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AIA CONVENTION ON ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN MOHAMED IBRAHIM AIA, Ph.D.



It was a pleasure to be the WMAIA Delegate to the AIA2026 National Convention on Architecture and Design, held in the charming Pacific-coastal city of San Diego, California in June.

In addition to keynote events, business, and award programs, AIA2026 offered a broad range of learning and networking opportunities. Numerous continuing education sessions focused on sustainability, resilience in design, artificial intelligence, materials and systems, and practice management. Attendees also had access to multiple architect-led tours throughout San Diego.

Annual Business Meeting:

Chapter delegates were provided with updates and information by the national AIA leadership who highlighted several notable initiatives currently underway:

- The AIA Revenue Task Force is examining ways to increase revenue while reducing costs.
- The AIA Chapter Activation Fund continues to support local chapters through funding programs designed to strengthen engagement and encourage new ideas.
- Advocacy remains an active priority; efforts are focused on disaster mitigation, community resilience, zoning reform, historic preservation, professional recognition, and emerging issues related to AI.
- The AIA Artificial Intelligence Task Force presented updates on new resources, including the AI Firm Toolkit, AI Symposium, expanded educational

offerings, and practice-focused implementation guidance. These initiatives support the safe, responsible, and effective use of AI technology while addressing its associated challenges.

- The AIA Treasurer's report provided an overview of the organization's financial performance and long-term strategy, which prioritizes funding support for component chapters and exploring additional revenue streams.

- Media and outreach initiatives were highlighted, and dedicated to improving public awareness of architecture through podcast programs like *America by Design*, a CBS miniseries.

- The AIA Governance Task Force provided a draft governance framework, along with an implementation roadmap extending through 2030.

Keynotes & Roundtables:

There were many interesting speakers focusing on the Immigrant Experience; Equity, Resilience, and Practice; Humanity, Sustainability, & the Future of Architecture; AI and Disruptive Transformation; and Architects as Catalysts for Sustainable Development, a keynote presentation by Sameh Wahba of the World Bank as he described how his professional path was influenced by architects who dedicated their work to improving conditions for underserved communities in developing countries

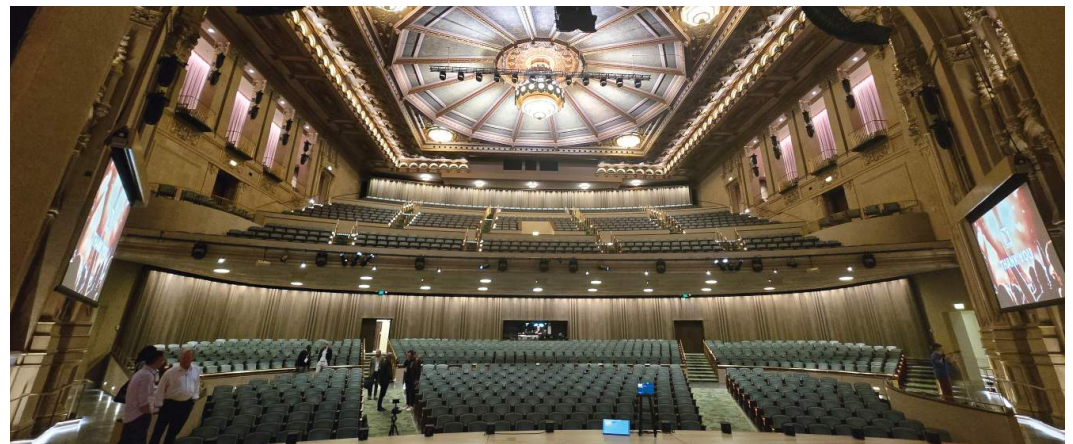
Awards and Recognition:

The AIA Gold Medal was awarded to Shigeru Ban FAIA, recognizing his



extraordinary contributions to architecture and sustainable design. Michael Ford FAIA, NOMA, received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award for his leadership in advancing equity within the profession, while Duvall Decker Architects of Mississippi received the AIA Architecture Firm Award for their firm's contributions to community advocacy and design excellence.

Shigeru Ban, Recipient of AIA2026 Gold Medal Award (top), Four Pillars of AIA Strategic Plan, Explained (middle), Architect-Led Tour of Jacob's Music Center in San Diego (bottom)



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COVER STORY & FIRM FEATURE: EASTON COMBS

EASTON COMBS is an award-winning architecture and design practice based in the countryside of New Marlborough, recognized for its thoughtful response to place, environmental performance, and refined design execution. Founded by Rona Easton, RA, ARB, and Lonn Combs AIA, FAAR, the firm approaches each commission as building research — leveraging the particular resources of the region alongside advanced building systems and the expertise of local trade partners and contractors.

