

Social Justice Action Plan Update

June 17, 2021

The Year in Review

A year ago this month, we invited our professional community to a Social Justice Listening Session in the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery & Rayshard Brooks. The event offered a platform for attendants to express their feelings about long standing social injustices, identify what leaders in our profession need to understand towards creating welcoming and inclusive environments, and brainstorm what we can all do together to improve our communities.

The SJAP Steering Committee has put together a summary of the work that has been done so far on channeling these conversations and contributions into a long-range plan towards promoting social justice: not only creating a framework of six goals highlighting impact areas and strategic actions but also working Chapter-wide to implement change at all levels - from the Board, to committees, to individual membership commitment.

[Read the SJAP Year in Review](#)

Sustaining Momentum - Advancing West Coast JEDI Efforts in Architecture

Message From



Rex Prater, AIA
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Small Firms Exchange (SFx)



AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable's
2021 Solstice Event in collaboration with
AIA Los Angeles J.E.D.I. & AIA Oregon CoEDI

Sustaining Momentum

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Moderated by Karen Compton, Principal at A3K Consulting, Los Angeles

We are excited to invite you to an online panel discussion and social hour. Together, we will address ongoing challenges in our industry and ways to support the professional pipeline while acknowledging our accomplishments. In continuing to do the work, Seattle, Portland, and Los Angeles chapters can form a network to enact positive change.

Featured Panelists include:

- Gabrielle Bullock, FAIA, NOMAC, IIDA, LEED AP
Principal, Director of Global Diversity,
Perkins+Will Los Angeles
- Grace Kim, FAIA
Cofounding Principal at Schemata Workshop, Seattle
- Leah Ephrem, AIA, LEED AP, Assoc. DBIA,
Principal, Director of Design - Transportation Architecture
Hewitt Seattle
- and more to come!

**Friday, June 18th
4-6pm**

Tickets are limited, register today
aiaSeattle.org/event/drt-sustaining-momentum-advancing-west-coast-jedi-efforts-in-architecture/

AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable
AIA Oregon CoEDI Committee on Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
AIA Los Angeles J.E.D.I. Justice Equity Diversity & Inclusion Committee

June 18 | 4-6pm | Tickets are Free, but Limited

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OSBAE Rulemaking Notice

The Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners invites public comment on its proposed amendments to Oregon Administrative Rule 806-010-0145. The amendments are proposed to accept continuing education programs less than 50 minutes for continuing education credit and to update terminology. See the notice with the proposed amendments at the link below.

A public hearing will be held on July 26 at 2:00 p.m. via videoconference. Interested parties may also participate by phone. Please contact architectboard@osbae.com if you would like information on how to join the meeting.

Written comments will be accepted until July 26, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. and may be submitted via email or mail.

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June 22 | 12-1pm | 1 AIA LU|HSW Available

“Prefabricated Ornamental Railings”

Presented by Milena Conn, Marketing Lead for AGS Stainless

Learn the differences and advantages (especially in this era of social distancing) of architectural railing products built onsite versus those fabricated 100% offsite and you will see how these principles can influence other product choices you make for your projects.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Urban Design Panel

Topic: PSU Urban Design Collaborative

Wednesday, June 23 | 12-1pm

Please join us along with Laila Seewang, Assistant Professor at the PSU School of Architecture, and Paddy Tillett, FAIA, Principal at ZGF Architects, who will introduce the PSU Urban Design Collaborative, which was initiated in December 2019.



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Check out the [AIA Oregon Vimeo Page](#) for recordings of many of our past programs and events.

ATTN: AIA Oregon Member Firms

AIA Oregon Firm Membership is available to all AIA member-led firms in Oregon. This is an additional voluntary membership program that provides additional benefits, services and opportunities geared to Oregon firms. [Learn more here.](#)

Architecture and Construction Skill Standards Feedback Survey

As a reminder, the Oregon Department of Education is seeking input on the skills desired of entry-level job candidates in the Architecture and Construction field. Your feedback will be used to update the standards that career and technical education (CTE) teachers and faculty in Oregon consult when designing coursework. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete for a selected industry field.

You can review the file [Architecture and Construction Program of Study Context](#) for information about CTE in Oregon. You may also wish to review the file [Statewide CTE POS Framework](#) to learn more about this project. This is an incredible opportunity for industry members to help shape the content that Oregon high school and community college students learn when preparing to enter the field.

We need your expertise! Please review by June 18th to insure your input is recorded.

[Start the Survey](#)

AIA Oregon Digital Design Series



Digital Design Series - InProcess - Hussein Al-Baiaty

June 23 | 5:00-6:00pm | 1 AIA LU|HSW Available

Join us for the next InProcess lecture, focusing on the community impacts of architecture, both in the physical environment as well as the culture of

architecture firms. Hussein Al-Baiaty will address the questions: How does design communicate cultural values? How can design make social impact and change in the community? How can architects be more aware and inclusive of the communities that make up our city?

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Upcoming Digital Design Series Presentations

June 30 | UrbanForm - Making building regulations more accessible [Learn More and Register»](#)

July 14 | COTE - Lessons Learned - More info coming soon!

