

Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx): Ensuring Durability, Health, and Performance (1 HSW)

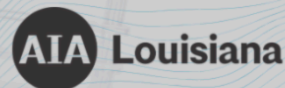
NEXT WEEK!



Continuing Education Virtual Session

COTE: Building and Closure Commissioning

May 12, 2026/ 1 HSW



May 12th at 11AM, join us as the AIA LA Committee on the Environment (COTE) hosts this one-hour continuing education session on building enclosure commissioning. \$50/member; \$100/non-member

Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx) differs from commissioning other building systems as the focus is on how well the design, materials selected, assemblies constructed, and systems integrated all perform in achieving the objectives and requirements of the owner as outlined in the contract documents. Through a series of case studies and real-world examples participants will explore the role of BECx in ensuring the project requirements are met. Through case studies, real-world examples, and emerging trends, this presentation covers key requirements, challenges, and innovations in building enclosure design for sustainable, comfortable, and high performing projects.

[More Info and Registration>>](#)

Real Life of an Architect

Video Podcast Series (1 LU/each session)

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Real Life of an Architect is an engaging video podcast series from AIA Louisiana that offers an authentic, behind-the-scenes look at the journeys of architects in the state. Through candid, conversational interviews between guest host, Associates & Emerging Professionals Committee member, Calvin Gallion, and one featured AIA LA Fellow, each episode explores the pivotal decisions, challenges, and defining moments that have shaped their careers and lives in the profession. Rather than a formal presentation, this series invites viewers into a relaxed, storytelling format—providing valuable insight, inspiration, and real-world perspective for architects at every stage of their career.

Series Air Dates:

- May 14th 12PM – Featuring Trula Remson, FAIA
- June 17th 12PM – Featuring Doug Ashe, FAIA
- July 16th 12PM – Featuring Ursula Emery-McClure, FAIA
- August 12th 12PM – Featuring Jose Alvarez, FAIA
- October 14th 12PM – Featuring Tracy Lea, FAIA

Register [HERE](#)>>

(note 1LU continuing ed credit available to those that attend a live showing; listed above)

AIA LA Honor Awards

2026 Call for Entries



CALL FOR ENTRIES

2026 Design Awards

celebrating the design we live in

Entry Deadline - June 5, 2026

Did you put your entry form(s) in yet? Deadline for the free ticket to the celebration is May 22nd!

Any architectural project completed within the last 5 calendar years (January 2021) which has been produced by, or in collaboration with, an AIA Louisiana member is eligible for submission. Projects may be located outside of Louisiana but must be submitted by an AIA Louisiana member who served either as the Design Architect or the Architect-of-Record for the project. Members are encouraged to submit previously submitted non-winning projects, or ones that have won awards in other programs.

Are you very busy, but still want to participate? **Remember, you can submit any project that was completed in the last five years that has also not already won an award.**

The cost is \$375 per entry.

BONUS!! Receive ONE Gala ticket at no charge for each entry application submitted by the Early Deadline.

Deadlines:

- Entry form submitted: **Early "BONUS" Deadline: May 22 Regular Deadline: June 6**
- PowerPoint Presentations submitted – **11:59PM, July 2, 2026**
- Digital Presentation Boards submitted – **11:59PM, July 30, 2026**

Categories:

- ARCHITECTURE
- INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
- MASTER PLANNING/URBAN DESIGN
- RESIDENTIAL
- RESTORATION/REHABILITATION/ADAPTIVE REUSE
- UNREALIZED PROJECTS
- SMALL PROJECT

[Submit Entry](#)

Did You Know?

- **Setting new standards in healthcare: Achieving WELL certification:** This session highlights design strategies that support achieving premier sustainability goals, including WELL Building standards. It will feature the SSM Health Dean Medical Group's South Madison Campus—the largest health care facility in the United States and the first in Wisconsin to achieve WELL v2 Pilot GOLD Certification. May 12 | 2–3pm ET | [Register >](#)
- AIA Baton Rouge is hosting a **TED Talk-style event** May 21st called "*Cross Section: A Multidisciplinary Storytelling Event*". [MORE INFORMATION>>](#)

- **AIA Trust Week 2026 returns September 28–October 2** with practical, no-fluff insights to help you run a smarter, more resilient firm—covering risk, contracts, finances, and climate. In the meantime —catch up on 2025 sessions you may have missed and start earning credits now. [Learn more >](#)
- **AIA LA PAC donation period is open! Have you made your donation yet? Shout out this month to those that have joined Champions Circle as well as the firms that are “All In”!** [More Information>>](#)

Second Quarter Espresso Yourself (1 LU)

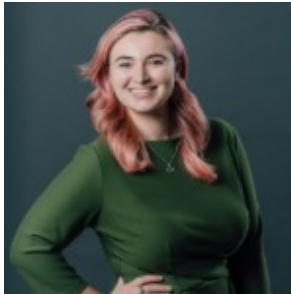
Hosted by AIA LA Associates & Emerging Professionals Committee



Join us for our 2nd quarter Espresso Yourself virtual series entitled, *“Challenges and Experiences: From Intern to Architect”* presented by Kayleigh Bruentrup, Cody Pate, AIA and Lindsey Windom, AIA. Moderator: Calvin Gallion, AIA as you hear from three licensed architects sharing their journey, experiences and advice from intern to architect.