A recent project in Berkshire County, House SIX, demonstrates this approach at full scale. The 5,000-square-foot single-family residence is carefully integrated into a sloping site, its elongated form and dynamically folding roofline calibrated to the landscape while framing expansive views of the Berkshire foothills.

Designed to Passive House performance standards, the home incorporates custom wood-framed triple-pane glazing, wood fiber continuous insulation, dense-pack cellulose, and a geothermal heating and cooling system — achieving net-zero-ready classification on day one. House SIX was recognized with the 2023 Record Houses Award from Architectural Record and the 2024 American Architecture Award in the Private Houses category.



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STUDENT WORK

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPETITION

Each year, the Summer Issue of the WMAIA Newsletter celebrates the outstanding work of architecture students across Western Massachusetts. This year, we are pleased to feature a selection of projects from graduating students in the UMass Amherst Department of Architecture. These projects include an Affordable Housing Competition, Thesis presentations and a Design VI Studio collaborative workshop. Their work explores a wide range of topics and reflects the creativity, research, and critical thinking that define architectural education today. We extend congratulations to the students, faculty, advisors, and community members who contributed their time and expertise throughout the academic year.

UMass Students Recognized in Affordable Housing Development Competition

Graduate students from UMass Amherst earned recognition in the 2026 Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Affordable Housing Development Competition, an annual multidisciplinary program focused on innovative affordable housing solutions.

Led by UMass faculty member Ann Marshall AIA, and John Gilbert of Way Finders, students tackled real-world housing challenges through the annual Affordable Housing Development Competition. Four UMass teams participated this year, earning both a Third Place award and an Honorable Mention. Following the competition, students further developed aspects of their team proposals into the individual projects featured here.

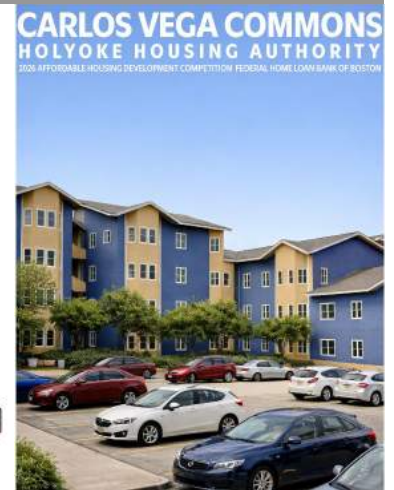
THIRD PLACE: – Rooted Commons: Mona Bilto and Deepak Arumugam Krishna. Post-competition Passive House studies were done by Mona Bilto.

Rooted Commons is an affordable housing proposal that brings together housing, food access, and community amenities on the Hartford Street Presbyterian Church campus in Natick, Massachusetts. The project combines affordable homes, a food pantry, community gardens, and gathering spaces to create a sustainable, connected neighborhood. Designed to support resident well-being and community resilience, Rooted Commons demonstrates how housing can foster social connection and neighborhood growth.



HONORABLE MENTION: – Carlos Vega Commons: Yukta Karanjkar, Mary Donnelly, Kati Rosen, Aayush Mondkar, and Bryan Philip.

Yukta Karanjkar led the development of **Carlos Vega Commons**, an 81-unit affordable housing proposal in downtown Holyoke created in partnership with the Holyoke Housing Authority. The project combines housing with community amenities including a greenhouse, food pantry, community garden, and gathering spaces. Her research explored how prefabricated building systems can improve efficiency and support the delivery of sustainable, high-quality housing.



STUDENT WORK

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPETITION

ENTRY: — Faith Gardens: Mary Saich, Dana Browne, Isabella Donovan.



As part of the 2026 Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Affordable Housing Development Competition, Mary Saich contributed to **Faith Gardens**, a proposal for a 40-unit affordable housing community centered around the historic Clinton Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Massachusetts. Developed by a multidisciplinary team of students from universities across the Commonwealth, the project reimagines underutilized church property as a vibrant residential community that supports young families while strengthening neighborhood connections.

