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ANNUAL MEETING

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) aims to create an inclusive, transparent, and impactful program that elevates, addresses, and disseminates knowledge on pressing concerns in society through the agency of architecture and allied disciplines. The ACSA Annual Meeting maintains topics year to year to address the diversity of our members' scholarly, creative, and pedagogic interests. This consistent and, we hope, inclusive list of topics will also ensure an annual venue for all members to submit to an ACSA conference.

Building Science & Technology
Design
Digital Technology
Ecology
Health

History, Theory, Criticism
Pedagogy
Practice
Society + Community
Urbanism

RESEARCH SESSIONS

Annual Meeting research sessions are composed of peer-reviewed papers and projects as well as Architectural Education Award Winners and AIAS CRIT Scholars. The curated sessions allow for scholarly and applied research to mutually demonstrate impact and inform one another. The 2026 Architectural Education Awards honor architectural educators for exemplary work in areas such as building design, community collaborations, scholarship, and service. The AIAS CRIT Programming supports student research and serves as an exclusive opportunity for students to receive further guidance in their research.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Annual Meeting special sessions are concurrent sessions, typically a panel of professionals, that provide a forum for issues or a critical discussion of a focused topic.

CONDUCT POLICY

ACSA convenes events to advance architectural education, professional development, and scholarly exchange. ACSA events are places for advocacy, dialogue, and discussion in support of architectural education. To care for our members during in-person and online events, ACSA has a zero-tolerance policy for aggressive behavior towards other academics, practitioners, ACSA staff, and other individuals. Incidents may result in removal from our events, and/or reported to the appropriate authorities. Please read the full Conduct Policy online or in the conference app, before attending an ACSA in-person or online event. Thank you for helping make this a respectful environment for all.

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CONFERENCE APP



Scan this QR code to download the conference App (Yapp).
It contains full conference details, locations & maps.

THURSDAY

MARCH 26, 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

9:00-1:00pm
WORKSHOP

BURNHAM
4 LU CREDIT

Grant Writing for Architecture Faculty

TICKETED EVENTS

9:00-1:00pm
TOUR

TOUR
4 HSW CREDIT

GROWSS in Action Tour

FULL CONFERENCE

8:30-6:00pm

REGISTRATION

2:00-3:30pm
RESEARCH SESSIONS

WRIGHT 3
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Material and Health Pedagogies

WRIGHT 4
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Community, Preservation, and Adaptive Re-Use

WRIGHT 5
1.5 LU CREDIT

Framing the Modern City

MIES
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Ecology

RICHARDSON
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Housing & Thermal Comfort

2:00-3:30pm
SPECIAL SESSIONS

WRIGHT 2
1.5 LU CREDIT

Convergent/Divergent Frameworks in Architecture and Design Education

3:30-4:00pm

COFFEE BREAK & NEW ATTENDEE MEET & GREET



4:00-5:30pm
RESEARCH SESSIONS

MIES
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Housing & City Form(s)

RICHARDSON
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Material Processes

BURNHAM
1.5 LU CREDIT

Design as Agency

MAHER
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Designing Care, Health, and Memory

