Full-Day Mobile Session 1
UNESCO Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin West and Paolo Soleri

Learning Objectives:
• Understand architecture of the Sonoran desert environment
• Understand the generational Teacher/Student relationship between the two sites
• Understand the nature of these particular schools and studios
• Understand the environmental issues raised by both architectural precedents

Session Abstract:
Taliesin West was founded at a revitalizing phase in Frank Lloyd Wright's career. It is a school, an architectural workshop, a seasonal winter home, and more. Wright had an educational philosophy that emphasized learning from nature, and here, from the Sonoran desert. Taliesin West was intentionally made of the desert, as a strategy for merging architecture and landscape, which can be seen for instance in its desert masonry. It is a key example of 20th century environmental design, and has recently been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Cosanti was founded closer to the beginning of Paolo Soleri's career. It was and is an architectural workshop and is well known for the production of earth cast bells. Soleri was an apprentice at Taliesin, where he surely heard and knew Wright's philosophies of nature and in Soleri's own work, he advanced what he learned. Cosanti is a masterpiece on its own but it is also a precursor to Arcosanti which was effectively Soleri's lifework.

Both Taliesin West and Cosanti are in areas that were much less populated when they began than they are now, and both are visionary examples of Sonoran desert architecture.

Itinerary:
9:00 am    Leave Tempe
9:30     Arrive at Taliesin West
10:00–12:00    Guided tour at Taliesin West
12:00–1:00 pm   Lunch (provided),
                 Free time at Taliesin West
                 1:00–1:30 pm    Transport to Cosanti
                 1:30–2:15     Guided tour at Cosanti
                 2:15–2:45     Free time at Cosanti
                 3:15–4:00     Return to Tempe

Organizer:
David Richardson, Ph.D. Student, Arizona State University

Fees:
$125, includes transportation between Tempe and Taliesin West and Cosanti, entrance fees and guided tours in Taliesin West and Cosanti. Lunch box is included.
Learning Objectives:
• Understand the concept of Arcology which combines architectural and ecological principles
• Understand how Arcosanti is a prototype city and urban laboratory based on the principles of Arcology
• Understand how Arcosanti was developed and is changing over time
• Understand how Arcology and Arcosanti could shape the future of regenerative development and communities in the US and beyond, incorporating sustainable principles of Green Urbanism

Session Abstract:
Arcosanti is a prototype city and urban laboratory based on the visionary architect Paolo Soleri's principles of Arcology, which fuses architectural and ecological principles. Arcology proposes a compact three-dimensional urban form to provide a lean alternative to the unsustainable urban sprawl city form found in most of America. The mobile session will explore how the principles of Arcology are increasingly relevant in today’s world. As an urban laboratory, Arcosanti provides provocative and practical opportunities to learn from, and impressive physical infrastructure to leave visitors feeling inspired about how we could live in the future. The session will also highlight the various challenges that the project has faced over the last 50 years alongside the Cosanti Foundation’s vision for the Urban Laboratory in the decades to come.

This mobile session will tour Arcosanti, which is set in the pristine high desert landscape located 80 miles north of Phoenix. The on-site tour will highlight the architectural designs of Paolo Soleri and discuss the future development goals of the site. Participants will also see the world famous Cosanti bells cast in a molten bronze pour, explore the ceramic studio and earth casting techniques, and peek into the interior spaces in which the 75 current residents of Arcosanti reside.

Itinerary:
9:00 am 10:30 10:30–12:30 12:30–1:30 pm
Leave Tempe Arrive at Arcosanti Guided tour Lunch at Arcosanti
1:30–2:30 2:30–4:00 pm
Free time to explore Return to Tempe

Organizer:
Ruth Rae, PhD, Sustainable Urban Environments Program, Technology, Culture and Society Department, New York University Tandon School of Engineering
Tim Bell, Director of Community Engagement, Arcosanti and Cosanti Foundation