Mary Saich's post-competition studies focused on sustainable deconstruction and material reuse strategies. Through a detailed analysis of the existing church campus, she identified opportunities to salvage and repurpose building materials, with particular emphasis on reusing existing asphalt paving to reduce embodied carbon. The resulting landscape design transforms reclaimed materials into community-focused outdoor spaces, including courtyards, play areas, and ecological features that encourage environmental stewardship and social interaction.



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STUDENT WORK

UMASS THESIS PROJECTS

Krashing Giri Goswami: M.Arch, MRP

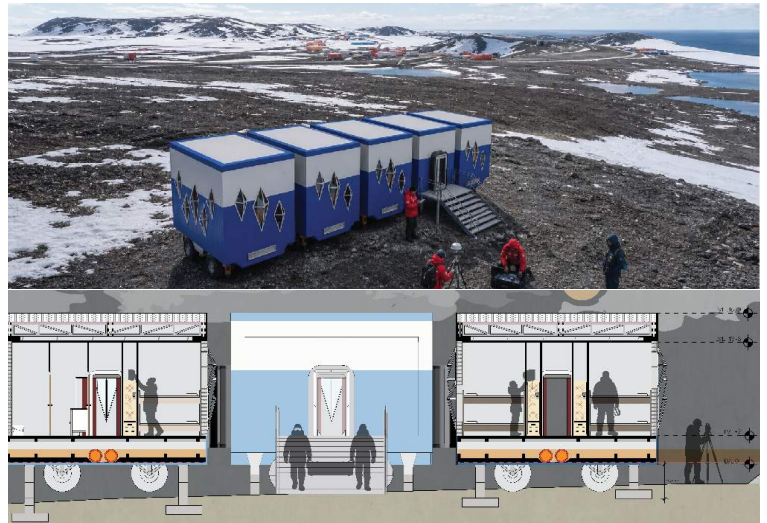
In his dual Master of Architecture and Master of Regional Planning thesis, [POST] SOV: A Spatial Manifesto for Collaboration and Adaptation in Antarctica, Krashing Giri Goswami explores how a flexible network of modular research facilities can strengthen collaboration and resilience across Antarctica's research landscape. Through scenario planning and adaptable infrastructure, the project proposes new ways for research stations to share resources, respond to uncertainty, and support scientific cooperation in one of the world's most challenging environments.

Chair - Dr. Camille Barchers, Regional Planning

Member - Dr. Theo Eisenman, Regional Planning

Member - Prof. Jordan Kanter AIA, Architecture

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Elisabeth Helmin: M.Design, MLA

In CONFER: Public Perceptions of Memorial Landscapes, Elisabeth Helmin explores how memorial design shapes remembrance and healing, focusing on memorials dedicated to victims of gun violence in New England.

Chair - Prof. Carey Clouse AIA - Landscape Architecture

Member - Prof. Sandy Litchfield Associate AIA - Architecture

Howler & Yoon, designers of the Collier Memorial at MIT (middle)



Lilly Etlinger: M.Arch / MLA

In Adaptive Living: Designing for Time, Lilly Etlinger explores resilient housing for seasonal workers in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Addressing climate change and sea level rise, the project combines adaptable design, modular construction, and community-focused living spaces to support the long-term sustainability of coastal communities.

Co-chairs - Prof. Carey Clouse AIA, Landscape Architecture/Architecture and Erika Zekos Associate AIA, Architecture

Member - Prof. Samantha Solano, Landscape Architecture





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COTE UPDATE

JESSE SELMAN AIA, COTE CHAIR



A perfect day for a trip to Williamstown.

WMAIA Spring in the Berkshires and COTE recently toured the newly completed Davis Center (pictured right) and the Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA), currently under construction. Special thanks to Scott Henderson, Architect

and Senior Project Manager at Williams College, for leading the tour and sharing insights into both projects.

The new WCMA features a roof design inspired by the surrounding hillsides, while the Davis Center strengthens connections to Spring Street through significant accessibility improvements. Both projects incorporate Living Building Challenge principles and CLT (cross-laminated timber) construction. Scheduled to open in Fall 2027, the new WCMA will include 11 galleries, classrooms, an auditorium, and a café.

The Davis Center is already serving as a vibrant campus gathering space.



Coming Up in September: MGHPCC Data Center Tour

Join COTE for a tour of the LEED Platinum-certified Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC) in Holyoke. The program will include an overview and Q&A with Executive Director John Goodhue, followed by a guided tour of the facility.

Attendance will be limited to 15 participants, with a waitlist and potential second tour if demand exceeds capacity. A government-issued ID is required for entry.

