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**Member Spotlight**

**Our Newest Fellow, Eric Strain, FAIA**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC STRAIN, FAIA, NEWLY ANNOUNCED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Eric has been a member of AIA Las Vegas for twenty-eight years. He founded his firm, assemblageSTUDIO, in 1997 and has been a leader in design from its inception. The firm was awarded the AIA Nevada Firm Award in 2009 and the WMR Firm of the Year in 2014. Eric has also been individually honored with the Nevada AIA Silver Medal, AIA National Young Architect Citation, WMR AIA Young Architect Citation, AIA Nevada Young Architect Citation and the AIA Nevada Service Award, recognizing his service to the profession after chairing its design committee. Eric also served as President of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter in 2000 and the AIA Nevada Chapter in 2001.

Eric’s work has continually been recognized as exceptional by his peers, receiving awards for his design 21 out of the 23 years since opening his firm...including 56 AIA Design Awards, 8 AI WMR Regional Awards, International Award for tresARCA,

In addition to running his practice, Eric is currently an Associate Professor at the UNLV School of Architecture and has also taught at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the University of Utah.

Our hardest congratulations to Eric for this distinguished achievement and our thanks for his contributions to the profession.

CHRISTOPHER LUJAN, AIA RECEIVES AIA 2020 YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD

Christopher Lujan is an Associate Principal at Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects [TSK] in Henderson, NV and received his Nevada Architecture license in 2018. Since joining TSK in 2007, Mr. Lujan has shared in the firm’s award-winning success and has developed a breadth of experience from his work on complex project types ranging from government, public, commercial, multi-family, transportation and educational facilities. At TSK, he has primarily completed projects throughout Nevada but has also worked across the Southwest United States and Southeastern China. His commitment to his work is an extension of the character with which he values both his team members and clients. Projects of his can be recognized through their inclusion of balanced daylighting, strong formal expressions, and striking colors.

Mr. Lujan is a 2008 graduate of the University of Nevada - Las Vegas’ Master of Architecture program where he was awarded the Fielden Medal for Academic Excellence in Architecture, the UNLV College of Fine Arts Most Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year and the AIA Henry Adams Fund Award of Merit for Excellence in the Study of Architecture.

Prior to studying at UNLV, Chris earned his Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of New Mexico in 2005 where he worked on-campus in the Residence Life Program. Starting as a Resident Advisor and ultimately holding a full-time professional position as a Residence Hall Director, Chris was able to engage the student body through both social and educational programming activities. These communal engagements served to strengthen his primary architectural interest of developing communal spaces for supporting dynamic social interaction. As a proud alumnus, he maintains an active role serving as a mentor, lecturer, and visiting juror at both UNM and UNLV.

Actively engaged in his professional organization, Chris has served the AIA in a variety of capacities. Currently, he is the AIA Nevada State Government Network Representative and prior to this role he helped to establish the ArchiPAC Emerging Professionals Committee, serving as its first Chair. He has also served as the AIA Nevada Emerging Professionals Chair and AIA Northern Nevada Communications Chair.

Of personal importance, Christopher joined the St. Baldrick’s Foundation fundraising initiative in 2009 with other members of TSK. Starting as a general participant he has since shared with over 50 other individuals in northern and southern Nevada to join AIA Nevada’s Team “Bald by Design” where he serves as a team coordinator for the group and has helped to collectively raise over $900,000 as a team for Childhood Cancer Research.

Currently, Chris is helping to lead TSK’s redevelopment efforts in Downtown Henderson. In his spare time, Chris enjoys spending time with his growing family and frequently returns to New Mexico to visit family and friends. He enjoys everything basketball, including “the shoes”.

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The first two months of this year are behind us and have been quite eventful for AIA Las Vegas. Our February Membership Meeting speaker, Tate Walker, gave us an insightful presentation on the history and purpose behind AIA's Framework for Design Excellence. Tate also walked us through a case study on a fire station his firm designed and how the Framework measures were applied. He shared strategies and tools we were able to bring back to our office so we can take action to transform our practices.

