidents and their guests. Former AIA Florida presidents and their guests are invited to this breakfast.

Fee: Complimentary, AIA Florida past presidents  
Spouse/guest: \$55

### Architecture Registration Exam (ARE) Review 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Attendees will be introduced to the licensure requirements and practice questions from all six divisions of the ARE exam and learn how to identify key elements in each question. Participants will also learn some test-taking strategies to help on their licensure journey. Attendees will hear from associates and recently licensed architects about their journeys to licensure. They will share tips and tricks, study schedules, time management strategies, and how to ask for support from their firm.

Fee: Complimentary  
Speakers: Seth Yeslow, AIA,  
Shadia Jaramillo, AIA

### New! Coordinated by Design: Engineer Meet and Greet 11 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Join fellow convention attendees for a dedicated opportunity to meet with leading engineering firms and explore future project partnerships. This informal yet intentional networking event invites architects and design professionals to discuss services, align expertise, and identify collaboration opportunities. Stop by the Networking Lounge to start the conversation and build lasting professional relationships.

### Florida Foundation for Architecture Annual Raffle 2:15-2:45 p.m. – Afternoon Break

All proceeds from the raffle will support the Florida Foundation for Architecture's scholarship fund, helping Florida architecture students pursue their education. Don't miss your chance to contribute and win. Grab your raffle tickets at the AIA Florida Logo Store or the registration desk before the drawing!  
Sponsored by: Crawford-Tracey Corp.



### AIA Florida Design & Honor Awards Reception and Presentation 6:15-10 p.m.

Celebrate excellence in architecture and the architects whose work enriches our communities at the AIA Florida 2026 Design & Honor Awards Reception and Presentation. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks during the reception. The awards presentation will feature the 2026 Design & Honor Award recipients and the announcement of the 2026 People's Choice winner.

Fee: \$95, \$45 (17 and under), \$65 for students  
Sponsored by: FCPA & Masonry Association of Florida



# TOURS

## THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

### Leedy & Strang in Winter Haven

11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 3 HSW

Tour the lifelong residence and office of iconic architect Gene Leedy, a founding member of the Sarasota School of Architecture. The tour explores Leedy's innovative use of open plans, exposed structure, sliding glass walls, and "honest" materials, examining how these design strategies influenced spatial experience, environmental responsiveness, and long-term adaptability. The tour includes a drive-by of the Raingarden Apartments and a stop at the Lake House. Attendees are asked to view the Open Spaces film prior to the tour.

**Fee: \$75 (includes transportation and lunch)**

### Guided Tour of Lake Nona by JEFRE

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. | 1.5 HSW

Join internationally acclaimed artist JEFRE for an immersive walking tour of his iconic installations at Lake Nona, including The Beacon, Code Wall, and the sculpture garden. Designed at the intersection of art, architecture, and technology, JEFRE's work reveals how light, data, and digital media can transform infrastructure into experiential landmarks. Architects will gain insight into his collaborative process with designers, engineers, and developers, and discover strategies for integrating public art as a catalyst for identity, wayfinding, and placemaking in next-generation communities.

**Fee: \$50 (includes transportation)**

## FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

### Journey of Water at EPCOT

7:15 – 10:30 a.m. | 1 HSW

Journey of Water inspired by Moana at EPCOT is an immersive outdoor environment that interprets the global water cycle through integrated landscape, architectural, and special-effects design. Led by members of the Walt Disney Imagineering project team, including the

project producer, special effects designer, and show technical production manager, this tour examines how design decisions protect water resources, manage complex public environments, and educate visitors through experiential storytelling. The experience concludes with a moderated Q&A session in the WDI conference room.

**\*Note: This tour is intended for adult participants (18+) whose professional practice or interests align with the tour's overall content and learning goals.**

**Fee: \$50 (includes transportation)**

### Frank Lloyd Wright's Child of the Sun Campus at Florida Southern College

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | 2.5 HSW

This in-depth architectural tour explores Frank Lloyd Wright's Child of the Sun campus at Florida Southern College, offering a comprehensive look at Wright's only collegiate commission. During this tour, participants will examine Wright's design philosophy, structural innovations, and material choices while touring six Wright-designed buildings. The tour emphasizes how thoughtful design supports occupant experience, environmental response, and long-term stewardship of historic architecture.

