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Member Spotlight
Zhe "Wendy" Sun, AIA
I joined the AIA as an associate member in January 2013 and was sworn in as a registered architect – together with my colleague Jeff Sarmiento – in October last year by TSK’s legendary former president and AIA Fellow Bill Snyder, FAIA.

Over the past 8 years, the AIA has provided me with numerous opportunities to meet members of the city’s amazing design and architecture community, network with peers, and stay up-to-date with the latest happenings around town. TSK’s senior team encourages us to get involved as much as possible, believing the AIA’s mission enhances our profession and community profoundly, so I’m thrilled to be part of such an incredible organization.

I’m originally from Shanghai and have called Las Vegas home for more than 10 years now. Since last October, I’m one of a handful of architects who are licensed to practice architecture here in the US – in Nevada – and also in China, where I gained my national architect’s license in 2009.

I’m a 2011 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where I studied for a master’s degree in architecture, and a 2005 graduate of the University of HUST back in China, where I completed both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. I’m currently a senior associate at Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (TSK), where I’ve worked since 2011.

In my 12 years of professional experience, in both the US and China, I’ve led the design and development of a diverse array of project types including education, commercial, healthcare, residential and mixed-use high rise, as well as hospitality and public buildings.

In addition to my project leadership responsibilities, I also assist TSK’s management team in exploring commercial opportunities in China, managing TSK’s project portfolio there, and fostering relations with Chinese developers here in the US. I’m also a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board, and the US Green Building Council.

I’m a proud wife to a great husband and mother of our fantastic daughter, Chelsea. Like many design professionals, my day-to-day life is centered around striving to find that magic balance between work and family life.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned? The most important thing I’ve learned is to ‘make it work’. To solve problems and respond to great challenges, we need to be open, brave, proactive and, above all, optimistic.

What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why? The Louvre in Paris, France. The amazing artwork displayed inside adds to the sense of anticipation, but I’ll never forget seeing I.M. Pei’s glass pyramid for the first time. The nadir of a truly unforgettable vacation with my husband and daughter, we travelled to Paris at the end of 2019 to enjoy one of the most beautiful – and architecturally unique – cities in the world.

Where will you be in 20 years? I’m the sort of person who lives in the present, so it’s hard for me to look quite as far ahead as 20 years! However, from where I am right now, I hope I will have both the time and resources to travel the world and see more of the incredible architecture, and the cultures that influenced it, for myself. I hope I’ll be afforded an opportunity to help further the education of the next generation of talented architects and designers in our community. Finally, and strictly on the down-low now, I’d love to write a biographical account of my journey, recollecting interactions with all the amazing people I’ve been fortunate to meet in my life.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with? I can’t wait to talk face-to-face with everyone in TSK’s family again! I miss conversing with such a colorful cast of characters on a daily basis, where even a quick chat in passing can be inspiring and uplifting. At the start of 2020, we were planning our 60th anniversary celebration as holders of the AIA Nevada Firm of the Year too – I’m reliably informed.
I can’t believe January is already over and we are into the second month of 2021. Hopefully everyone has settled into their routines and if you made New Year’s Resolutions, that you continue with them.

Last month, our AIA Las Vegas Member meeting focused on Bouncing Forward rather than thinking about how to bounce back from 2020. We learned about the VUCA model, a term from the United States Army War College planners which categorized events as Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous – hence the acronym. Though the term wasn’t created with a pandemic in mind, COVID-19 can be described as VUCA. Stephanie Rosol was our guest speaker in January and taught us how to recognize emotions and manage complexities in order to bring better balance to both our professional and personal lives. If you were not able to attend, you can watch the meeting at your leisure on the AIA Las Vegas YouTube channel or through the link here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krv4biUERm.

February is Black History Month, which was officially recognized first by President Gerald Ford in 1976 when he called on the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” This month, we align our member meeting with the AIA Las Vegas EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Committee which was just created last year. Already this committee has taken some bold initiatives and plans as they work towards their purpose: To advance and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion in the profession and in our communities.