4:00-5:30pm
SPECIAL SESSIONS

WRIGHT 2
1.5 LU CREDIT

A Debate for Architectural Education: Something Has To Go

5:30-6:00pm

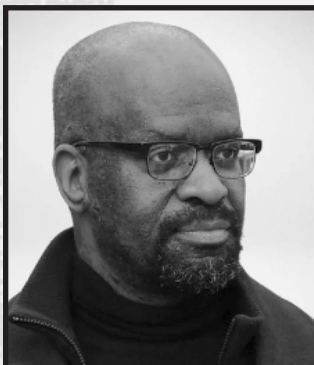
COFFEE BREAK



6:00-7:00pm
PLENARY

WRIGHT
BALLROOM
1 LU CREDIT

OPENING PLENARY



**LEE
BEY**
CHICAGO
SUN
TIMES



**CAROL
ROSS
BARNEY**
ROSS
BARNEY
ARCHITECTS



**ELEANOR
GORSKI**
CHICAGO
ARCHITEC-
TURE
CENTER



**KIMBERLY
DOWDELL**
AMRIZE

7:00pm

WRIGHT

OPENING RECEPTION



FRIDAY

MARCH 27, 2026

8:30-6:00pm

REGISTRATION, MORNING COFFEE & EXHIBIT HALL



9:00-10:30am

RESEARCH SESSIONS

WRIGHT 3

1.5 LU CREDIT

Pedagogies on Carbon and Computation

WRIGHT 4

1.5 LU CREDIT

Structuring Relationships: Design Education and Community Practices

WRIGHT 5

1.5 LU CREDIT

Systems of Architectural Inquiry

MIES

1.5 HSW CREDIT

Urbanism & Community

RICHARDSON

1.5 LU CREDIT

Pedagogies Scaled Beyond Architecture

9:00-10:30am

SPECIAL SESSIONS

JENNEY

1.5 LU CREDIT

TAD Journal: Demystifying the Peer-Review Process

WRIGHT 2

1.5 LU CREDIT

NAAB Input Session

9:00-12:30pm

WORKSHOP

WRIGHT 1

3.5 HSW CREDIT

Transforming Architecture Education for a Sustainable Future – A Unified Approach

10:30-11:00am

COFFEE BREAK



11:00-12:30pm

RESEARCH SESSIONS

RICHARDSON

1.5 LU CREDIT

Pedagogies on Research and Practice

WRIGHT 4

1.5 HSW CREDIT

Making Cultural Places: Participatory Processes

WRIGHT 5

1.5 LU CREDIT

AI Methods and Design Intelligence

MIES

1.5 LU CREDIT

Digital Tools & Pedagogy

JENNEY

1.5 HSW CREDIT

Designing with Living Infrastructures

11:00-12:30pm

SPECIAL SESSIONS

WRIGHT 2

1.5 LU CREDIT

Centering Impact: Empowering Collaboration Among Academic Centers and Labs

12:30-2:30pm

Lunch (on your own)



12:30-2:00pm

TICKETED LUNCH

WRIGHT 3

Tau Sigma Delta (TSD) Lunch

TICKETED EVENTS

12:30-2:30pm

TOUR

TOUR

2 HSW CREDIT

Thompson Center Walking Tour

2:30-4:00pm
RESEARCH SESSIONS

MIES
1.5 LU CREDIT

Design

RICHARDSON
1.5 HSW CREDIT

New Housing Frameworks

BURNHAM
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Designing for Ecological Futures

MAHER
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Rethinking Urban Design

2:30-4:00pm
SPECIAL SESSIONS

JENNEY
1.5 LU CREDIT

Case Studies in Academic–Industry Research Partnerships

WRIGHT 1
1.5 LU CREDIT

Defining the Field: Toward a Shared Identity in Architectural Education

WRIGHT 2
1.5 LU CREDIT

Legacy Assumptions, New Challenges & Opportunities in Architecture Education

4:00-4:30pm

COCKTAIL BREAK



4:30-6:00pm
PLENARY

**WRIGHT
BALLROOM**
1.5 LU CREDIT

**2026 ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION AWARDS
CEREMONY, TOPAZ KEYNOTE & RECEPTION**



SARAH M. WHITING

2026 Topaz Medallion

Whiting's career is distinguished by her dual role as a leading educator and a practicing architect with her firm, WW Architecture. This unique position has allowed her to bridge the gap between academic theory and real-world practice, enriching both. Her leadership, first as dean at the Rice School of Architecture and now at the Harvard GSD, has been marked by a steadfast commitment to rethinking how architects are trained and how they can positively affect the world.