In February, leadership members of AIA Las Vegas, AIA NV, and AIA Northern Nevada traveled to New Orleans for the Grassroots 2020 Conference. The conference was held just before Mardi Gras. I am sure many of us who attended have some pretty wild stories. I know I do since this was the first time I attended Mardi Gras. The Grassroots conference is an opportunity for component leaders to share best practices with our peers, explore effective leadership strategies, learn ways to excite change and innovation in our chapter and firms, and network with others who are leading their chapters and communities.

This year, Grassroots 2020 was particularly exciting for Nevada delegates since our own Edward Vance, FAIA gave his candidacy speech for elective office for 2021 First Vice President/2022 President-elect. Ed’s speech was passionate and demonstrated his long history of leadership with AIA. We are proud of Ed’s accomplishments and know he would lead our national AIA organization with great pride, enthusiasm and expertise.

An overarching theme at Grassroots 2020 was what AIA has informally nicknamed the “Big Move” toward environmental stewardship. The Big Move is setting up for the AIA Climate Imperative. Focusing on Climate Action has AIA putting their attention on three overarching goals; Mitigating the Sources, Adapting to the Impacts, and Catalyzing Architects to Act. The full Climate Action Plan will be available later this year from AIA. We will be sure and share the plan when it is available.

Bald by Design will be happening on March 7 at McMullan’s Irish Pub. Plan to support the Bald by Design team by contributing to their fundraising and attending the shaving on March 7.

Our March Membership Meeting will be on March 18. The meeting will be a panel discussion centered on “What Are We Doing In Nevada To Combat Climate Change?” We will hear from state and local officials and leaders who are leading the way in carbon reduction and sustainability. You will not want to miss this meeting!

Sincerely,

Lance J. Kirk, AIA, LEED AP
MARCH MEMBER MEETING
WHAT IS NEVADA DOING TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE?

Actually, we are doing quite a lot in our state. Plan to attend the March Member Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, and you’ll hear from state and local officials who are leading the way in carbon reduction and sustainability.

We’ve invited Senator Chris Brooks, Tom Perrigo (or Marco Velotta) from the City of Las Vegas, David Bobzien from the Nevada Office of Energy and Frank Fritz or Kristen Averyt from UNLV to share their ideas, active programs and information on this vital issue in a panel discussion, with Lance Kirk, AIA as the moderator. You’ll get the whole story and what’s happening in our city, county and state and what it means for architects and your projects. RSVP Now!

The meeting will be held at the Zappo’s WOW Theatre, located in the Zappos headquarters (old City Hall) 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas 89101. The reception with plenty of food and drink begins at 5:30PM and the program starts at 6:30PM.

FREE Parking is available in the Zappos Guest Parking, enter from Las Vegas Boulevard into the underground parking area, OR the employee parking lot is located at 304 S. 7th Street, which is a half block east of Zappos on the corner of Stewart and 7th Street.

There is no charge to attend but we do ask the courtesy of an RSVP. Please, No Walk-ins. If you must cancel, please let us know 24 hours in advance. RSVP No-Shows will be invoiced $35.00. This program will be registered for 1.5 HSW CELU’s. CLICK HERE TO RSVP!
We are gearing up for the next Bald By Design head shave event in support of the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. The Foundation funds about $30 million per year toward childhood cancer research initiatives.

The event will be on March 7, 2020 at McMullan’s Irish Pub (shave time TBA). As AIA Las Vegas is our official team sponsor, we invite any AIA members to join our team as shavees or as volunteers. If you want to shave, men usually just shave. Women with long hair have the option to shave, or to cut 10+ inches for use in making wigs for kids going through chemotherapy. If you are interested to join the team in any capacity, you can sign up at the St. Baldrick’s website (www.stbaldricks.org). Be sure to check the Team box and pick Bald By Design. Those of you that are returning for another year, same instructions apply regarding checking the team box. If anyone needs assistance you can reach out to me at phil.ralston@anclv.com.

This will be the 9th year that the Bald By Design team has been shaving as a team. In that time the team has raised over $800,000 for the Foundation! We are very proud of this, but look forward to hitting $1 million!! If you don’t choose to volunteer or to shave, please keep supporting your friends and family that do shave by donating to their websites. **We can’t do what we do without your support.** Thanks for all the support and encouragement that the chapter has provided. We look forward to another great year!