This month, our member meeting will be a discussion and presentation with Michael Ford who is known as The Hip Hop Architect. I hope everyone will attend as he will talk about the program he founded, The Hip Hop Architecture Camp®, an international, award winning, youth camp which positions Hip Hop Culture as a catalyst to help underrepresented youth understand, critique, and generate architecture. One of the goals for the EDI Committee is to bring this youth camp to Las Vegas in the future and we hope the member meeting is the spark that will ignite passion in our community to make it happen.

As I finish my message this month, I leave you with a quote for us to be reminded of the wisdom from Martin Luther King, Jr., “Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

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AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada would like to celebrate the retirement of our Executive Director of 26 years, Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA. **On Saturday February 13th from 11am-1pm (PST)** we will be hosting a Virtual Retirement Celebration for Family, Friends, and Colleagues.

Randy started working for AIA Las Vegas when the Chapter was located in Houssels House (along with the UNLV School of Architecture) on the UNLV Campus in 1994. There were less than 100 members. Today, we enjoy a beautiful downtown Arts District office and have over 450 members. Along the way, she has led us through all the ups and downs and still managed to keep a level head and her sense of humor. She is truly a remarkable leader.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate her service and dedication. [Click here to register.](#) If you would like to say a few words during the celebration, please send an email to Carlos at CFernandez@AIANevada.org as an agenda will be created.

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING - HIP HOP ARCHITECTURE

Hosted by the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

**Michael Ford** is known as The Hip Hop Architect as he explores architecture and design through the lens of Hip Hop culture. Ford is the founder of The Hip Hop Architecture Camp®, an international, award winning, youth camp which positions Hip Hop Culture as a catalyst to help underrepresented youth understand, critique, and generate architecture. Ford’s work has been featured in a variety of media including The Oprah Winfrey Network, The TODAY Show, Rolling Stone Magazine, ESPN’s The Undefeated, Vibe Magazine, and most recently a HULU documentary, “Design For All”. Michael Ford is also a highly regarded speaker with keynotes at American Institute of Architects, Interior Design Show (Toronto and Vancouver), SXSW, and a TEDx titled, “Hip Hop Architecture as Modernism’s Post Occupancy Evaluation.” Ford’s Hip Hop Architecture lecture uses three interconnected realms - education, professional practice and media to highlight the need for design justice! Ford uses lyrical extractions as dialogue, commentary and counterpoints to popular architectural history and theory, the juxtaposition establishes Hip Hop lyrics as the unsolicited, unfiltered post occupancy evaluation of urban renewal initiatives. The lecture concludes with a series of projects and collaborations with Hip Hop artists, including The Universal Hip Hop Museum, The Hip Hop Architecture Camp, and international humanitarian work through his initiative Hip Hop x Humanity.

Through his years of research, publications and lectures, Michael Ford is recognized in the architectural and hip hop communities as a galvanizer and pioneer of a new era of architectural practitioners. Currently, Ford is an instructor in the architecture program at Madison College, and Co-Founder of the Urban Arts Collective, where he created and conducts the Hip Hop Architecture Camp with the mission to increase the number of minorities in architecture and urban planning.

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MARCH MEMBER MEETING - WOMEN IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Hosted by the Women In Architecture Committee

Join us for an informative and inspiring meeting celebrating Women’s History Month. Our speaker will be **Monica Chadha, AIA** Founder of Civic Projects, Chicago ([www.civic-projects.com](http://www.civic-projects.com))

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The AIA Las Vegas Chapter established the AIA LV Scholarship Endowment in 1995, and has provided over $250,000.00 in scholarship awards to UNLV Architecture Students since then. This year two new scholarships have been added to the list – The Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA Honorary Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.00, and the Hal Dean, AIA Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.00. Listed below is the complete list of scholarships that are available for architecture students at UNLV and a New Scholarship for Graduating BIPOC High School Students in Nevada.