6:00pm
TICKETED EVENT

**PE ERRE CASA
DEL DOMINÓ**

Casa Dominó (House of Dominoes)
2558 W Division Street

TICKETED EVENTS

6:30pm
TICKETED EVENT

Award Winners Celebration

PRIVATE EVENT

SATURDAY

MARCH 28, 2026

8:30-12:30pm

REGISTRATION, MORNING COFFEE & EXHIBIT HALL



9:00-10:30am
RESEARCH SESSIONS

WRIGHT 3
1.5 LU CREDIT

Inclusive Interdisciplinary Pedagogies

WRIGHT 4
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Material and Making as Social Co-Design

WRIGHT 5
1.5 LU CREDIT

Urban Scale

MIES
1.5 LU CREDIT

Design Processes & Pedagogy

RICHARDSON
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Making Futures

JENNEY
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Greenhouses and Collective Living

9:00-10:30am
SPECIAL SESSIONS

WRIGHT 1
1.5 LU CREDIT

DPACSA – Meet the New ACSA Distinguished Professors

WRIGHT 2
1.5 LU CREDIT

Hard to be What You Don't See! Addressing The Lack of Black Students and Faculty in Architecture

10:30-11:00am

COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBIT HALL



11:00-12:30pm
RESEARCH SESSIONS

WRIGHT 3
1.5 LU CREDIT

Pedagogical Languages

WRIGHT 4
1.5 LU CREDIT

Within and Beyond the Profession

WRIGHT 5
1.5 LU CREDIT

Material, Media, and Meaning

MIES
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Healthy Buildings, Places & Systems

RICHARDSON
1.5 HSW CREDIT

Design & Community

11:00-12:30pm
SPECIAL SESSIONS

JENNEY
1.5 LU CREDIT

University-Based Community Design Round Table: Navigating Change in a Shifting Landscape

WRIGHT 1
1.5 LU CREDIT

Convergent Futures: Leveraging Professional Experiences for Student Impact

WRIGHT 2
1.5 LU CREDIT

Partner Organization Meet and Greet

12:30pm

Lunch (on your own)



12:30-4:30pm
TOUR

TOUR
4 HSW CREDIT

**Housing and Community Development
on Chicago's West Side Tour**

TICKETED EVENTS

1:00-3:30pm
FRIST COME

EVENT

Collaborations with Architecture Organizations
Chicago Architecture Center

2:00-4:00pm
TOUR

TOUR
2 HSW CREDIT

Chicago Towers Tour

EVENING AT CROWN HALL (IIT)

Keynote and reception will be held at Illinois Institute of Technology. Plan to make your way to IIT campus, by 5:00pm for cocktail hour. We suggest taking the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) "L" Green Line from Washington/Wabash to 35th-Bronzeville-IIT.