Best regards, Phil Ralston, Bald By Design Team Captain
Honorary AIA Las Vegas Allied Member

The Team... so far
Windom Kimsey, FAIA
Roy Nakamura
Mark Dowell, AIA
Steven Kimsey
Mark Hobaica, AIA
Alex Raffi
Adam Wood
Kian Habashi
Joe Schmidt
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APRIL IS ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN MONTH

Celebrate the art, architecture and design of Las Vegas and those who create it throughout the whole month of April. Las Vegas is a unique city with some of the most interesting and inspiring architecture in the country. AIA Las Vegas, UNLV, AIAS and other community organizations have scheduled a number of programs and events to celebrate. Join us at all the following events.

April 1-31 – SAY IT LOUD EXHIBIT – The exhibition features projects by diverse design professionals, as well as quotes and video interviews on their experiences in architecture and design professions. SAY IT LOUD is the activation of a national movement of sharing, protecting and celebrating the journey of the underrepresented to inspire the next generation. On display daily in the UNLV Architecture Studies Library. Opening Reception and program on Monday, April 20 – 6:00PM.

April 1 – InCONVERSATION with UNLV School of Architecture – TR Witcher, assemblageSTUDIO – Led by Eric Strain, FAIA, an associate professor at the UNLV School of Architecture and Juhl LV’s current artist in residence, the inCONVERSATION series brings students and the community at large together to explore the creative arts and it’s impact on building community. These events are FREE and open to the public. They will all be held at Juhl Las Vegas (353 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89101) Events begin at 6 p.m.

April 3 – AIA First Friday Open House & AIAS Napkin Sketch Exhibit & Silent Auction – Join us in the AIA Las Vegas office at 1121 S. Casino Center Blvd. on First Friday, April 3rd. 5:30 – 8:30pm. There’ll be drinks and snacks and “Napkin Sketches” created by some of the most renowned architects in the country. RSVP here.

April 6 – Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series – James Trahan, AIA – James Trahan, AIA is principal of 180 Degrees, a Phoenix-based design-build firm. He graduated with multiple honors from Louisiana State University and is a past recipient of the AIA Young Architects Award. Since establishing his firm twelve years ago the firm’s design-build projects have been published worldwide showcasing the design and construction of unique architecture and space. Meet James and learn more about his unique practice at the UNLV Architecture Studies Library on April 6, at 6:00PM.

April 8 – InCONVERSATION with UNLV School of Architecture – D. Baird, AIA, J. Vermillion, Assoc. AIA, E. Weber, G. Nowak, AIA, and A. de Salvatierra – UNLV School of Architecture – Led by Eric Strain, FAIA, an associate professor at the UNLV School of Architecture and Juhl LV’s current artist in residence, the inCONVERSATION series brings students and the community at large together to explore the creative arts and it’s impact on building community. These events are FREE and open to the public. They will all be held at Juhl Las Vegas (353 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89101) Events begin at 6 p.m.

April 10 – AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards – Come meet the “Future Architects” as we recognize and award the most talented young designers in this annual competition. Five schools with over 150 students participate in this design challenge to receive recognition and cash awards for their outstanding work. Come see the next generation of architects and applaud their work. UNLV School of Architecture Architecture Library – Reception and program 5:30PM to 8:00PM. RSVP here.

April 12 – Good Deed Spring Brunch – The Good Deed Project is a nonprofit organization committed to community development. Celebrating five years this year, the spring brunch provides funding for homes and renovations for families in need. Do a good deed by attending and enjoying a beautiful brunch while you browse through the wonderful silent auction items. Tickets available here.

April 15 – Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series – Farahi and Sablan “Emerging Voices” Lectures + “Say It Loud” Exhibition

Behnaz Farahi’sLA based designer, who explores the relationship between the human body and the space around it. Her work addresses such issues as emotion, bodily perception and social interaction. Pascale Sablan, AIA, is a senior associate at S9architecture in New York and founder and executive director of Beyond The Built Environment. UNLV Architecture Studies Library at 6:00PM.

April 20 – Women In Architecture Meeting – Enjoy meeting, networking and getting to know the diverse women who are the Women in Architecture in Las Vegas. This is a special informal meeting for those who are involved in the design, architecture and construction industries, or who just have a passion for design. Noted guest speakers and shared ideas and inspirations. AIA Las Vegas Chapter Office 1131 S. Casino Center Blvd., LVNV 5:30PM – RSVP here.