For students entering 3rd Year in the Fall of 2021

Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship - $1,000
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For students entering 4th Year in the Fall of 2021

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KNIT Scholarship – $2,000
Awarded to the student who demonstrates leadership in their community and in the profession through commitment and desire.

For students entering 5th Year in the Fall of 2021

Joel Bergman, AIA Memorial Scholarship - $2,500
Awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional talent, desire and achievement with concentration in Hospitality and Entertainment.

John R. Klai, II, FAIA Honorary Scholarship - $2,500
Awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional talent, desire and achievement in the face of adversity in the pursuit of academic excellence.

For students entering 6th Year in the Fall of 2021

Harry O. Ray, AIA Memorial Design Award - $1,500
Based on the completion of the 6th Year Studio project, this scholarship is awarded to the student who clearly demonstrates and understanding of their design conclusions and how their curiosity in exploring all aspects influenced their design.

For students entering 1st Year in the Fall of 2021 (graduating High School in Spring 2020)

The AIA Nevada Diversity Scholarship – $1,000 – NEW
For BIPOC Scholars
(Black, Indigenous and People of Color)

In addition to the scholarships listed above, the AIA Nevada Chapter has provided a $10,000.00 donation to the Endowment Fund in order to provide an annual $1,000.00 scholarship specifically established for High School Seniors in the state of Nevada, with the primary purpose of providing greater educational opportunities for Black, Indigenous and People of Color scholars throughout the State, and to assist them in advancing their education in the field of architecture.

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AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada are accepting donations to help to grow our endowment and expand our ability to assist students to complete their architectural education. The future success of the architectural profession depends on the development of well-prepared architects who are able to accept the challenges of the future. Through the commitment of the AIA Las Vegas Scholarship Program, the Chapter provides financial assistance and critical review to students at the UNLV School of Architecture and now also to underrepresented youth in high schools across the state to assist them in their education and the development of their architectural acumen, awareness, and understanding.

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The firm is headquartered in Henderson, Nevada just outside Las Vegas at 2580 St Rose Parkway. The expansion office is located at 7527 E. First Street, Suite 9, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251. Scottsdale will be the second physical location for SCA Design, but the Arizona expansion is just one of three states where SCA Design offers architectural services, including Nevada, Utah and now Arizona. Although the newest office is in Maricopa County, the firm can operate throughout the state with an Arizona architects license.

Sheldon Colen, AIA, knew he was destined to a career in architecture when at 15 years old he was commissioned to design and oversee the construction of a home. After winning numerous state architecture contests throughout high school, he continued his studies and received a certificate in Architecture & Design (1986). Starting practice in 1986, he has had a long and fulfilling career. In 1995, Colen opened SCA Design. In 2010, Colen partnered with architect Gary Carlson. With 70+ years of combined experience between them, the 2 architects and team of 9 have broad experience that allow them to provide stunning commercial and residential architecture, organized planning, and development with exquisite interiors. The team takes pride in finishing on time and in budget, while providing quality services. A certified Local Emerging Small Business, SCA Design completes approximately 200 architecture and design projects per year under Colen’s leadership.

Colen has successfully combined his experience in all aspects of architectural disciplines to assist his clients in bringing to life innovative, functional projects with a watchful eye on budgets to achieve their goals. Colen has designed some of the most luxurious homes in all of Las Vegas, Nevada. In 2019, two of the homes Colen designed, resold as 2 of the top 5 highest priced resale homes in Vegas. Sheldon has completed work on notable commercial projects such as the Las Vegas Temple, Re-Imagination of the Iconic Boulevard Mall, a 1965 Vegas landmark, and many others. SCA Design does private and public works projects. They have qualified and are an On-Call Architect for Clark County, NV, for The City of Carson City and The City of Las Vegas. SCA Design specializes in land development, ground-up and tenant improvements, design-bid-build, design-build, commercial, office, retail, c-store/carwash, casino/hospitality, industrial/warehouse, coffee/restaurant design and residential design projects. For more information or to view a sample portfolio, visit www.SCADesign.com