Fees:
$95, includes transportation between Tempe and Arcosanti, entrance fees and guided tours. Lunch is included at Arcosanti.
Learning Objectives:
• Explain how the relationship between native ecosystems and people changes over time
• Appreciate how rich biological diversity makes the Sonoran Desert one of the most unique ecoregions in the United States, and the role people play in its stewardship
• Describe how experimental research can be used to understand the human-environmental interaction in a given condition
• Understand how research can play a role in shaping environmental design

Session Abstract:
The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a 98-acre (40-hectare) natural history museum, zoo, botanical garden, art gallery and research institution. Located just west of Tucson and adjacent to Saguaro National Park, it is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the Sonoran Desert and adjacent biomes. The Desert Museum has become a leader in the interpretation of the Sonoran Desert ecoregion as well as research and conservation efforts in both the US and Mexico. Reflecting the biodiversity of the region, the Desert Museum is home to more than 230 animal species and 1,200 species of plants.

Biosphere 2 is an innovative earth system science research facility located near the town of Oracle, Arizona. Originally designed as a model for establishing a closed ecological system that could sustain human life in outer space (Biosphere 1 is Earth), Biosphere 2 has been a University of Arizona research facility since 2011. The mission of Biosphere 2 is to serve as a center for research, outreach, teaching, and lifelong learning about Earth, its living systems, and its place in the universe.

Itinerary:
8:00 am Leave Tempe
10:00 Arrive at Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
10:00–11:30 Guided tour at the Desert Museum
11:30–1:30 Lunch on own in the Museum’s restaurant or cafeteria; Explore exhibits on your own
1:30–2:30 Transport to Biosphere 2
2:30–4:30 Guided tour at Biosphere 2
4:30–6:30 pm Return to Tempe

Organizer:
Peter Price, MLA, University of Arizona

Fees:
$125, includes transportation between Tempe and Tucson, entrance fees, and guided tours in Museum & Biosphere 2. Lunch is NOT included.
Half-Day Mobile Session 4
Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Partnering Together for Preservation

Learning Objectives:
• Understand how the grass roots effort resulted in several successful elections to tax their own community to protect the natural desert and mountains
• Understand how the City’s relationship with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy and their volunteers leads to limited city staffing to support the Preserve
• Understand the City’s strategic approach to land acquisition and prioritization
• Understand how the City has prioritized environmental sensitive design for buildings and trails including an award-winning ADA-accessible interpretive trail and LEED certified buildings

Session Abstract:
The Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve is one of the largest public urban nature preserves in the United States, encompassing 30,500 acres contiguous nature areas of Sonoran Desert. As Phoenix metro area continues to face pressures of land development, it took collaborative efforts across residents and stakeholders in the City of Scottsdale to make this precious McDowell Sonoran Preserve possible for the public to enjoy. In addition, high quality and sustainable design for trails and facilities, making this preserve a superb getaway from city life.

The tour will also include a stop at the Arabian Public Library in Scottsdale, designed by Richärd + Bauer and completed in 2007. Winner of a Smart Environment Award, the library is inspired by the desert slot canyons of northern Arizona, “capturing the powerful and unique experience between the compressive stone walls and the ultimate release to the sky above (ArchDaily 2007).” Walls of weathered steel and stone and a continuous thread of water evoke the landscape and organize the entry sequence and interior and exterior spaces.

Itinerary:
8:00 am Leave Tempe
8:40–9:00 Arrive & Tour Arabian Public Library
9:00–9:10 Travel to Gateway Trailhead
9:10–10:00 Guided walking tour at Bajada Trail and LEED Platinum building
10:00–10:30 Transport to Brown's Ranch Trailhead
10:30–11:30 Guided walking tour
11:30–12:15pm Return to Tempe

Organizer:
Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve Director, City of Scottsdale

Fees:
$45, includes transportation and guided tours. Lunch is not included. Donation to the facility is not included.
Learning Objectives:
• Understand urbanization development process and patterns in relation to city and nature environment in Phoenix
• Understand strategies in collaboration among stakeholders for nature preservation
• Introduce environmental justice in south phoenix and historical context
• Explore edge conditions and sustainable development strategies between city and nature environments