April 24 – AIAS Spaghetti Dinner – The American Institute of Architecture Students invites you to enjoy a spaghetti dinner with them and learn how they are working to improve the community as they move toward licensure as architects. Funds generated from the Dinner support the AIAS group with travel to their National Forum and in their community outreach efforts. Spaghetti Dinner being served at the Bergman Walls Architects office (709 Valle Verde Court, Henderson, NV) 6:00PM. Purchase tickets here.

April 27 – Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series – Michelle Delk, ASLA – Snohetta – Michelle Delk, is partner, Discipline Director of Landscape at Snohetta. (Landscape) Snohetta began as a collaborative architectural and landscape workshop, and has remained true to its trans-disciplinary way of thinking since its inception. Human interaction shapes the spaces the firm designs and how they operate. Learn more about this acclaimed international firm and specific approach to Landscape design. On April 27 at the UNLV Architecture Studies Library at 6:00PM.
There is always a lot going on at the School of Architecture, and one of the most exiting projects currently in development is our design + build competition entry for the U.S. Department of Energy-sponsored Solar Decathlon 2020 contest. The Solar Decathlon challenges student teams in ten categories, ranging from architectural design and engineering, to market appeal and communications. The team that best blends affordability, consumer interest, and design excellence will prevail.

Our students have designed (and are currently building) a self-sufficient sustainable home of healing that will cater to the mental and physical needs of military veterans. We are one of just 10 universities worldwide selected to compete in the competition, and we are building on the experience from strong participation in previous design + build contests. Our Solar Decathlon 2013 entry finished second overall in the closest race in the competition's history, and the home now sits on permanent display as part of the Las Vegas Springs Preserve.

This international competition challenges student teams to design, build and operate solar-powered homes that are energy-efficient, affordable, and community focused. Our students are part of an interdisciplinary team of students and faculty from UNLV architecture, engineering, business, urban affairs, and communications. Team lead advisor is SoA faculty Eric Weber, an associate professor of architecture and director of the school's Design + Build Lab.

In June 2020, we will transport the "Mojave Bloom" home to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. where it will be exhibited form June 24 to July 5, 2020. Following the exhibition, the small house will return to Las Vegas, where it will have a permanent display in Downtown.

Participating in such international competitions is essential. The Solar Decathlon competition offers our students a unique opportunity to elevate their classroom experience through hands-on learning with university and industry partners. Main industry partner is Cube Xtreme Manufacturing based in Henderson, where the structural 58 feet-long steel frame has just been welded. The result is an energy-neutral, sustainable, off-grid home that will thrive in the harsh Mojave Desert climate and operate independent of all public utility services.

Information on the Solar Decathlon 2020 Build Challenge is here: https://www.solardecathlon.gov/event/challenges-build.htm

More information on the School of Architecture can be found here: www.unlv.edu/architecture
InCONVERSATION with UNLV School of Architecture

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These events are FREE and open to the public. They will all be held at Juhl Las Vegas 353 E. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89101 Events begin at 6 p.m., (with the exception of conversation on March 11, which begins at 1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 11 Mike Devine, Gallagher & Assoc., LLC  NOTE: 1:30 p.m. start time
Wednesday, April 1  TR Witcher, assemblageSTUDIO
Wednesday, April 8  David Baird, AIA, Josh Vermillion, Assoc. AIA, Eric Weber, Glenn Nowak, AIA, Alberto de Salvatierra, All From The UNLV School of Architecture

INTERNSHIP/CAREER FAIR BY UNLV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, AIA LAS VEGAS, AND AIAS

The 9th Annual Architecture Internship/Career Fair is coming to the Architecture Studies Library on Friday March 13th from 1:30-5:00pm! This event connects prospective interns or full-time employees with firms seeking emerging professionals and top graduating talent (all design disciplines welcome).

Participation in the internship/job fair is free but may be limited to the first 18 firms to register for the events, so please reserve a spot with the event coordinator, Glenn NP Nowak, AIA, right away (email: glenn.nowak@unlv.edu)! Suggested donation of $150 per firm will support the initiatives of our AIAS Chapter. Please make check payable to AIAS – Las Vegas.