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Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee
Chair: John Torpey. AIA  jot751@aol.com
Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee
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Anna Peltier  anna@arialandscape.com
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AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee
Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA  glenn.nowak@unlv.edu
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AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee
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Welcome to the new year, 2021. Our committee did not meet November and December due to the Holidays. I hope that everyone had some time off to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, even if the gathering size was smaller than previous years. Our first committee meeting of 2021 will be held January 26 and we have some continuing activities that are moving forward into this year.

The High School Design Competition will be a REBOOT of last year’s program, the Vegas Sports Hub. It calls for a design of a Community/Recreation Center on a site adjacent to City National Arena and the Las Vegas Ballpark in Summerlin. This year it will be on line from the start and has been modified from previous years to meet current practices necessary to be safe. Ryan Sisti, A.I.A. will continue to be the lead on this with teachers, schools and mentors involved. If you’re interested in mentoring for this competition please contact Ryan now.

I have contacted a number of CCSD faculty over the last couple months to see if our committee can participate in activities with their students. There has been interest from numerous CCSD schools and their faculty regarding virtual Career Day events, Google Meets live architectural presentations, and pre recorded architectural presentations. Many faculty are interested in doing something but unsure of what the next school guidelines will require. I’m hopeful that some of these schools will decide what they are going to do and will invite us to participate. As soon as that occurs I think the committee has the resources to respond.

Thank you
John Torpey, AIA
Chairman, AIA Educational Outreach Committee
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There is still time to submit to EDRA52! EDRA52 invites proposals to the Visual Presentations (Posters, Digital Media Shorts) and the Work in Progress submission categories. Proposals due January 8th 2021! Learn more about submission types.

Jobsite safety is no laughing matter, and situational awareness at all times is critical. This guy needs to up his game.

Reminds me of one day during construction of the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas. I was called to the jobsite to devise a repair for an improperly installed embed plate that supported the climbing tower crane on the inside of the tower core. I climbed 150 feet up the tower crane, shimied out to the end of the steel beam, came up with a fix, and then shimied back and held tight to the crane while an iron worker torch-cut two new holes in the steel plate. A stream of molten steel cascaded down and then splattered as it hit another steel beam 50 feet directly below. It was a spectacular sight in the dimly lit tower shaft. Then I noticed the people shouting below. The crane’s live 480 volt power cable that had been draped over the steel beam below was on fire, ignited by the molten steel drops from above. Fortunately, they got the iron worker’s attention and put out the fire before it burned through the insulation and fried all of us.

Dave Rowe, SE, principal structural engineer in Wright’s Las Vegas office, has taken his place as President of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern Nevada (SEASoN). Dave’s term will run through December 2021 when President-Elect Ben Rogers, also principal structural engineer in Wright’s Las Vegas office, will become President. SEASoN is the oldest and largest structural engineers association in Nevada and is focused on supporting the practice of structural engineering through education, collaboration and strengthening the structural engineering community. Wright Engineers has a long history of supporting and leading SEASoN starting with Brent Wright, a SEASoN founder and its first president.
RFQ FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRACT PROCUREMENT AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION. The Clark County School District, Contract Procurement and Compliance Services Dept., will be accepting Request for Qualifications from firms for Architectural and Engineering Selection.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) will be available online via Bluebeam beginning Monday, January 25, 2021. Your firm will need to email davisla@nv.ccsd.net and mcculaj@nv.ccsd.net to request the invitation for the digital RFQ documents through CCSD’s Bluebeam document viewer tool with instructions on how to view and print.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: All Applicants must submit the Request for Qualification electronically on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021, no later than 1:00 p.m. Responses will be received via E-Builder portal provided to the applicants. Responses that are not received by the deadline time and date will not be accepted. Facsimiles or emailed responses will not be accepted.