Session Abstract:
Phoenix Sonoran Preserve and South Mountain Park and Preserve are germs of nature areas for the City of Phoenix, the fifth largest city in the United States. The Master Plan for Phoenix Sonoran Preserve was completed in 1996, authored by James Burke and Joseph Ewan. In his research, Ewan explored the innovative strategies of living at the edge between the city and the desert. South Mountain Park and Preserve is another masterpiece of nature areas that draw visitors locally and regionally with large preserved areas and one of the best views overlooking the city. As traveling from the Sonoran Preserve at north to South Mountain at south of Phoenix, it is worth noting the historically segregated zoning since the early 1900s resulting effluent neighborhoods north of railroad and minority neighborhood at south. Recent development around the South Mountain Park and Preserve has raised concerns of preserving urban agriculture and integrity of local communities.

Itinerary:
8:00–8:45 am Leave Tempe and travel to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve
8:45–10:00 Guided hiking tour
10:00–10:30 Transport to South Mountain Park and Preserve
10:30–11:30 Guided walking/bus tour
11:30–12:15 pm Return to Tempe

Organizer:
Joe Ewan, Program Head and Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Arizona State University

Fees:
$45, includes transportation and guided tours. Lunch is not included. Donation to the facility is not included.
Half-Day Mobile Session 6

Nurturing Nature at the Urban Edge: Conservation Along the Rio Salado

Learning Objectives:
• Understand how habitat restoration inspired new sustainable development and urban connections
• Understand the innovative collaborative design processes that lead to functional, adaptive, and sustainable facilities
• Experience award-winning architecture, and learn first hand the passive and sustainable design strategies utilized by the design and construction teams
• Experience first hand the Sonoran habitat in a semi-urban context, and observe many of the native birds, wildlife, and flora

Session Abstract:
The architects of the two recent projects: The Rio Salado Audubon Center and Liberty Wildlife, along with volunteers and staff at the centers collectively will share their stories of realizing these projects uniquely urban projects, from early planning stages, environmental challenges and sustainable considerations, and ultimate success stories.

Rio Salado Audubon Center makes conservation action accessible to everyone by reaching out to audiences that are new to environmental stewardship and by providing useful information about sustainable living. They offer a full spectrum of hands-on experiences for every age including fun-filled family programming, weekend activities and festivals, STEM-supporting school field trips, and on-the-ground conservation work focused on local species at risk.

Liberty Wildlife is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to nurturing the nature of Arizona through conservation, education, wildlife rehabilitation and sustainability. They are mainly a volunteer-based organization of about 250-300 volunteers and a small staff, who assist the state of Arizona with the rehabilitation of native species, specializing in avian, reptile, amphibian and small mammal species. They care for between 7000-8000 animals every year with a release rate over 50%, above the national norm.

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Organizer:
Cody Deike and Jeff DeHaven of WeddleGilmore Architects

Fees:
$35 includes transportation and guided tours. Lunch is not included. Donations ($5 suggested) to the facilities are not included.
Learning Objectives:
• Understand the water control systems in the Phoenix desert landscape
• Understand the restoration process of the Salt River habitat
• Understand the importance of water in the development of the Phoenix valley
• Discover alternative modes of transportation in the Phoenix metropolitan area

Session Abstract:
The Phoenix valley is crossed by the Salt River and a network of 131 miles of canals tracing their origins to the Hohokam people. As a solution to regular droughts and floods, four dams along the Salt River and three dams along the Verde River were built starting in the early twentieth century, followed in 1999 by the opening of Tempe Town Lake.

The bike tour will discuss these major infrastructure projects, as well as nature restoration efforts, sports and recreation, and building developments that have followed the transformation of the river. Participants will learn about the importance of the water network in a desert metropolitan area, changing views on domesti-cating the flora and fauna in a desert landscape, the history of completed and abandoned projects, and the challenges faced in the development of these projects.

Itinerary:
8:00 am Leave from the Tempe Transportation Center and ride the Rio Salado Pathway towards Downtown Phoenix 10:10 Bike to Audubon Center
8:10 Stops at Tempe Town Lake and Tempe Center for the Arts 10:40 Stop by Audubon Center
8:50 Bike across Sky Harbor International Airport, arrives the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area 11:20 Bike through the Phoenix historic Warehouse District
9:30 Stop by Liberty Wildlife 12:00 pm Bike tour ends in downtown Phoenix.