We anticipate 100+ students across all year levels participate in the internship fair. Please arrive 15-20 minutes early for set-up and parking (no permit required after 1:00pm). Rectangular banquet tables (6’) will be provided to each firm for any promotional materials you would like to bring. From 1:30-5:00pm students will be invited to visit each firm’s table, ask questions, and share their resumes/portfolios. We hope you will join us!

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- We stand for equity and human rights
- We stand for architecture that strengthens our communities
- We stand for a sustainable future
- We stand for protecting communities from the impact of climate change
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- We speak up, and policymakers listen

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PAYING YOUR DUES

To all those who have paid their 2020 dues.... **THANK YOU!!** and for those who have not... **What Are You Waiting For?** Please pay before March 31st. Unpaid members will be lapsed as of April 1, 2020... And that means losing all AIA benefits...on the Local, State and National levels. Including and most particularly...

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If you’d like to pay your dues in installments.... You can arrange to do that at [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org). You would have from April to June to pay your dues in three installments, but all dues must be paid in full by June 1, 2020.

**BY THE WAY....**

AIA Las Vegas currently has a membership of 492 – made up of 277 architects, 90 Associates, and 125 Allied Members. Each category pays dues (Architects = $346.00 /Associates = $220.00 / Allied = $400.00) and all members receive essentially the same benefits.

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Save the Date – Registration Will Be Open Soon

Thursday, May 28, 2020
8:00AM to 5:30PM
Registration is $95.00
(Continental Breakfast & Lunch included)

SCHEDULE
7:00 am - 8:00 am - Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00am - Session 1
10:00 - 10:15am - Break
10:15 - 12:15am - Session
12:15 - 1:15pm - Lunch Served
1:15 - 3:15pm - Session 3
3:15 - 3:30pm - Break
3:30 - 5:30pm - Session 4

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The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be
Saturday, March 14, 2020
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They will be meeting at the Nevada State Railroad Museum
601 Yucca St., Boulder City, NV. 89005
702-498-3658 Eric's Cell

You should bring your own sketch supplies, some water and your water colors (if you'd like). Don't forget some water (to drink), something to sit on (you'll be glad you did)! A jacket and hat would be handy and sunscreen is still a must!!

See you On Saturday, March 14th!

URBAN SKETCHERS PAT SOUTHERN-PEARCE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17TH AND 18TH
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
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NEW TO AIA LAS VEGAS!

Las Vegas Valley Housing Statistics, adapted from the Nevada Housing Coalition website: the fair market rent in Nevada for a two-bedroom apartment is $966; an hourly wage to afford that apartment is $18.59/hour. At that wage, a person must work 90 hours/week to afford that apartment. Meanwhile, we have only 37 affordable units available for every 100 low-income households at the State minimum wage of $8.25/hour. Locally, we cannot build fast enough to accommodate people’s needs for affordable housing. We also have a difficult time, financially, building housing that people can afford. Without affordable housing, we risk increasing the numbers of people suffering from homelessness.

In response to the issues of homelessness and affordable housing, 2019 AIALV President Dwayne Eshenbaugh dedicated an entire year of membership meetings to homelessness and the affordable housing challenges inherent in the Valley. The presentations culminated in an affordable housing charrette and a presentation of our findings last Fall.

Did I mention challenging? For those who haven’t researched affordable housing for the workforce that is at or under the median wage for Nevada, to nail-down housing solutions can be daunting. There are a lot of variables involved with mixed-use, workforce, and tiny home housing – the housing models we focused on for the Affordable Housing Charrette – with funding options at the top of the Issues List. Affordable housing is complicated. Fortunately, solutions are the Architect’s bailiwick. We are creative people who find solutions to buildings and spaces on a daily basis.

The AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) was established in response to those issues and complications we identified. Our mission is to dive further into housing issues and to create a publication based on our 2019 findings, the charrette, and presentations. The AHC needs your help. Do you love research, want to delve into policy, adore financing and funding? Or are you part of a public entity? The AHC needs you. Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA & I serve as Co-chaIRS for the committee, and have designated Dawn Duranleau, AIA as the publication editor. Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, Executive Director of AIA Las Vegas is the publisher. We’ve mapped the tasks required to complete the publication and several of us have taken on one or more tasks. We still need help. Whether you were involved in the charrette or just interested in this topic, we can use your help and expertise in gathering and recording information from the State, County, and Cities.