The Clark County School District invites all businesses, which includes women-owned, minority-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprise companies to participate. The Clark County School District is an equal opportunity employer and will not knowingly discriminate in any area of employment.
The AZ Awards (sponsored by Azure Magazine) is acknowledged for its influence and significance within the global design and architecture sphere and is a unique opportunity for architects and designers to receive the international exposure and acknowledgement that their exceptional work deserves.

Entries are juried by a panel of internationally renowned practitioners in the areas of product design, architecture, landscape architecture and interiors. Finalists and winners will be celebrated at the AZ Awards Gala in June 2021, and published in print and online.

You can find out more about the AZ Awards and our past jurors, winners and finalists [HERE].

Our Good Friend, Alex Raffi, the author of the book *Creative Courage*, is conducting interviews with artists, teachers, and industry professionals to discuss creativity and problem solving in their specialized fields.

See Them All At [https://alexraffi.com/interviews/](https://alexraffi.com/interviews/)
Contact Alex at araffi@weareimagine.com for more information.

You may not be aware that AIA Las Vegas offers a resume posting service on the AIA Las Vegas Website... FOR FREE!!
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The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) is proud to announce the new Great Places Awards category: Place Art. Place Art endows projects that use art as a primary means of exploring people-place relationships and the immediate or more far-reaching environmental and societal issues impacting those relationships. Submissions may be temporary or more permanently installed interventions, exhibitions, events, or programs that aim to socially activate a place and uncover, challenge, or transform its socio-environmental dynamics, conditions, and meanings.

EDRA invites submissions from a broad range of historic and contemporary art genres and practices, such as public art, environmental art, relational art and aesthetics, performance art, new-genre public art, creative placemaking, and artivism.

The deadline for submissions is February 5th, 2021.

Awardees will be celebrated at the Awards Ceremony during the EDRA52DETROIT: JUST ENVIRONMENT virtual conference in May 2021.

The Great Places Awards recognize work that combines expertise in design, research and practice; and contributes to the creation of dynamic, humane places that engage our attention and imagination. Award-winning projects reflect an interdisciplinary approach that is enduring, human-centered, sustainable, and concerned with the experiential relationship between people and their environment.

Meet the 2021 GPA Jurors
Download the 2021 GPA Brochure
Submit to 2021 GPA

(M) Our New Year Resolutions:
1) Secure awesome projects in our newly licensed area of work! Texas!
2) Maximize our LEED AP designation and represent our Company’s President and other Officers.
3) Rock out with our values of Pride in Product, Team Empowerment, and Education every month in a kick-ass way!

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What are some of your resolutions this year? How can we help make them happen??
**Successful Succession Planning for A/E Firms**

Ensuring a successful transition requires an understanding of all the options available, careful preparation, and long-term planning. This nationally recognized program examines the complex environment of ownership transition in architecture and engineering firms and provides expert guidance on structuring the most effective transition plan to maximize your retirement goals while preserving the destiny of your firm.

**Upcoming Virtual Seminars**

Due to the ongoing concerns with COVID-19, all seminars will be offered virtually. The virtual seminars are designed to ensure attendees can still receive the full benefit of the content, without the travel and group setting. Attendance is kept small and sessions allow full interaction with the presenters through the meeting platform—allowing attendees to ask specific questions about their situation.