**Fee: \$95 (includes transportation, lunch and entry)**

### 4Roots Campus Lunch and Learn

11 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. | 1.5 HSW

Explore the 4Roots Farm Campus, a community-centered hub in the heart of Orlando designed to support a thriving, sustainable food system. Through a combined presentation and guided walking tour, participants will examine how regenerative site planning, net-positive building strategies, and flexible educational spaces work together to support environmental stewardship, human well-being, and community collaboration—demonstrating architecture's role in shaping a healthier and more resilient food future.

**Fee: \$75 (includes transportation and lunch)**

## SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

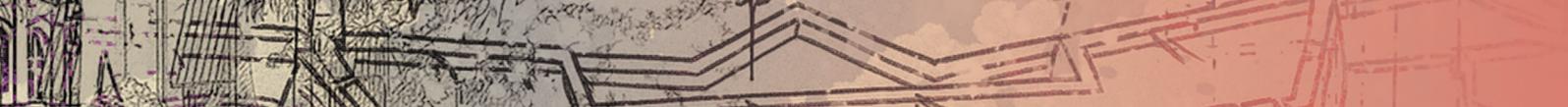
### Why Design Matters: Orlando Center for Architecture and Design and Orlando Downtown Walking Tour

7:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | 2 HSW

Join AIA Orlando and the Orlando Foundation for Architecture for a behind-the-scenes look at Phase I of the Orlando Center for Architecture and Design (OCAD), located in the newly renovated Fulcrum Building. Envisioned as a multidisciplinary hub for design professionals, students, and the public, OCAD explores why design matters. Attendees can also take part in a guided walking tour that brings downtown Orlando's architectural story to life, showcasing everything from 19th century Victorian design to the city's most contemporary styles.

**Tour Fee: \$75 (includes transportation and lunch)**

**\*All tour times include check-in, shuttle boarding and round-trip travel. Registrants will receive detailed itineraries and should plan to arrive early. Registrants must be at the pickup area at the designated time.**



Leedy & Strang in Winter Haven



Guided Tour of Lake Nona



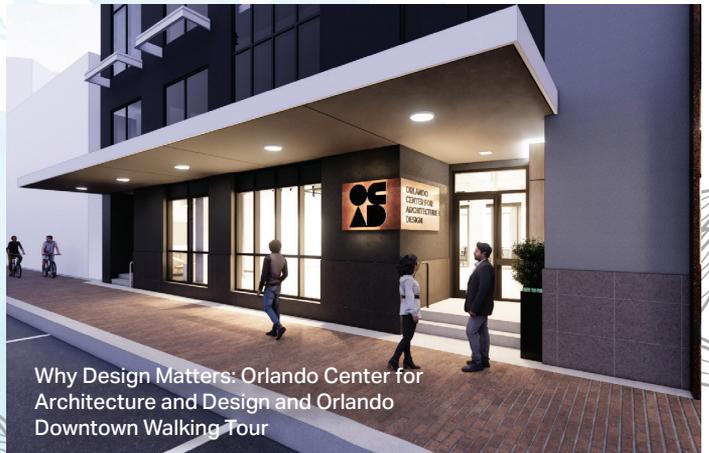
Journey of Water at EPCOT



Frank Lloyd Wright's Child of the Sun  
Campus at Florida Southern College



4Roots Campus Lunch and Learn



Why Design Matters: Orlando Center for  
Architecture and Design and Orlando  
Downtown Walking Tour



# IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

## Registration

Each attendee, including spouses, children and guests, must register to attend convention. The registration fee includes tickets to the President's Reception, Drink and Draw! and Salsa Dancing, the Trade Show, general sessions, various networking events and daily continental breakfasts, snack, and beverage breaks. Attendees are given priority on CE sessions. Guests may attend if space allows.

All continuing education sessions are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Cancellation Policy

Registration or event ticket cancellations must be submitted in writing and received by the AIA Florida office by 5 p.m. Eastern, 21 days before the convention date (June 24), to receive a full refund. No refunds for registration or event tickets received after 5 p.m. Eastern on June 24 will be granted without a documented hardship. Following a review, a refund may be granted, less a \$75 processing fee.

Registrations may be transferred to another person. All requests must be in writing and can be sent to [hgill@aiafla.org](mailto:hgill@aiafla.org). For additional policies, scan the QR code for AIA Florida's website.