For those of you in love with The Numbers and have a knack for funding solutions – join our Funding & Finance sub-committee! They will be meeting on Wed., Feb. 26 at 5:30pm. Contact me for the location. (702-331-3059 or mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com)

The next AHC meeting will be held in the AIA office on Tuesday March 10th, at 5:30pm. Join us live & in person or via conference call (605-313-4821 Code: 963349#)

This article is dedicated to the memory of my friend Stephen Harsin, former Director of Office of Community Services at the City of Las Vegas, a man who worked and advocated for workforce housing and ending homelessness. He will be missed.
The Education Outreach Committee was established to engage with elementary, middle and high schools and the School of Architecture (AIAS) providing programs that educate and inspire students regarding the value of architecture and the career opportunities in the profession.

The Committee has a number of opportunities to work with high schools this spring by participating in Career Days at the schools, providing presentations to classes, and mentoring and advising for the High School Design Awards. One of the most exciting events that will be offered is an “Architectural Tour” for 50 students from Valley High School. Most students do not have a chance to see much of Las Vegas or to learn about the architecture. This tour will provide that opportunity. It is the first that the Committee has offered, and will give these students a chance to see and learn about The World Market Center, The Smith Performing Arts Center, the Gehry Building (Lou Ruvo Brain Institute, and the Clark County Government Center, and ending with a drive down the Las Vegas Strip giving these students a real look at the economic engine of their city.

We need Volunteers to help with this tour. If you would like to help and provide this great opportunity for these students, please contact John Torpey, AIA – Chair of the Committee – jot751@aol.com or (702) 580-5903. You can also contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at rlavigne@aianevada.org

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John Torpey, AIA, Chair of the Educational Outreach Committee, poses with Foothill High School Students at the I CAN BE Event held in January. John said the event was well organized and the students were interested and asked lots of questions. If you’d like to go with John to the next I CAN BE event, please contact Kelly at klavigne@aianevada.org
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MEET OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT
Meet our new president-elect Michelle Tapia! Michelle has been a very active member since her first year at the SoA and has been a huge asset to the success of our chapter. She currently serves as our Freedom By Design Director and is coordinating with CCSD to design and build a reading loft for Gibson Elementary School set to be built in the next year. We are excited to welcome Michelle as our next president!

WHAT WE’VE DONE
FORUM
We had an amazing time at FORUM! While in Toronto, Canada we were able to listen to experienced keynote speakers, attend seminars and workshops, meet hundreds of architecture students from around the world and represent and show our school’s mission and values at UNLV. We were awarded with both the Outstanding Freedom By Design Project Honor Award and the Honor Award for one of the Top 15 Freedom By Design Projects of all time! Thank you AIAS National for these awards and for the amazing conference! We could not be more grateful!

Internal Mentorship Program
It’s important for us to establish and maintain a collective environment in the School of Architecture, so every semester we put on an Internal Mentorship Program. This program pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen that would like a mentor to help them with their architecture journey or anything else they may need help with during school. This currently has 32 students participating in this program. We look forward to connecting with each other and establishing long-lasting relationships!

Firm Crawl
Hoogland Architecture hosted us at their office a few weeks ago and we enjoyed every minute of it! Thank you CI for showing us your exceptional work and talking more about your design process and team!

WHAT’S COMING!
AIA/IAAS Mentorship Program
We relaunched our Mentorship Program this year. We currently are running a 4-4-4 Program (4 mentors, 4 groups of 5 students, lasting 4 months). Thank you to John Kli Ka, FAIA and Jon Saper, FAIA, Chris Lujan, AIA, Jorge Hernandez, and Wendy Garcia for being mentors for this semester’s program. Our students are very excited to meet our mentors and vice versa with the professionals!

Sketching Workshop w/ Ed Vance
Our Annual Sketching Workshop with Ed Vance will be held on February 29th & March 7th from 1pm to 3pm! Thank you Ed for offering to host our chapter again at your firm. We are looking forward to the amazing workshop you put on every year!