- **JANUARY 28, 2021**
  - 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM EST
- **MARCH 9, 2021**
  - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST
- **FEBRUARY 10, 2021**
  - 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST
- **APRIL 28, 2021**
  - 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM EST
- **FEBRUARY 24, 2021**
  - 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM EST
- **MAY 4, 2021**
  - 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM EST

**What You Can Expect**

During this comprehensive, one-day seminar, our experts will offer in-depth coverage of the following, and much more:

- Proper Methodologies for Valuing a Firm
- Understanding Your Firms Financial Statements and Financial Ratios
- Choosing the Proper Buy/Sell Agreement
- Ownership Succession and Transfer of Control
- Income and Estate Tax Considerations
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Plus, you will also receive a Bonus Case Analysis, which will draw the techniques of the transfer, funding, and valuation into true perspective.

**Additional Details**

The cost of the webinar is $515 per person. We offer a 20% discount for each additional registrant from the same firm.

This seminar is registered with the AIA's CE System for 7 AIA Learning Unit Hours and with the RCEP for 6.5 PDHS (except Florida and New York).

Questions? Contact Jennifer Wilcox at (315) 472-8917 or by email at jwilcox@dmconsulting.com.
Demand for housing remains high, and light-frame projects with five—and now six—stories of wood are becoming increasingly common as a cost-effective way to increase density. With 1430 Q in Sacramento, D&S Development did something no one has done before—completed the country’s first residential structure with six stories of light wood-frame construction plus mezzanine over a two-level concrete podium.

1430 Q is WoodWorks’ latest case study project. Read about the design, construction and AMMR process, and gain insights from lessons learned by the design team. Interested in more case studies? See the full library of WoodWorks technical resources. And … check out our upcoming workshop! There are four timeslots to choose from, and each one features a case study presentation from a member of the project team.

“Details Make the Design Work: Coordinating Structural and Architectural Requirements in Light-Frame and Hybrid Wood Buildings”

Offered 4 times with 4 different case studies—choose the option that works best with your schedule and interest:
February 23: 10:00am-12:30pm ET
Case Study: Wellington, Cincinnati, OH

February 23: 2:00pm–4:30pm ET
Case Study: Cirrus, Denver, CO

February 25: 11:00am–1:30pm ET
Case Study: The Magdalena Hotel, Austin, TX

February 25: 3:00pm-5:30pm ET
Case Study: Hybrid multi-family, San Francisco, CA

Earn 2.0 AIA/CES HSW LUs, 2.0 PDH credits or 0.20 ICC credits.
Considering Mass Timber? Apply for a free pass

Design & construction professionals considering mass timber for a project can apply for a complimentary pass* to the 3-day, virtual International Mass Timber Conference starting March 30 (up to a $627 value). WoodWorks will award 100 passes. Applications must be submitted by February 11, 2021.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
Get the latest information on mass timber in mid- to high-rise buildings at the sixth annual International Mass Timber Conference. Co-produced by WoodWorks & the Forest Business Network, this conference is one of the largest gatherings of mass timber experts in the world. WoodWorks is creating a special track of credited seminars on key topics for architects, engineers and code officials (AIA/CES HSW LUs, PDH and ICC).

The 2021 Mass Timber Conference agenda includes:
- 40+ expert presentations
- 4 education tracks
- 100+ exhibitors + network opportunities
- Building tours

Winners will be notified on February 24th via email. Preference will be given to first time attendees of the mass timber conference who are currently in the design phase of a mass timber project.
On Friday, March 5th and 12th, The American Institute of Architects Los Angeles’s Committee on the Environment (AIA LA COTE) will be presenting the 4th annual 1.5°C Symposium on Climate Change. The symposium has been renamed “1.5 Degrees Celsius” from 2 Degrees Celsius to highlight the global urgent need for the design and construction industry to provide carbon mitigating solutions that will prevent the global temperature from rising more than 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.

AIA LA COTE is providing a conference that reflects the most relevant dialogues in society and has incorporated this thinking into a two-day symposium around Climate Action and Climate Justice. Carbon Neutrality, Healthy Building Environments, Resiliency, and Equity are a few of the topics to be presented by a diverse set of presenters including such keynotes as Farhana Yamin; an international environmental lawyer and activist who has co-authored a number of international treaties on climate change, including the Paris Climate Agreement.