[Register Here>>](#)

Wednesday, May 20th 12PM – 1PM
FREE TO AIA LOUISIANA MEMBERS /
 \$25/non-members



Kayleigh Bruentrup, NCIDQ



Cody Pate, AIA



Lindsey Windom, AIA



Calvin Gallion, AIA

Kayleigh Bruentrup, NCIDQ

Campo Architecture & Interior Design, New Orleans, LA

Kayleigh, originally from Minnesota, moved to New Orleans in 2010 to attend Tulane University. During her time at Tulane, Kayleigh was a part of Alpha Rho Chi, the national fraternity for architecture and the allied arts, an active member of Tulane’s American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) chapter and Secretary of the Architecture Student government.

Kayleigh’s passion for design encompasses both architecture and interiors, and she enjoys working in both sectors. Kayleigh is responsible for overall design direction, programming, space planning, and FF&E coordination. She also plays a significant role in team coordination, product and finish selection as a foundational member of Campo’s growing Interior Design department.

Cody Pate, AIA

Ritter Maher Architects, Baton Rouge

Originally from Denham Springs, Louisiana. Cody earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Louisiana Tech University in 2018 and Master of Architecture in 2022. Since 2018, he has worked in the architecture industry in Baton Rouge, gaining experience across a wide range of project types including commercial, multifamily, food service, and healthcare. Furthermore, he completed the architectural licensure process in 2025.

Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in onboarding new designers and staff, as well as providing skills training and mentorship to support the growth and development of

emerging professionals.

Lindsey Windom, AIA
Greenleaf Architects, Covington

Lindsey is a native of Covington and attended Archbishop Hannan High School, where she played softball and contributed to the Miracle League and Lindsey's Hits for Kids. Continuing her softball career at Millsaps College, she earned a BBA in Accounting in 2021. Lindsey then pursued a Master of Architecture at LSU, graduating in 2024. Her diverse skills include digital arts and graphic design, and she has experience as a graduate research assistant and government publicist for the LSU Coastal Ecosystem Design Studio. In this role, she worked with FEMA, OCD, the US Army Corps of Engineers, LA Sea Grant, and local municipalities on sustainability, resilience, restoration, and water-related issues. Passionate about the outdoors, she enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends, and traveling to places where she can find beaches, woods, or mountains.

MODERATOR:

Calvin Gallion, AIA
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Originally from Natchitoches, LA, Calvin discovered his love of architecture and design at an early age. He comes from a large family of artists and designers and adopted that mindset very quickly. Growing up in Natchitoches fostered a deep respect for historic preservation that shows in his work but can transition to modern designs seamlessly. Calvin attended Tulane School of Architecture and graduated with his Master of Architecture with a minor in Urban Design. During his time at Tulane, he attended DIS in Copenhagen, Denmark studying urban design, architecture and furniture design.

Calvin has worked on projects of varying sizes and has even led teams for larger programs and designs, including single family residential, university work and restaurants. He has cultivated respectful working relationships with numerous regulatory agencies, including the Vieux Carré Commission, National Park Services and State Historic Preservation Office. Calvin currently serves on the AIA Louisiana Board of Directors as the YAF State Representative.



Position Openings at National Level
Deadline June 15

Open Call for applications (application = information requested/referred to in each information packet) regarding the following opening. Members selected for the following positions will represent the state component and its members at a national level (terms begin January 2027).

Young Architects Forum State Representative

By promoting excellence, providing information and leadership, fostering inclusiveness and encouraging individual, community and professional development, the YAF strives to integrate the growing community of professionals licensed ten years or less into a strong

voice within the AIA. AIA Louisiana, in accordance with National guidelines, will select one representative to serve on the AIA National Young Architects Forum (YAF) working in conjunction with the Associates Committee focusing on the needs and emerging trends of more the recently licensed professional.

This position is in service to both National AIA as well as Louisiana. YAF's transition meeting takes place in the Fall (likely Oct/Nov) and term becomes effective Jan 1, 2026 for two years. [Read More>>](#)

Deadline for applications is June 14, 2026. Submit applications to Kathleen Gordon (kathleengordon@aiala.com).

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions at all. We thank Calvin Gallion for his service in this position as his term concludes!

AIA LA Associates Scholarship

Funding to attend State Conference

AIA Louisiana Scholarship Committee is proud to release the 2026 Call for Entries providing scholarship funds to AIA LA Associate/intern members to attend the 2026 State Conference! This scholarship is open to any and all current AIA Louisiana Associate members. Associate Member is defined as those with a professional degree in architecture that have not yet received their license. Deadline to submit is May 29th.

[Read More>>](#)



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SAVE THE DATES:

May

- 12 Building Enclosure Commissioning (BECx) continuing ed session (1 HSW)
- 14 Real Life of an Architect Series
- 20 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

June

- 1 Session Closes
- 10 AIA National Annual Meeting
- 10-13 AIA26 National Conference (San Diego)
- 17 Life of an Architect Series

July

16 Life of an Architect Series

August

12 Life of an Architect Series

19 Espresso Yourself (Assoc.& EP programming)

October

1-2 State Conference (Gulf Shores)

November

1-3 Women's Leadership Summit (Kansas City)

17-19 AIA LA Governance Days

26-27 AIA LA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

24-25 AIA LA Office Closed

31-2 AIA LA Office Closed

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