5:30-6:30pm
PLENARY

CROWN HALL
1 LU CREDIT

CLOSING KEYNOTE & RECEPTION
2025 Tau Sigma Delta Gold Medal



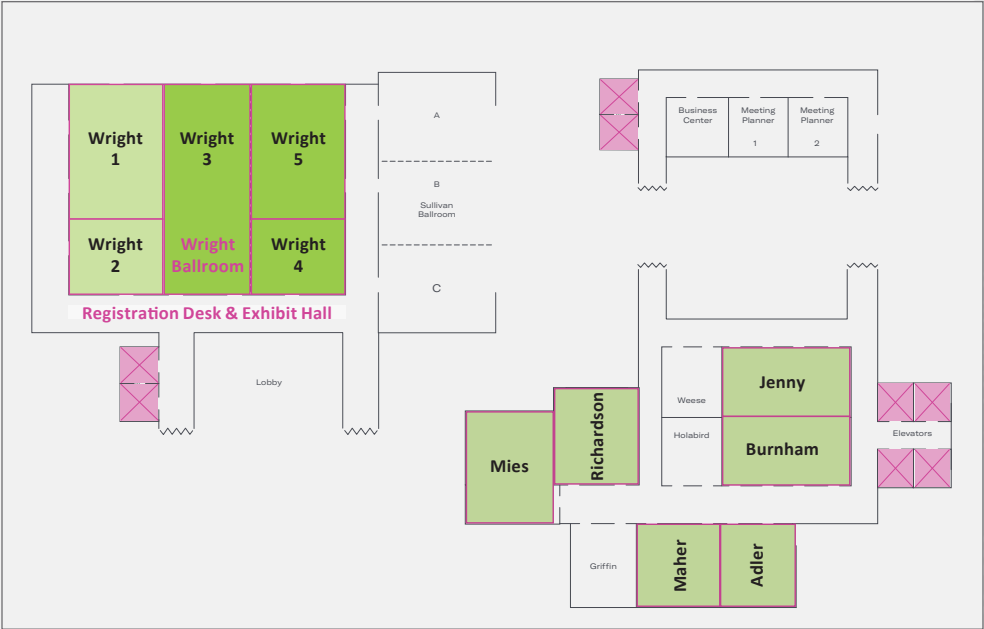
YVONNE FARRELL AND SHELLEY MCNAMARA

2026 Tau Sigma Delta, Gold Medal

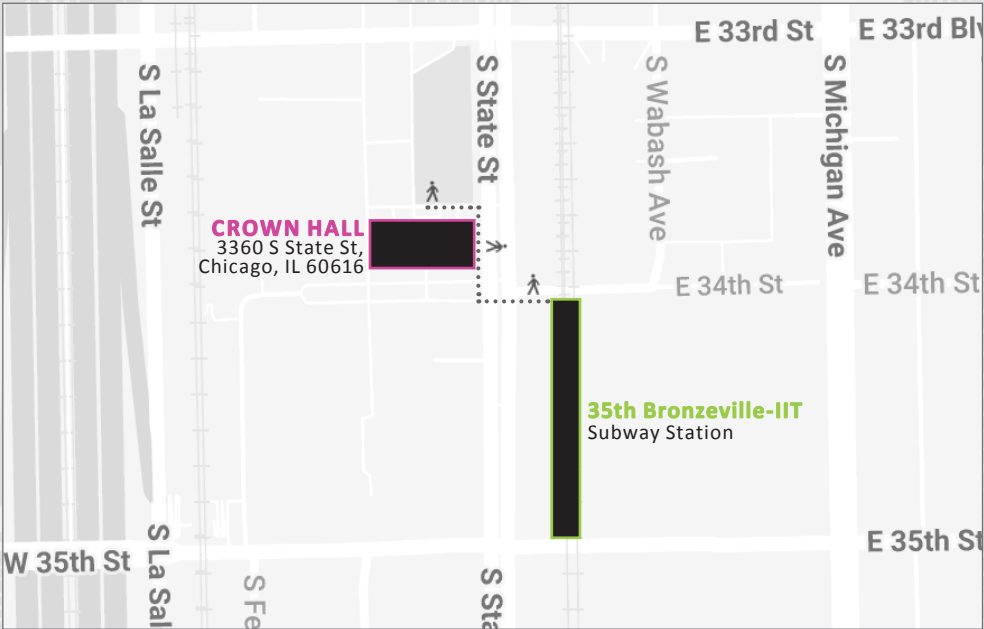
The duo, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, co-founded Grafton Architects in 1978 following their graduation from University College Dublin in 1974. The Dublin-based architecture studio has completed projects across Europe, South America, and North America, with notable projects including the London School of Economics, the University Campus at UTEC Lima, the Anthony Timberlands Center in Arkansas, and the Urban Institute of Ireland in Dublin.

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IIT CAMPUS



EXHIBITORS

Actar D Actar publishes groundbreaking books in architecture & design and distributes books from premier architecture publishers including Applied Research & Design, DOM Publishers and ORO Editions.

American Institute of Architects As the largest design organization in the world, AIA is working to transform the day-to-day practice of architecture to achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, just, equitable built environment, for everyone. What started as 13 architects in a New York office in 1857 has grown to become the largest, most influential network of architects and design professionals. Our 100,000+ global member community shares a passion for design, a desire to change the world, and a commitment to the highest standards of practice.

American Institute of Architecture Students, AIAS is an independent, nonprofit, student-run organization dedicated to providing unmatched progressive programs, information, and resources on issues critical to architecture and the experience of education. The AIAS aims to promote excellence in architectural education, training, and practice; to foster an appreciation of architecture and related disciplines; to enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration; and to organize students and combine their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture.

American Institute of Steel Construction, AISI headquartered in Chicago, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit technical institute and trade association established in 1921 to serve the structural steel design community and construction industry in the United States. Our university programs are intended to assist in the development of future professionals who are knowledgeable in structural steel behavior and design, and to foster career development of faculty members through support of teaching, research and service. U.S. based faculty and students qualify for free AISI membership.

