AIA New York

Procrastinators' Days 2025 Courses

Thursday, December 11

8:30 AM-9:30 AM **T1**	**Concealing Ground & Rooftop Equipment: Utilizing Screening Systems, Walls, and Gates to Match Architectural Designs** 1 LU|HSW Provider: CityScapes Architectural Innovations Speaker: Logan Crist Rooftop HVAC equipment, waste receptacles, and other unsightly equipment are commonplace in today's commercial industries. Unfortunately, these items are necessary but unsightly. However, screening can help building owners enhance aesthetics and meet code requirements. Screening offers not only a visual benefit but also helps to improve the safety and security of your property. This course offers an in-depth discussion of rooftop and ground screening, the various ways to screen, and considerations when selecting a screen for your project. Different installation techniques and comparative characteristics of traditional screening methods versus unit-attached and modular screening methods are also discussed.
9:40 AM-10:40 AM **T2**	**Introduction to Microgrids** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Audio Video Systems Speaker: Michael Pawlowski This introductory session will walk you through the overall benefits of a residential microgrid solution and prepare you for initial discussions with your clients, whether their motivation is energy resilience during times of power instability, economic savings or environmental sustainability.
10:50 AM-11:50 AM **T3**	**Update on New York City Environmental Regulations** 1 LU|HSW Provider: ALC Environmental Speaker: Claudio Gonzalez This course provides an overview of the latest updates in regulations regarding Asbestos, Lead and Mold Testing and Abatement/Remediation.

12:30 PM-1:30 PM T4	**Terrazzo Unriddled: Answers for Architects** 1 LU|HSW Provider: National Terrazzo & Mosaic Association Speaker: Gary French The purpose of this presentation is to answer the frequently asked questions about terrazzo from the design community.
1:40 PM-2:40 PM T5	**Identifying Required Special Instructions** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Alan Margolin & Associates Speaker: Young Suh, PE In this course, participants will be given a thorough breakdown on how to identify required special inspections. Whether it's a renovation or new development, special inspections are a critical component of the construction process. After completing this course, participants will be well informed on required special inspections, and how to identify them, along with learning the procedures for conducting a sprinkler inspection.
2:50 PM-3:50 PM T6	**Occupant Health and Wellbeing: How Fenestration Plays a Role** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Loewen Windows and Doors Speaker: Diane van Horn In the past few decades, improvements in building and energy technology have meant that homes have developed unintended side effects and issues. The building industry has been attempting a balancing act to improve indoor air quality and comfort while improving the well-being of occupants.
4:00 PM-5:00 PM T7	**Traffic Engineering: Essentials for Architects** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Langan Speaker: Adnan Pasha, PE Attendees will gain insight into traffic issues that affect their projects during planning, design, and construction phases. The course focuses on traffic impact analyses, driveway and circulation design, roadway infrastructure improvements, and

	roadway mitigation. The course will also provide technical insights for the "big picture" items including connectivity between various parking, pedestrian and traffic elements, layout of driveways, signage and wayfinding, and pedestrian safety.
5:10 PM-6:10 PM **T8**	**Health, Wellness, and Sustainability** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Audio Video Systems Speaker: Michael Pawlowski Imagine you're at home relaxing. As you take a deep breath and your feet up, you feel the sunlight hit your neck and it prompts you to pay closer attention to the environment around you, the sounds, the smells, the warmth. These are important factors to comfortable indoor living spaces. Now imagine technology elegantly integrated into space meant to support greater comfort, convenience, and overall quality of life. Wellness technology is about making indoor environments mimic nature and improve quality of life. Humans spend more of their time indoors than outdoors, contrary to most of our history. Wellness technology encompasses principles of sustainability and applies the intelligence of automation systems so that designers can plan solutions that are the greatest fit for each client. They can then work with the client to implement simpler solutions or partner with a qualified home technology specialist for more intuitive solutions.
6:20 PM – 7:20 PM **T9**	**Design Strategies for Improved Health & Safety in the Bathroom** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Waterworks Speaker: Erick Rexrode This course will identify and discuss several themes & options for bathroom design which can enhance user comfort, health and safety – especially in a room which inherently creates challenges and obstacles to protecting the user.