Spring Internship Fair
The Spring Internship Fair will be held on March 13th at the UNLV School of Architecture. If you are interested in participating there are still some tables open. There is an optional donation of $150 to our AIA UNLV chapter to support the mission and values of our AIAS organization. We would love to have you attend the Internship Fair!

Napkin Sketch Silent Auction
This semester we kicked off our Napkin Sketch, where students in the school create and send sketches to their favorite firms around the world to essentially receive sketches back. We will also be extending this to local firms and hope to showcase their work as well to the general Las Vegas public to promote architectural awareness! This will be held on April 3rd at the AIA Las Vegas office at 5:30pm. This will be happening on First Friday so make sure to stop by!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
We will be hosting our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on April 24th at BWA. We are hoping to bring the community together, showcase all the work we have achieved this year and thank our supporters for all their help! We would love to have you attend this year. Tickets will be sold for $50. Please email unlv@aias.org if you are interested in attending! We hope to see you there!

Sponsorship Letters
Thank you to BWA, CORE Construction, Simpson Goulter Studio, TSK, and EV&A for your sponsorships this year! If you are interested in sponsoring our chapter and is coord to the email below. Tier 1 and Tier 2 sponsorships for our chapter will give you tickets to our Spaghetti Dinner, happening in April, as well as a reserved table at the SoA Spring Internship Fair!

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Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project will host the 44th Climate Reality Leadership Corps training in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 8–10, 2020. Applications are now open for the three-day activist training, which will explore the climate challenges and opportunities facing Nevada and the American West.

Led by former US Vice President and Climate Reality Founder and Chairman Al Gore, attendees will emerge from the training equipped with practical tools to effectively communicate about the climate crisis and contribute to a diverse, equitable, and inclusive movement for solutions. As part of the training, participants will also learn how to give an up-to-date version of the presentation made famous in the Academy Award-winning documentary An Inconvenient Truth.

“2019 was a breakthrough year for climate activism, but in 2020 and beyond, we need to act with greater urgency to accelerate the clean energy transition,” said Vice President Gore. “States like Nevada represent the enormous potential of the sustainability revolution to address the climate crisis and support social and economic progress. I am inspired by the grassroots energy led by Climate Reality Leaders around the country working to build a better future. All of us at The Climate Reality Project are thrilled to bring the next Climate Reality Leadership Corps training to Nevada.”

The start of the new year marks the beginning of a critical decade for climate action. Scientists have officially declared 2019 the second-warmest year on record, and unless greenhouse gas emissions are cut in half by 2030, disappearing water supplies, raging wildfires, and deadly heat waves could become the new normal, especially in areas like the American West, which is already warm and dry and thus particularly vulnerable to the escalating impacts of the climate crisis. Climate impacts like these increasingly and disproportionately impact frontline populations, highlighting the crucial connection between addressing both the climate crisis and longstanding social injustice.

Despite these challenges, Nevada represents the promise of viable, scalable climate solutions. As the US state with one of the nation’s highest solar potentials, Nevada is proof that investing in the clean energy transition is no longer a roll of the dice. By supporting and bolstering local, regional, and national clean energy initiatives, building more connected and sustainable cities, cutting tailpipe pollution and expanding mass transit, and ensuring that climate solutions include and empower frontline populations, we can power communities, grow economies responsibly, slash emissions, and accelerate the transition to a more just and sustainable future.

The training will include sessions on how citizens can influence decision-makers, communicate with diverse audiences, and implement ambitious climate action in their communities. The training will also focus on the movement for environmental justice and explore how cities, towns, and businesses are already taking the lead in creating and implementing climate solutions.

Climate Reality has trained more than 21,000 Climate Reality Leaders from 152 countries. Trainings have been held in Tokyo, Japan; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Brisbane, Australia; Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California; Berlin, Germany; Mexico City, Mexico; Manila, Philippines; Miami, Florida; Toronto, Canada; New Delhi, India; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Additional trainings this year will take place in San Antonio, Texas; Raleigh, North Carolina; and Detroit, Michigan.

Climate Reality also has 10 global branch offices and approximately 130 local chapters throughout the United States. To learn more about Climate Reality Leadership Corps trainings, visit https://www.climaterealityproject.org/training. Please contact training@climatereality.com or +1-202-567-6800 for questions.
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