



2026 Technology Conference

AI: Architectural Intelligence

Hosted by:
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WHEN:

Friday, March 13th, 2026
8:00 am - 5:15 pm PST

WHERE:

AIA|LA & ACLA Center for Communities
4450 West Adams, Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

LEARNING UNITS:

AIA CES: 6 LU HSW

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AI: Architectural Intelligence is more than a theme. It is an invitation for every practice, regardless of size, to step into the future of our profession with confidence.

The best technology makes your practice stronger without changing who you are, and that is exactly the conversation we are here to have.



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2026 Technology Conference Speakers



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Thesla Collier, Intl. Assoc. AIA (she/her/hers)
Design Technology Manager
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Alison Muh, Assoc. AIA
Founder/CEO
Space Plan Wizard



Maria Victoria Ortega, Intl. Assoc. AIA
Strategy Consultant, Voyansi



Jason Rostar, AIA
Principal Corporate Practice Technology Leader
HED



Jeffrey Espinoza, Affiliate AIA|LA (he/him)
Design Technology Consultant
D5 Render



Julide Bozoglu, Ph.D., Intl. Assoc. AIA (she/her/hers)
Director of Technology
Goettsch Partners



Roan Isaku, AIA
Associate Principal, Practice
Technology Leader, HED



Kimon Onuma, FAIA
President, Onuma Inc.



Leo Salcé
Principal, Avant Leap &
Technology Strategist



Enrique Galicia
Director of Innovations & AI
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Vedran Dzebic, PhD
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Toni Lewis, AIA
2026 AIA|LA President
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Chun Liu, AIA
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8:00 AM - 8:30 AM - Check-In / Breakfast / Networking

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM - President's Address & Welcome

- **2026 AIA|LA President**
Toni Lewis, AIA - Lewis | Schoeplein Architects
- **Past Chair - Professional Practice Committee (2025)**
Chun Liu, AIA - CO Architects
- **2026 TAP Committee Chair**
Melvin Williams, III, Assoc. AIA - HKS
- **2026 AIA|LA Vice President**
Scott Hunter, FAIA - HKS

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM - Session Introduction

Intro: Shobhit Baadkar, Affiliate AIA|LA - TAP Committee Member

Presentation:

The Three Tiers of Co-Intelligence in Visualization

Jeffrey Espinoza, Affiliate AIA|LA - Design Technology Consultant, D5 Render

9:35 AM - 10:20 AM - Session Introduction

Intro: Paras Nanavati, Assoc. AIA - TAP Committee Member

Presentation:

Transforming BIM Workflows into Architectural Intelligence

Julide Bozoglu, AIA - Director of Technology, Goettsch Partners

10:20 AM - BREAK

10:40 AM - 11:25 AM - Session Introduction

Intro: Nicole Buhles, Assoc. AIA - TAP Past Chair, 2025

Presentation:

Building a Smarter Practice

Jason Rostar, AIA - Principal, Corporate Practice Technology Leader, HED

Roan Isaku, AIA - Associate Principal, Practice Technology Leader, HED

11:35 AM - 12:20 PM - Session Introduction

Intro: Cody Nowak - TAP Committee Member

****Keynote Presentation****

The Architecture of Intelligence: Measuring What Matters (and Turning Buildings Into Living Systems)

Kimon Onuma, FAIA - President, ONUMA, Inc.

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12:20 PM - 2:00 PM - LUNCH / EXHIBITIONS / INTERACTIVES

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM - Session Introduction

Intro: Chris Wiesen, Affiliate AIA|LA - TAP Committee Member

Presentation:

AI WON'T TAKE OUR JOBS:

Live Demo From a First-of-its-Kind AI-Powered AEC Platform

Alison Muh, Assoc. AIA - CEO, Space Wizard

Mary Clare Garrity, Allied AIA - Director of Customer Success, Space Plan Wizard

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM - Session Introduction

Intro: John Mikesh, Assoc. AIA - TAP Committee Member

Presentation:

Designing with Intelligence: Bridging Technologies with Neuroscience toward Better Design Outcomes

Vedran Dzebic, PHD - Research Director, Entro, Toronto, Canada

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM - Session Introduction

Intro: Brian Skowvron, Assoc. AIA - TAP Past Chair & Committee Member

Presentation:

The Pursuit of Digital Intelligence and the Protocol Problem

Leo Salcé - Principal, Avant Leap & Technology Strategist

Enrique Galicia - Director of Innovations & A.I.

4:15 - 5:00 PM - Session Introduction

Intro: Cody Nowak, Affiliate AIA|LA - TAP Committee Member

Presentation:

Closing the Gap: Aligning Architects, Engineers, and Builders through AI-Driven Coordination

Maria Victoria Ortega, Intl. Assoc. AIA - Strategy Consultant

5:00 PM - 5:15 PM - Closing Remarks

Thesla Collier, Intl. Assoc. AIA - HNTB

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Happy Hour!

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