AIA New York

Procrastinators' Days 2026 Courses

Thursday, December 10

8:30 AM-9:30 AM **T1**	**Specifying ACM Installation Systems** 1 LU Provider: Laminators Incorporated Speaker: Todd Gammon With many different options available in designing a high-performance aluminum composite material (ACM) wall panel assembly, this course provides information on the wall system, the differences among ACM panels and installation systems, and the considerations that drive product and system selection. Participants will examine the basic elements of an ACM wall panel assembly, including structural elements, control layers for water, air and vapor, and insulation elements. The course then reviews continuous insulation options, ACM core types, and the function and benefits of field-fabricated and shop-fabricated installation systems. The course concludes with the practical considerations architects weigh when selecting a panel and installation system for a specific project.
9:40 AM-10:40 AM **T2**	**Economics of Space** 1 LU Provider: Haworth Speaker: Jacquelyn Raczka The Economics of Space Continuing Education Unit (CEU) offers valuable insights into the financial aspects of construction projects, focusing on space allocation and construction methods. Through engaging discussions and practical examples, participants will learn to apply various financial measures to assess project costs effectively. Additionally, the course delves into the comparison between conventional and modular construction methods, exploring their financial implications, including the impacts of accelerated depreciation and different financing options. Join us to enhance your understanding of project finance and optimize construction project outcomes.
10:50 AM-11:50 AM	**Designing for Generations: Cast Iron DWV Systems in Modern Architecture**

T3	1 LU Provider: Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute Speaker: Dave Parney This presentation explores cast iron drain, waste, and vent (DWV) systems through the lens of New York City's high-density built environment. Organized around life safety, durability, acoustical comfort and design aesthetics, and sustainability, it examines material selection for high-rise, mixed-use, and adaptive-reuse projects. Topics include fire performance and penetration firestopping, mechanical strength and thermal movement, wastewater and temperature exposure, noise control, and exposed piping design. The session also considers recycled content, material circularity, end-of-life recovery, and connections to green-building frameworks. It concludes with specification considerations, relevant CISPI and ASTM standards, and strategies for evaluating value-engineering proposals through lifecycle and safety criteria. Attendees will gain a framework for weighing DWV material choices against long-term building performance, occupant needs, and total cost of ownership.
11:50 AM-12:20	**LUNCH**
12:20 PM-1:20 PM **T4**	**Designing with Handmade Artisanal Tile** 1 LU Provider: Waterworks Speaker: Rosie Fiallo This course explores the importance of handmade tile as an architectural and interior surfaces element of the home. By highlighting different historical and cultural examples, types of materials used, elements of tile design, installation and maintenance tips you will leave with a knowledge of what to look for with your next project utilizing handmade tile.
1:30 PM-2:30 PM **T5**	**Increasing Daylight Openings in Residential Architecture** 1 LU Provider: Loewen Windows and Doors Speaker: Diane van Horn Bigger Glass trends are driven by the ever-increasing size of residential spaces. Customers and Designers demand

	impressive and boundary stretching concepts in residential home design. Oversized architectural fenestration has unique issues and requires key understanding of structural demands on the design and engineering of glass assemblies.
2:40 PM-3:40 PM T6	**Focus on the Façade: Exploring Steel, Timber & Fire-Rated Curtain Walls and Channel Glass Systems** 1 LU Provider: Technical Glass Speaker: Tim Donaldson The building envelope is increasingly being called to deliver more: more access to daylight, better thermal performance, and a higher resistance to life safety threats. To support these goals while elevating design, modern façade materials and systems have evolved to expand what the building envelope can do. This course introduces several modern façade solutions, including steel and timber curtain walls, fire-rated curtain walls, and channel glass systems. After this session concludes, attendees will be equipped to evaluate and specify high-performance glazing systems that support both creative vision and project performance goals, including structural integrity, visual impact, and code compliance.
3:50 PM-4:50 PM T7	**Wood Flooring Fundamentals for Design Professionals** 1 LU Provider: Aronson's Floor Covering Speaker: Carol Swedlow This foundational course introduces architects and interior designers to the essential elements of specifying wood flooring. Participants will gain a clear understanding of wood flooring construction, species, finishes, and installation methods to make informed decisions early in the design process.
5:00 PM-6:00 PM T8	**Mastering Modern EIFS with Stone Wool Insulation** 1 LU Provider: Rockwool Speaker: Rob Klein

This session will cover strategies for designing and installing Exterior Insulation and
Finish Systems (EIFS) with stone wool exterior continuous insulation. During this course, you will learn how the latest energy codes in residential and commercial construction, along with other regulatory requirements can be achieved using noncombustible insulation. The information outlined today will include the performance of modern EIFS with Drainage systems, and the properties of stone wool that make the insulation a suitable substrate for the lamina. Participants will come away with tangible solutions, insight into proper detailing and installation, and an improved understanding of the performance benefits including fire, acoustics, sustainability, and durability, among others of stone wool EIFS assemblies.

Friday, December 12

8:30 AM-9:30 AM
F1

Traffic Engineering: Essentials for Architects
1 LU
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.

9:40 AM-10:40 AM
F2

Structural Resilience in Practice
1 LU/HSW
Provider: American Institute of Steel Construction
Speaker: Elizabeth Lapira

Discover innovative structural steel solutions that streamline construction, reduce costs, and enhance

	sustainability. This session explores cutting-edge floor systems, hybrid steel-timber structures, fire protection advancements, and circular economy strategies. Through real-world case studies, gain insights into efficiency, safety, and the future of steel in architecture.
10:50 AM-11:50 AM **F3**	**Methods of Measurement: Health, Safety, Welfare in Architecture** 1 LU/HSW Provider: Archidata Speaker: John Phillips This course explores a range of methods used to document and measure buildings, comparing the advantages, limitations, and appropriate applications of each. Participants will examine how these approaches influence both the quality of documentation and Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) considerations in fieldwork. Using the Center for Architecture as a case study, the session will demonstrate how to evaluate measurement methods and select the most appropriate approach for a variety of project conditions.
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	**LUNCH**
1:10 PM-2:10 PM **F4**	**1-hour Fire-Retardant-Treated Wood in Today's Building Code** 1 LU|HSW Provider: Hoover Speaker: Chris Athari 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 to 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.
2:20 PM-3:20 PM F5	**Designing for Reliable Emergency Communication in Modern Buildings** 1 LU Provider: Kings III Emergency Communication Speaker: Daniel Goldstein Elevator emergency communication is a critical part of building safety. Evolving codes, accessibility requirements, and telecommunications infrastructure are changing how these systems are designed and integrated. This session covers system requirements, communication technologies, and common reliability gaps. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how early design decisions support compliant, accessible emergency communication throughout the life of a building.
3:30 PM-4:30 PM F6	**Land Development Challenges and Solutions for Mission Critical Facilities** 1 LU Provider: Langan Speaker: 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.