Questions for the Q&A may be submitted by July 31 to director@wmaia.org.



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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

GABRIELLE GORALCZYK ASSOCIATE AIA



WMAIA has been fortunate to work with many wonderful editors of this newsletter over the years.

In October 2025, Rachael Chase, who had edited this publication since 2013, stepped down. Rachael oversaw the development of the newsletter into a full-color publication that she completely redesigned.

We thank her for 12 years of stewardship and dedication to documenting the work and accomplishments of our chapter.

Additionally, we extend a special thanks to Julie Waggoner Hon. WMAIA, who stepped in seamlessly to help guide the transition to a new editor over the past eight months.

With this issue, we are pleased to introduce Gabrielle Goralczyk Assoc. AIA, as the next editor of the WMAIA Newsletter. Gabrielle is a Project Designer at Kuhn Riddle Architects & Designers and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she earned both her Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees.

Gabrielle's interest in architecture began at a young age while working alongside her father on home improvement and construction projects. Those early experiences sparked a lasting appreciation for how places are designed, built, and experienced by the people who use them. Since joining Kuhn Riddle in 2021, she has worked on a variety of projects throughout Western Massachusetts and has become an active member of the region's design community.

As an emerging professional, Gabrielle is passionate about highlighting the work, accomplishments, and people that make WMAIA such a vibrant chapter. She looks forward to using the newsletter as a platform to celebrate design, share member achievements, and strengthen connections throughout the Western Massachusetts architectural community.

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STUDENT WORK

UMASS ARCHITECTURE - STUDIO VI

This spring, Erika Zekos Associate AIA's Design VI Studio at UMass Amherst partnered with nonprofit organization Everyday Wellbeing, Inc. (EWI). Through a series of collaborative design workshops, students helped develop a program of spaces for EWI's future permanent home and explored design concepts for four potential sites in Amherst and Northampton.

In addition to these planning efforts, the studio designed and constructed a custom storage cabinet to address the organization's immediate needs.



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The project highlights the value of community-engaged design and the positive impact architecture students can have beyond the classroom.

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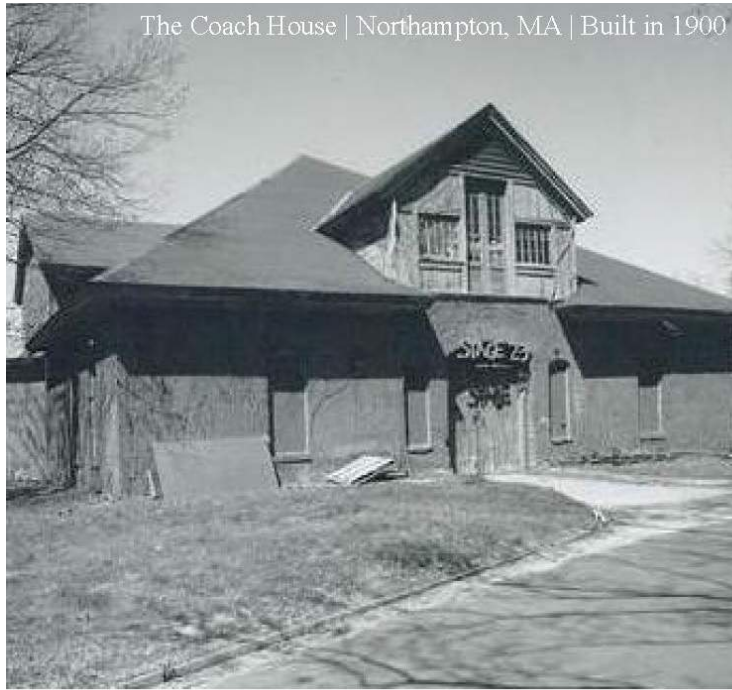
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SPOTLIGHT: EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

SALABAT KHAN ASSOCIATE AIA

When did you know you wanted to be an architect?

Growing up in Dubai during the early 2000s, I witnessed the city transform from sand dunes and deserts into a bustling skyline of skyscrapers and contemporary buildings. Seeing how architecture could alter the character of a city inspired me to pursue the profession. As Dubai continued to develop, I became fascinated by different architectural styles, the relationship between people and the built environment, and the ability to blend innovation with functionality. Over time, I realized that architecture goes beyond designing buildings and creates meaningful connections between people, place, and nature.

Why is licensure important to you?