WHEN: Friday, March 05, 2021 and Friday, March 12, 2021
9:00A – 12:30PST (both days)

WHERE: A Virtual Conference presented on Zoom and Whova

CES Learning Units: 3LU/HSW per day

SCHEDULE
Day 1 – Friday, March 5th
9:00A Welcome Address, Wade Killefer, FAIA
9:15A Keynote: Farhana Yamin
10:00A Panel 1, Carbon Neutrality
10:50A Panel 2, Reimagining the Future of Resiliency
11:30A Lunch Think
12:20P Day Recap

Day 2 – Friday, March 12th
9:00A Welcome
9:05A Keynote: TBD
10:00A Panel 1, Healthy Materials
10:35A Panel 2, Case Studies of carbon-efficient tech + Panel discussion
11:30A Lunch Think
12:20P Day Recap

TICKETS
1 Day Pass
$40 – AIA Member
$60 – Non Member
$15 – Student

2 Day Pass
$60 – AIA Member
$90 – Non Member
$20 – Student

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CITIZEN ARCHITECT OF THE MONTH

COREY CLAYBORNE, AIA

As a former practitioner, Corey Clayborne made the transition to full-time advocacy nearly four years ago when he became Executive Vice President and CEO of AIA Virginia, where he is helping to shape the next generation of Citizen Architects. In addition to his government affairs work with the Commonwealth’s AIA chapter, Clayborne lends his voice and expertise as an appointee to his local county planning commission, which advises elected officials on matters related to planning, zoning, housing, transit, and land use policy.

Corey Clayborne has been using his voice to rally teams for nearly two decades. In college, he was a member of the men’s varsity cheerleading squad. Just a few years later, he was learning how to lend his energy and spirit to positively impact community, regional, and national public policy.

Clayborne’s first experience in advocacy came around 2005, when he signed up to be a volunteer leader with AIA Blue Ridge. As part of his service, the chapter sent him to Washington, D.C., to be part of AIA’s annual fly-in on Capitol Hill.

“It was amazing to walk the halls of Congress,” Clayborne recalled. “What was more incredible, though, was that lawmakers immediately saw our value and they cared. I fell in love then, and wanted to use my skills and experience as an architect to shed light on important issues to our profession.”

Article continued at www.aia.org

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NOMINATE A CITIZEN ARCHITECT

Do you know an AIA member that brings their insights, talents, training, and experience to make positive contributions to their community through engaging in the administrative and legislative political process? CLICK HERE to Nominate a Citizen Architect

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SENIOR LICENSED ARCHITECT

Are you looking for a new and interesting way of using your knowledge and experience? Do you want challenge and excitement in your daily work? Do you like investigating the causes of issues in architecture and construction?

If so, we are looking for a Senior Licensed Architect to provide investigation, analysis, reports and testimony where technical and scientific answers are needed to help resolve civil litigation and insurance claims.

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Description: The Sr. Architect Expert will review and analyze documents and on-site conditions to determine to analyze the incident at hand. The Expert will use his/her years of experience and industry knowledge to assist our clients in performing their case duties typically in a legal environment.

Requirements:

• Degreed Architect
• Licensure/registration is required
• Ability to get licensed in other states in region
• Designed or worked on buildings with a variety of Use Groups - Assembly, Business, Educational, Mercantile, Institutional, Factory, and Residential, mixed-use.
• Experience with code evaluation, specification writing and/or diagnosing building defects and design analysis.
• Experience on construction sites performing construction administration; design/ build or construction management experience is a plus.
• Experience working for a construction company is a plus.
• Min. 15 years post degree experience.
• In-depth knowledge of building safety and construction technology.
• Proven ability to work both independently and as part of a comprehensive team.
• Excellent technical, analytical, writing and communication skills.
• BIM experience is a plus.
• 20% travel for casework in territory and potentially other states in region.