Participants will have the option to ride back to Tempe by themselves or to take the light rail with their rental bike ($2 one ride or $4 one day pass) back to Tempe Transportation Center

Organizer:
Olivier Vallerand, Assistant Professor of Interior Design and Architecture, Arizona State University

Fees:
$55, includes bike rental and guided tours /or/ $15 includes guided tours. You bring your own bike. Lunch is not included. Donations to the facilities are not included.
Half-Day Mobile Session 8


Learning Objectives:
• Understand how Phoenix was developed from the rich natural and cultural history
• Understand policies and incentives in place to preserve historical buildings and districts
• Understand how historical buildings have transformed their functions overtime
• Understand how Phoenix urbanization progression started and expanded from downtown

Session Abstract:
Downtown Phoenix has grown and changed significantly over the past decades and continues to evolve as a metropolitan center as the fifth largest city in the US. This tour will highlight the Burton Barr Phoenix Library, Hanny's department store (a sophisticated men's clothing store (1947-1986), which was later used as training grounds for firefighters and now Hanny's Restaurant), and the City of Phoenix Warehouse District (home to the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center.

Itinerary:
8:00–9:00 am  Take the light rail to downtown Phoenix Central Station
9:00  Walking tour in downtown
11:30  a) Optional lunch in the Warehouse District, then light rail back to Tempe Transit Center
     b) Take the light rail back to Tempe Transit Center

Organizer:
Roger Brevoort, Historic Preservation Specialist and realtor

Fees:
$15, includes one-day pass for light rail and guided tour. Lunch is not provided.
Half-Day Mobile Session 9
Phoenix Guided Tour: Midtown Midcentury Marvels

Learning Objectives:
• Understand the history of the Postwar boom and Architecture of Greater Phoenix
• Experience midcentury architecture designed for an arid climate
• Learn about the passive design strategies utilized during 1950-1970s
• Learn about the challenges facing a "young" city, and the multiple efforts to promote, protect and preserve
  the midcentury architectural heritage in Phoenix

Session Abstract:
Although the built history of Phoenix is short and much of that history has been lost, the last half of the
century saw a wave of architectural activity led by a cohort of new young architects--Ralph Haver, Al Bead-
dle, Charles Schreiber, Blaine Drake, Calvin Straub, Bennie Gonzalez, to Frank Lloyd Wright--who worked to
bring Phoenix and Arizona into the mainstream of American architecture. Over the last 20 years, the work
of that first generation of post-WWII architects in Phoenix has become more widely recognized, not just
by the profession, but by the public at large, for its contribution to the quality of the life in the city. Many of
the practitioners of 60 years ago are gone now but many of their works have survived, and in some cases,
assumed iconic significance in the memories of those who experienced them leading to a grassroots revival
celebrating midcentury modernism architecture and preservation in Phoenix and Arizona. We will explore the
Phoenix Midtown neighborhood, featuring iconic works like Executive Towers, the tallest building in Arizona
when it was constructed in 1962, The Phoenix Financial Center, the “landmark architecture” constructed by
David. H. Murdock, and many more. The tour will end at Federal Pizza, an adaptive reuse of Al Beadle’s First
Federal Savings and Loan building.

Itinerary:
1:00–2:00 pm   Leave from Tempe Transit Center and take light rail to Phoenix
2:00–4:00     Architecture Tour (walking, potentially combined with biking using city’s bike rental facility)
4:00–5:00     Take the light rail back to Tempe Transit Center

Organizer:
Brie Smith, Architect & Lecturer, The Design School, Arizona State University
Greg Kilroy, a member of the Postwar Architecture Task Force of Greater Phoenix

Fees:
$15 includes guided tour and one-day lightrail pass. Lunch is not provided. Bike rental is not included.
Half-Day Mobile Session 10A & 10B
Transforming a Sustainable Campus with Natural Systems Integration: a Walking Tour of ASU Tempe Campus