Coalition of Community College Architecture Programs The CCCAP is a professional organization of educators dedicated to promoting the value of the Architecture Programs in community colleges and to providing an alternative pathway to the architectural profession. The CCCAP empowers students to pursue their career and academic goals in the field of architecture and the built environment today and in the future.

DIS Study Abroad, DIS is a non-profit study abroad foundation established in Denmark in 1959 that offers semester, academic year, and summer programs taught in English in Copenhagen and Stockholm. We are designed for upper-division undergraduate students from top North American colleges and universities, providing a rigorous, cutting-edge curriculum enriched by experiential learning and faculty-led Study Tours across Europe.

Illinois Institute of Technology, IIT College of Architecture offers students an educational experience that simply can't be matched. From our location in Chicago—the city that invented American architecture, to our campus—designed by Mies van der Rohe, one of the most important architects of the twentieth century, to our faculty—award-winning architects and scholars working at a student/teacher ratio of only 8:1, IIT is unique among its peers. Maybe that's why U.S. News & World Report, Time, Forbes, Money, and the Princeton Review have all named IIT as one of the nation's best educational values. But it's our inquisitive, diverse, and remarkably talented students—from all 50 U.S. states and even more countries from across the globe—that truly distinguish us. We hope you'll join them.

Visit the exhibitors outside the Wright Ballroom on Friday and Saturday.

National Architectural Accrediting Board

Incorporated in 1967, NAAB's history dates back to 1940 when ACSA, AIA, and NCARB collectively recognized the need for an impartial organization to facilitate quality assurance in support of architecture programs that prepare students for professional licensure. Since that time, NAAB has proudly established and maintained an accreditation system that enhances the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the profession of architecture.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

NCARB, in collaboration with licensing boards, facilitates the licensure and credentialing of architects to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is a nonprofit organization made up of the architectural licensing boards of 55 U.S. states and territories. While each jurisdiction is responsible for regulating the practice of architecture within its borders, NCARB develops and administers national programs for candidates pursuing architectural licensure and helps architects expand their professional reach through the NCARB Certificate.

ORO Editions

ORO editions publishes a wide range of highly acclaimed, award-winning illustrated books specializing in architecture, urbanism, landscape, art photography, academia & applied research along with a growing list of culturally stimulating disciplines and topics.

Study Architecture

Study Architecture is a one-stop resource for undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the Architecture profession. Sponsored by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Study Architecture brings together colleges and universities, students and working architecture professionals to create a forum for sharing information and ideas. Together, we help students make an impact.

Tau Sigma Delta

The Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society in Architecture and Allied Arts is the only national honor society for architecture and design majors that is accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies. The Society recognizes intellectual achievement, effort and initiative as well as leadership and character. This prize of membership acknowledges undergraduate and graduate students who attain high scholastic standing in their field.

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

The School of Architecture at the University of Illinois was the first public school of architecture in the United States. Drawing on this history, we approach design with a sense of shared responsibility and ethics. As a student here, you'll gain a rigorous education. You'll address the planet's most pressing contemporary questions. And you'll make an untold impact on a complex and exciting future.

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

- 9:00am Grant Writing Workshop (Ticketed Event)
- 9:00am Growss in Action Tour (Ticketed Event)
- 2:00pm Concurrent Sessions
- 4:00pm Concurrent Sessions
- 6:00pm **OPENING PLENARY**
BEY, BARNEY, DOWDELL & GORSKI
- 7:00pm Opening Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

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- 11:00am Concurrent Sessions
- 12:30pm Lunch (on your own)
- 12:30pm TSD Lunch & Thompson Center Tour (Ticketed Events)
- 2:00pm Concurrent Sessions
- 4:30pm **AWARDS CELEBRATION & RECEPTION**
Topaz Keynote: SARAH WHITING
- 6:00pm Casa Dominó

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

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EVENING AT CROWN HALL (IIT)
- 5:30pm **TSD GOLD MEDAL KEYNOTE & RECEPTION**
YVONNE FARRELL & SHELLEY MCNAMARA
Grafton Architects