## Consent To Use Photographs

By attending an AIA Florida event, you grant AIA Florida permission to use your name, image or voice in any of AIA Florida's electronic, print or multimedia publications and agree that you will make no monetary

or other claim against AIA Florida relating to this use of your name, image or voice.

Images or voices of minors will not be used by AIA Florida without the written consent of parents or legal guardians.

## Questions?

Call the AIA Florida office at (850) 222-7590 or email Wendy Johnson at [wjohnson@aiafla.org](mailto:wjohnson@aiafla.org) or Hilary Gill at [hgill@aiafla.org](mailto:hgill@aiafla.org).

## Hotel Accommodations

The AIA Florida 2026 Convention and Trade Show events will take place at the Gaylord Palms in Kissimmee, Florida. Rooms are available at both the Gaylord Palms and the Delta Hotel Celebration, located two miles away.

A complimentary shuttle will be provided between both hotels.

## About the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center:

Guest rooms, amenities, and exceptional dining make for a comfortable and engaging stay. The resort's stunning indoor atrium and convenient on-property activities, including nine dining venues and the 3-acre Cypress Springs Water Park, offer plenty of opportunities to relax, recharge, and connect with colleagues between sessions. Whether you come solo or with family or friends, Gaylord Palms delivers comfort, convenience and plenty of fun alongside our convention programming.

**Reservations:** Room Rate: \$258 plus tax, per night, with additional rate options available on the booking site.

**Hotel Cutoff Date:** June 22 or until the room block sells out.

**Parking:** Attendees receive 50% off self-parking, whether overnight or daily.

**Current rates:** \$38 for self-parking, \$50 for valet.

## About the Delta Hotel Orlando Celebration

Located less than two miles from the Gaylord Palms Hotel, the Delta Hotel Orlando Celebration offers easy access to Walt Disney World® Resort, Universal Studios (including Epic Universe), and ESPN Wide World of Sports, with complimentary shuttles to top attractions. In addition to multiple dining options, there are cocktails at one of two pools, a water slide, and peaceful garden paths.

**Reservations:** Room Rate: \$109 plus tax, per night

**Hotel Cutoff Date:** June 22 or until the room block sells out.

**Parking:** Self-parking only at a discounted rate of \$10 per day (regularly \$24)

Reserve your room at either hotel online:



Both hotels' special rates are only available until June 22 or until rooms in the room block sell out, at which time reservations are subject to availability and the hotels' prevailing room rate.

Group rates are available up to two days before and after the convention dates, based on availability.



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# REGISTRATION FEES AND INFORMATION



To register, go to [www.aiafla.org](http://www.aiafla.org) or scan the QR code above.

To request a paper registration form or for assistance registering, contact Hilary Gill at AIA Florida at [hgill@aiafla.org](mailto:hgill@aiafla.org) or call (850) 222-7590.

	Until March 31 Early Bird	April 1-June 30 Advanced	July 1-July 18 Regular/On-Site
AIA Member	\$399	\$449	\$499
Young Architect: Licensed 10 years or fewer	\$325	\$375	\$425
Associate Member	\$200	\$225	\$250
Student*	\$25	\$25	\$25
Guest/Spouse (18 years and older)	\$125	\$145	\$165
Guest (7 to 17 years old)	\$62.50	\$72.50	\$82.50
Guest (under 7 years old)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Members	\$525	\$575	\$625
1-day registration, architect members	\$250	\$275	\$300
1-day registration, associate members	\$125	\$150	\$175
1-day registration, non members	\$300	\$325	\$350

\*A \$25 fee will be returned to you upon check-in and presentation of a current student ID at the AIA Florida registration desk.