Learning Objectives:
• Understand natural systems and seasonal rhythms inherent in the Desert Southwest
• Understand the sustainable and innovative measures undertaken by a major University
• Distinguish between native and non-native landscapes specific to the Sonoran Desert
• Understand the importance of resiliency of desert landscape on an intensely student populated campus

Session Abstract:
A world leader in innovation, Arizona State University is a model for sustainability operations and practices. Strategies that result in a resilient campus environment include ASU reducing consumption, maximizing efficiency and rethinking products and actions. Dating to the late 1880’s, the historically significant landscapes of the Tempe campus include the grounds at Old Main and iconic Palm Walk. Preservation of these historic landscapes in context to the University undertaking broad sweeping sustainable development strategies set the tone for this insightful walking tour. Tour observations and discussions will focus upon the introduction of native species to key areas of the campus, the transition zone landscapes to the historic core and the integration of natural systems including green stormwater infrastructure, and artful expressions of water harvesting in an environment receiving a mere 7 inches of rain annually. Tour stops will include a new residence hall housing 1,600 engineering students, a solar power shade structure over a pedestrian median adjacent to the iconic Gammage Auditorium, the Biodesign Institute including James Turrell’s ‘Air Apparent’, and Orange Mall which is the first ASU project developed following the GBCI Sustainable SITES initiative criteria which is in performance monitoring phase to be just the second SITES certified project in all of Arizona.

Itinerary A: (AM Session)       Itinerary B: (PM Session)
9:30 am         2:00 pm            Meet at The Design School at ASU Tempe Campus
9:30–12:00      2:00–4:30         Walking tour on campus
12:00           4:30              Finishes tour on campus

Organizer:
Todd Briggs, ASLA, TRUEFORM
Allison Colwell, ASLA, Colwell Shelor Landscape Architecture
Norman Yatabe, Arizona State University Office of the University Architect

Fees:
Free, $0, includes guided tours, lunch is not included
Learning Objectives:
• Understand why ASU is a leader in sustainability in higher education
• Understand how ASU is working towards its net-zero climate commitment by 2025
• Understand how ASU is working towards a Zero Waste campus by 2025
• Understand how Sustainability is managed at ASU

Session Abstract:
Arizona State University is a leader in sustainability, both in research and education, as well as operational and applied methods. The walking tour will focus primarily on aspects of operational sustainability on ASU's Tempe campus. Participants will learn about ASU's investment in solar power and policy development that enables ASU to continue growing while reducing overall emissions. Emphasis is placed on design principles and partnerships that are changing the way ASU is building the future. Participants will also learn about ASU's path to Zero Waste, the campus as an arboretum, sustainability management and placement within ASU, alternative transportation infrastructure, and other aspects of sustainability in higher education.

Itinerary A: (AM Session)
9:30 am
9:30–12:00
Meet in Fulton Center lobby, nearest the parking garage.
• Tour parking structure, discuss solar
• Visit Wrigley Hall – the first school of sustainability
• Zero Waste at ASU
• Campus as an arboretum
• Redefining libraries
• Memorial Union and Student Pavilion – sustainability interfaces
• Palm Walk
• Old Main

Itinerary B: (PM Session)
2:00 pm
2:00–4:30
• Organizer:
  Nick Cookson, Program Manager, University Sustainability Practices

Fees:
Free, $0, includes guided tour, Lunch is not provided
Half-Day Mobile Session 12A & 12B

**Biomimicry: Tapping into Nature’s Genius for Sustainable Solutions**

**Learning Objectives:**
- Participants will gain an understanding of biomimicry and it's potential solution space in their own field
- Participants will explore adaptations of nature for a specific design challenge
- Participants will collaborate in teams to brainstorm innovations inspired by nature
- Participants will understand that nature is a blueprint that can help us innovate and find solutions to our sustainability problems