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JOIN THE DESIGNCELL TEAM!
DesignCell is a Full-service Architecture Design firm specializing in hospitality and multi-family design. We are a global firm with offices in Las Vegas, NV and Vilnius, Lithuania. We are actively seeking highly motivated, and detail-oriented professionals to join our Las Vegas team; we have the following opportunities available:

OPERATIONS MANAGER
The Operations Manager supports and collaborates with the firm principals in providing strategic leadership, meeting financial goals and project performance. Candidate will direct daily management of project operations and delivery and will be responsible for the operational leadership of the Las Vegas office. The role will require monitoring and advising on all issues related to quality control, office standards, scheduling workflow and overseeing project managers.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Degree in Architecture or related field with 10+ years of relevant architecture experience
• Professional Architect License
• Extensive knowledge of architectural, interiors principles/practices & construction
• Superior leadership skills with the ability to self-manage
• Highly organized
• Knowledge in latest versions of Revit

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT MANAGER
The Architectural Project Manager will manage multiple projects through all phases of design and construction administration, while overseeing design and production work. This individual has excellent leadership and strong technical skills to deliver exceptional projects on time and on budget. Candidate will communicate and coordinate with clients, project teams, project consultants, vendors, and city officials.

QUALIFICATIONS
• 7+ years of relevant architecture experience
• Working knowledge of Revit
• Extensive knowledge of building codes and structures, principles/practices & construction
• Hospitality and multi-family experience
• Minimal travel required

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER
DesignCell is seeking a talented Architectural Designer with strong design perspective and excellent leadership skills. The ideal candidate is highly organized and able to manage multiple projects in a collaborative team setting. A minimum of 6 years of experience managing large hospitality and multi-family projects is required.

RESPONSIBILITIES/QUALIFICATIONS:
• Work with Design Principal to provide design direction for all architectural projects from Concept through DD.
• Partner with project managers to ensure design intent is carried through CD and CA.
• Review and comment on designer’s work to ensure design vision is achieved including: Architecture, Interior Architecture, FF&E selection, Art, and Accessories
• Manage multiple concurrent projects
• Present projects and participate in client meetings
• Design full site plans and resolve complex design issues with limited direction
• Conduct site feasibility research site visit investigations.
• Generate reports/recommendations based on findings.
• Professional Degree (B.Arch., M.Arch.)
• Minimum of 6 years architectural design experience
• Proficiency in Revit and Adobe programs

INTERMEDIATE ARCHITECT
DesignCell is looking for an Intermediate Architect with 3 to 5 years of experience to join our architectural team in Las Vegas. The candidate will work as part of a collaborative team on the design and planning of hospitality and multi-family projects throughout the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITIES/QUALIFICATIONS:
• Supporting role to the project architect or project manager
• Ability to translate program data into design solutions
• Ability to research and build on an in-depth understanding of architectural building components
• Coordination of consultant and engineering documentation as part of the project including oversight of schedules
• Coordination with public agencies and jurisdictions
• Oversight of project production team members
• Participation in Construction Administration activities
• Professional degree in Architecture is required
• Revit experience is required

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS
DesignCell supports diversity and quality of life. We offer a relaxed, but truly professional environment with a no drama policy. We offer competitive salaries and a substantial benefits package for full-time employees.

CONTACT US!
If you feel this may be the career opportunity for you, please send your resume, cover letter and professional references through the ZipRecruiter portal.

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AIA LAS VEGAS CALENDAR

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    "Romantic Places"

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    and
    Mardi Gras

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    "Ed Vance, FAIA"
    and
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    and
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AIA LV Virtual C.E. Luncheon
    "OPEN"

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    "Snøhetta"

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"OPEN"

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    "Jim Lord, AIA"
    and
    AIA LV Membership Meeting
    "Women in Community Leadership"
    and
    Ash Wednesday

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    "OPEN"

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    and
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    and
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