Friday, December 12

8:30 AM-9:30 AM **F1**	**Fire-Retardant Treated Wood and the NYC Building Code** 1 LU|HSW

	Provider: Hoover Treated Wood Products Speaker: Jim Gogolski This session is a discussion of fire-retardant-treated wood's technical characteristics and building code-related applications. Emphasis is placed on the testing and labeling required by the International Building Code. The building code, as with many products, regulates the use of wood in construction. Two broad categories of separate materials: combustible and noncombustible. Codes limit the applications of combustible materials on the basis of fire and life safety. The question is then, are there options available to using wood in lieu of a noncombustible material. Fire Retardant Treated Wood (FRTW) provides that option. Codes recognize FRTW for many applications where a noncombustible material is mandated.
9:40 AM-10:40 AM **F2**	**Land Development Challenges and Solutions for Mission Critical Facilities** 1 LU Provider: Langan Speakers: Stephanie Duffield, PE & Antonio Mancella, PE This course will provide insight into the land development process for data centers. Participants will gain an understanding of how data center sites are complex interactions of large-scale buildings, utility services, and environmental impacts that require close coordination and integration between the project architect and civil engineer. From site selection through master planning and construction, learn how the design team works together to provide clients with a site that maximizes the potential capacity while being flexible for future growth in an ever-changing industry.
10:50 AM-11:50 AM **F3**	**Historical Preservation of Iconic Theaters and Accurate Documentation: Studio 54 and David Geffen Hall (Lincoln Center)** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Archidata Speaker: John Phillips This course will examine the critical role of accurate documentation and preservation planning in promoting health, safety, and welfare through the adaptive reuse and restoration

	of two culturally significant theaters: Studio 54 and David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center. Participants will explore advanced methods such as 3D laser scanning and Building Information Modeling (BIM) to capture as-built conditions essential for ensuring structural integrity and safe renovation practices. Case studies will highlight how preservation efforts can meet contemporary safety codes, improve accessibility, and support environmental and cultural resilience, all while maintaining historical authenticity. Emphasis will be placed on integrating preservation with strategies that enhance occupant safety, code compliance, and inclusive design.
12:00 PM-1:00 PM **F4**	**Illuminating Our Experiences with Human Centric Lighting** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Lutron Speaker: Carson Alsop Human centric lighting is an oft-discussed design term; yet there is confusion about what it is and how to use new (and existing) technologies to achieve it. This course helps professionals understand 1) how to define human centric lighting, 2) what benefits it can provide to people, buildings, and businesses, and 3) how to practically apply it when designing projects. It also addresses the intersection between electric light and natural daylight, and how achieving a human centric design requires an integrated approach to those two disciplines. This course will be especially useful to interior architects, interior designers, and lighting designers.
1:10 PM-2:10 PM **F5**	**Hybrid Steel and Timber Structures in Modern Architecture** 1 LU|HSW Provider: American Institute of Steel Construction Speaker: Nima Balasubramanian This session is a must-attend for architects seeking to design sustainably by leveraging the strengths of hybrid steel and mass-timber systems. Attendees will learn to address key challenges like fire safety, acoustics, and code compliance while optimizing structural efficiency and environmental impact. Future-focused content explores innovative solutions for integrating materials seamlessly, reducing lifecycle emissions, and enhancing adaptability. This session equips architects with

	practical strategies and cutting-edge insights to create healthier, more resilient built environments.
2:20 PM-3:20 PM **F6**	**Design for Change: Sustainability in the Built Environment** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Steelcase Health Speakers: Kyle Griffin and Jenna Kowitski How might we build resilient spaces, that are sustainable, designed to support evolving workplace behaviors, and adaptable to future changes while supporting stakeholder needs? Prefabricated interior construction can help.
3:30 PM-4:30 PM **F7**	**The Evolving Waiting Experience** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Steelcase Health Speaker: James Corby How can healthcare environments support patients, families, evolving safety standards, and systems throughout, all without compromising performance? With the growth of virtual care and the ongoing evolution of care experiences due to COVID-19, Steelcase has new and ongoing research to better understand and identify ways to support every participant in the care experience through waiting and transition space design.