**Session Abstract:**
Biomimicry is the conscious emulation of life's genius, and offers a new perspective for a sustainable and regenerative future by asking the question: what lessons can we learn from the natural world? By observing organisms that have managed to survive in harsh environments like the desert, we can create more efficient and low-impact designs and technologies that work for instead of against life. Biomimicry is studying a leaf to invent a better solar cell, or a bird beak that inspires an efficient fast-speed train. The compelling core of this new field is that nature has already solved many of the challenges we are currently facing: energy use, food production, climate control, non-toxic chemistry, transportation, and more. Ultimately, biomimicry acknowledges that “life creates conditions conducive to life”, and we aim to integrate these lessons learned in our built world to be better neighbors on this planet. We will begin this hands-on workshop by first exploring successful strategies from our local ecosystem: and start asking questions such as “How does nature store water, build resilient structures, or protect itself?”. Participants will learn to tune into the genius of nature through careful observation techniques and dive deeper into the realm of bio-inspired design. This workshop will guide you through the biomimicry design process: identifying organism function and strategy, synthesizing design principles, and brainstorming applications for how we might learn from these time-tested solutions.

**Itinerary A:** (AM Session)
- 9:30 am: Meet at The Biomimicry Center at Design South building, ASU
- 9:30–10:00: In-depth tour of The Biomimicry Center, and recent remodel process that was inspired by Life’s Principles
- 10:00–11:30: Biomimicry Design Challenge Charrette (teams will work together to address a challenge that is presented to them, find champion organisms in nature that solve for this challenge, describe the strategy and mechanism, create design principles based off the organism, and apply these principles to a new technology or design in the built environment)
- 11:30: Session ends at The Design School

**Itinerary B:** (PM Session)
- 2:00 pm: Meet at The Biomimicry Center at Design South building, ASU
- 2:00–2:30: In-depth tour of The Biomimicry Center, and recent remodel process that was inspired by Life’s Principles
- 2:30–4:00: Biomimicry Design Challenge Charrette (teams will work together to address a challenge that is presented to them, find champion organisms in nature that solve for this challenge, describe the strategy and mechanism, create design principles based off the organism, and apply these principles to a new technology or design in the built environment)
- 4:00: Session ends at The Design School

**Organizer:** Lily Urmann, Program Coordinator, Biomimicry Center, ASU (http://biomimicry.asu.edu/)
**Fees:** Free, $0, includes guided tour and design charrette. Lunch is not provided.
Learning Objectives:
• Explore deep and ecological listening techniques
• Experience sounds of desert ecosystems
• Increase your sonic awareness
• Expand your knowledge about acoustic ecology

Session Abstract:
Soundwalks, specifically mapped and guided silent walks, are a tool to observe and understand built and natural environments through listening. They advance awareness of our own sonic footprint and promote mindfulness and connection to place. Soundwalk participants will explore the sounds of an ecologically rich and architecturally captivating site featuring the Salt River, a riparian zone with abundant wildlife, Tempe Market Place, Pima Reservation farmland and the Arizona State Route 202. River Soundwalk participants will be familiarized with a set of ecologically inspired listening practices and learn how to engage with urban desert soundscapes in holistic and creative ways. River Soundwalk will enable participants to fully immerse themselves in the sounds and sights of the chosen ecosystems. At the conclusion of this walk, the participants will be invited to articulate their experiences and discuss the impact of sound on the livability and sustainability of human and non-human habitats in the visited area. They will also learn about the benefits and applicability of soundwalking in such contexts as community engagement and creative placekeeping. Bring a hat, sun glasses and wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen.

(Note: locations are subject to change, will stay in Tempe)

Itinerary A:  
(AM Session)  
9:30 am  
9:30–11:00  
11:00–11:30  
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Itinerary B:  
(PM Session)  
2:00 pm  
2:00–3:30  
3:30–4:00  
4:00

Organizer:
Anne-Marie Shaver, Hunter Langenhorst, Adam Heyen, and Derek Drudge are graduate students at ASU and active as researchers on the Soundwalk team of ASU's Acoustic Ecology Lab co-directed by Sabine Feist and Garth Paine. They have led listening workshops and public soundwalks on ASU's Tempe and in the larger Phoenix on a weekly basis for more than two years, created sound maps and are currently compiling an anthology of soundwalking scores.

Fees:
Free, $0, includes guided soundwalk, Lunch is not included. Transportation to and from the meeting/ending place in Tempe is not included.