<b>Wednesday, July 15, 2026</b>		
1-4 p.m.	AIA Florida Annual Meeting	Comp
<b>Thursday, July 16, 2026</b>		
7:45-8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Comp
8:15-10 a.m.	Session A: Kickoff: Don't Make Art. I Make Change. Where Risk Becomes Return	Comp
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Kids Workshop	Comp
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Session B: Digital Twins for Disaster / Hazard Prevention	Comp
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Session C: The Architecture of Ownership: Practical Strategies for Equity & Partnership	Comp
11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	TOUR: Leedy & Strang in Winter Haven	\$75
11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Networking / Snack Time	Comp
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Session D: Fit to be Clad	Comp
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Session E: High-Performance Fenestration for Climate Resilience: Extreme Conditions	Comp
12:30-3:30 p.m.	TOUR: Guided Tour of Lake Nona by JEFRE	\$50
1-5 p.m.	Architectural Photography Workshop	\$65
1-2:30 p.m.	Session F: Citizen Architects: Architecture as a Force for Change	Comp
1-2:30 p.m.	Session G: Architectural Mentorship: Developing Competency, Leadership, Excellence	Comp
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Session H: The Broward Resilience Plan: Blueprint for Organized Flood Risk Reduction	Comp
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Session I: Adaptive Heritage: Preserving the Past for the Resilient Future	Comp
4-5 p.m.	Session J: So You Want to Build a Climate-Minded Architectural Practice?	Comp
4-5 p.m.	Session K: How To Protect Your Business from the Increased Risks of Design-Build	Comp
4-5:30 p.m.	Sumi-e and Sake	\$65
5:30-7 p.m.	President's Welcome Reception	Comp
7-8 p.m.	Emerging Professionals Social Hour	Comp
7-9 p.m.	Fellows' Dinner	\$155
<b>Friday, July 17, 2026</b>		
6:45-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Comp
7:15-10:30 a.m.	TOUR: Journey of Water at EPCOT	\$50
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Session L: Early Bird Session: Designing with Confidence: Fully Tested Wall Panels	Comp
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Session M: Early Bird Session: The Architecture of Sound	Comp
8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Euro-Wall Golf Outing	\$175
8:30-9:45 a.m.	Session N: Keynote: Architects & the Economy	Comp
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	TOUR: Frank Lloyd Wright's Child of the Sun Campus at Florida Southern College	\$95
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Kids Workshop	Comp
10-11 a.m.	Session O: Material Strategies for Resilience Design	Comp
10-11 a.m.	Session P: Florida Market Annual State of Fees	Comp
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Networking / Snack Time	Comp
11 a.m.-2:45 p.m.	TOUR: 4Roots Campus Lunch and Learn	\$75
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Session Q: Beyond the Studio: Women Navigating Career Growth & Responsibilities	Comp
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Session R: Untold Stories: Black Architects in Florida Across Generations	Comp
1-7 p.m.	Trade Show	Comp
5-6 p.m.	JLI Reunion	Comp

7-8 p.m.	NOMA and Alumni Receptions	Comp
7-9 p.m.	Drink & Draw! with Salsa Dancing	Comp
9-10 p.m.	FCPA Dessert Reception	Comp
<b>Saturday, July 18, 2026</b>		
6:45-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Comp
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Session S: Early Bird Session: Masonry Industry Resources	Comp
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Session T: Early Bird Session: Structural Hurricane Glazing	Comp
7:30-8:15 a.m.	Past Presidents' Breakfast	\$50 (Guest)
7:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	TOUR: Why Design Matters OCAD and Orlando Downtown Walking Tour	\$75
8:30-9:45	Session U: Keynote: Generation "Them": Navigating a Multi-Generational Workforce	Comp
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Kids Workshop	Comp
10-11 a.m.	Session V: Pulse Night Club Memorial	Comp
10-11 a.m.	Session W: Dynamic Spaces: The Role of Sliding Door Systems in Architecture	Comp
10-11 a.m.	Session X: The Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Firm	Comp
10 a.m.-3 p.m.	ARE Training & Lunch	Comp
11 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Snack / Networking Time / Coordinated by Design: Engineer Meet and Greet	Comp
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Session Y: Masonry Game Show 2026	Comp
12-1 p.m.	Session Z: Designing Visually Dynamic Facades with Coil and Extrusion Coatings	Comp
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Florida Foundation for Architecture Lunch Meeting (Invitation Only)	Comp
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Session AA: Florida's Missing Middle Housing: From Case Study to Policy Solutions	Comp
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Session BB: How To Use Data & Facts to Make Your Pitch Stronger	Comp
1:15-2:15 p.m.	Session CC: Education Panel: Co-Designing Between Academia and Application	Comp
2:45-4:45 p.m.	Session DD: 2023 Advanced Training: Designing The Accessible Means of Egress	Comp
6:15-10 p.m.	Design and Honor Awards Reception and Presentation	\$95/\$65/\$45





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