News & Events

AIA Oregon

CoEDI

Committee on Equity,
Diversity, & Inclusion

Committee on Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Monthly Meeting

June 24 | 12-1pm

June's meeting will focus on community connections – discussion will focus on getting to know CoEDI members. We'll also be joined by Heather Wilson, the incoming Executive Vice President & CEO of AIA Oregon! Additional agenda items will include a recap and summary of outcomes from recent events and brainstorming for future AIAO

Thursday Round Tables. [Learn More and Register»](#)



FEMA

FEMA RFI on Climate Change and Equity for Underserved Populations Feedback is open through July 21.

FEMA is seeking public comments on how the agency can further advance equity in underserved communities and strengthen resilience from the impacts of climate change. On April 22, FEMA posted a Request for Information to help identify areas where the agency's programs can be modified to better align with President Biden's Executive Orders 13985, 13990, and 14008.

The public notice contains **a list of 16 questions** (see general questions at the end of the document) to assist in identifying agency programs, regulations, and/or policies that may benefit from modification, streamlining, expansion, or repeal to further advance equity in underserved communities and strengthen resilience from the impacts of climate change. FEMA encourages public comment on these questions and seeks any other data that commenters believe are relevant to the agency's review efforts. After reviewing the document linked above, [Leave Comments Here»](#)



Thursday Roundable - Upcoming Events

The Thursday Roundtable is a discussion-based venue, with a somewhat regular schedule, focused on topics of interest to our members.

7/15 Rescheduled EP Licensing Discussion. This week will feature two guests to help



answer questions about Architecture licensing:

Chris Lewis – State of Oregon License Advisor for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Lisa Howard – Executive Director, Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE)

AIA Oregon invites all Emerging Professionals, and anyone interested in a refresher about the licensing process. We will discuss various topics, including: reporting experience and current testing procedures.

[Learn More and Register»](#)



AIA Film Challenge 2021 Now Open
Submission Deadline August 16

The AIA Film Challenge 2021 invites you to share stories of architects, civic leaders, and their communities working together to achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, just, and equitable built environment. They're asking for 1:30 to 3 minute short documentary films that you can produce from any device. [Learn More»](#)

June 24 there will be a Getting Started Webinar to learn more about key dates, official rules, the process of submitting your film, and more. [Register Here»](#)

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Upcoming Trainings on the new Oregon and Washington Energy Codes
Live and On-Demand Trainings

Earth Advantage has provided us information on trainings on the latest updates on the new OR Residential Energy Code and the new WA State Energy Code as well as energy efficient building/design best practices in general. Stay up to date on best practices to meet and/or exceed the OR and WA energy codes with these training opportunities. [Learn More and Register»](#)

They have also recently developed a '[2021 Oregon Residential Energy Code Summary](#)' fact sheet that describes significant changes to this year's energy code.



CSI Portland - Learning and Libations
June 17 | 6 - 7:30pm

Join the Learning and Libations Committee for a presentation by Lyndsay Kooistra, CIC a Shareholder at LaPorte Insurance in Portland, OR who has a presentation that will focus on E&O Insurance for Architects, Engineers and Contractors. Types of policies, how they work, what to look for, what isn't covered. Risk Mgmt, Creating Plans, what to do in the event of a claim and some real claims examples. Lyndsay will also spend some time reviewing General Liability, Cyber Insurance and Management Liability as well. [Learn More and Register»](#)



Green Schools Conference and Expo

June 28-29

The Green Schools Conference (GSC) is an event that brings together all the players involved in making green schools a reality: people who lead, operate, build and teach in schools. This year the Green Schools Conference will convene virtually over two half-days of programming, featuring inspiring keynotes, interactive education sessions and engaging peer group networking opportunities.

The conference will address topics such as design for sustainability education and social equity, healthy schools and COVID-19 response, empowering student leadership, achieving climate commitments, and much more. Whether you are a teacher, school or district staff, educational leader, parent, student, building industry professional or nonprofit partner, the Green Schools Conference is the premier opportunity to learn and engage. [Learn More and Register»](#)



Explore the Architects in Schools Virtual Exhibit!

Help celebrate the hard work of the Architecture Foundation of Oregon's 2020-2021 [Architects in Schools](#) (AiS) Student Designers by exploring their work in a Virtual Exhibit!

Over 140 teachers and design/building professional volunteers navigated the challenges of this year to bring AiS design education to thousands of elementary schools across Oregon. For the first time in AiS history, most residencies were completed through distance learning, with students designing and building from home.

[View the Exhibit»](#)

Architects in Schools Virtual Summer Camp Registration is Open

Deadline July 12 at 5pm

This year's virtual camp theme is They All Saw a Building: Designing for Everyone's Needs. The camp will center on equity focused architecture and challenge students to think about how people of different backgrounds, abilities and cultures may experience the same space in different ways. Students will be introduced to technical architecture practices such as drawing, planning and model making, while exploring the social and cultural implications that architecture has on the world - because architecture impacts everybody! [Learn More and Register»](#)

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