Licensure symbolizes my growth both as a person and a professional. It is much more than passing examinations—it reflects the skills, confidence, and responsibility needed to manage projects and decisions that directly affect people's lives and surroundings. It is also an important milestone in my journey toward becoming an architect.



Where are you on the path to licensure?

I began my licensure journey at the end of 2024 and was fortunate to pass my first four exams within six months. After welcoming a baby boy, my exam progress paused for a time, but I am now preparing for my PPD and PDD exams and hope to complete the remaining requirements by the end of this year.

What's something cool that you're working on right now?

As part of the team at Kuhn Riddle Architects & Designers, I'm currently working on a multi-family residential project. One of the most interesting aspects has been seeing how architects, engineers, consultants, contractors, and clients collaborate to make a building successful. The experience has reinforced that architecture requires coordination, code compliance, problem-solving, and teamwork in addition to design.

What don't most people know about you?

Most people don't know that I really enjoy flying and anything related to aviation. I've always been fascinated by airplanes, flight regulations, and the engineering behind flight, and I'm currently working toward earning my pilot's license.



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Awards Program: Friday October 2, 2025

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2026 MA ADU DESIGN CHALLENGE WINNERS

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently announced the winners of the 2026 Massachusetts ADU Design Challenge, a statewide initiative aimed at expanding housing opportunities through thoughtfully designed accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The competition highlighted innovative, affordable, and adaptable housing solutions that can help homeowners navigate design, permitting, and construction challenges while increasing housing supply across the Commonwealth.



First Place (top) was awarded to Fabricated Module, Local Dwelling: A New England ADU by ICON Architecture (Ana Cheng, Aren Fenner AIA, and Jansen Meals). Second Place (bottom left) went to Eco Gable by Catalano Architects (Alexander Catalano AIA, Starr Warner, Elena Stancheva, Garrett Avery, Maeve Kelley AIA, Sarah Glennon), and Third Place (bottom right) was awarded to Good Fences, Good Neighbors by Nidify Studio (Douglas Jack AIA, Victoria Capaldo Assoc. AIA, Aslyn Padre, Nate Cole, Andrew Steingiser, John Mann, Milo Stella, Achan Sookying and Mike Browne).



In addition to the top three awards, jurors recognized outstanding submissions for excellence in accessibility, innovative construction, sustainability, compact design, and standard ADU design. AIA Massachusetts played a key role in the planning and execution of the competition, further demonstrating the profession's commitment to advancing practical, design-driven housing solutions across the state.

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21 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

After more than two decades of service as founding chair of the UMass Amherst Department of Architecture, Professor Stephen Schreiber FAIA is stepping down from departmental leadership. Known to generations of students as a thoughtful educator, mentor, and advocate for architectural education, Schreiber will continue teaching and research at UMass while helping lead the development of a proposed five-year Master of Architecture degree. Since joining UMass in 2005, Schreiber has guided the transformation of the Architecture program from a BFA housed within the Art Department into a nationally recognized Department of Architecture offering New England's first public accredited Master of Architecture degree, alongside a strong undergraduate curriculum.

Under Schreiber's leadership, the department established an interdisciplinary model of education that draws expertise from across UMass Amherst and the Five Colleges. During his tenure, the program expanded opportunities in historic preservation, dual-degree study, and design/build education, while strengthening connections between academic learning and professional practice. He also played a key role in the planning and realization of the award-winning Olver Design Building, which has become a hub for collaboration, research, making, and design innovation on campus.



Steve addressing a group of students (above), Steve Schreiber (back row, near the middle) gathered with colleagues and family at a party to celebrate his tenure as department chair, May 2026. (below), Steve addressing graduates and guests in the Design Building at May 2026 commencement event. (top right)



A strong advocate for expanding access to architectural education, Schreiber helped create pathways into the profession for students from diverse backgrounds while fostering a culture of community engagement and public service.

Schreiber's impact extends far beyond the university. He has served in numerous national leadership roles, including President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Director of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and President of the National Architectural Accrediting Board. Closer to home, he has been a dedicated supporter of AIA Western Massachusetts, serving on the WMAIA Board and contributing to the advancement of the profession throughout the region.

WMAIA extends its gratitude to Steve for his leadership, service, and lasting contributions to the field of architecture. His commitment to nurturing the connection between academia and the profession has had a profound positive impact on our chapter. We look forward to his continued service on the WMAIA board.

Rob Williams AIA, Ray Mann AIA, and Erika Zekos Associate AIA contributed to this article.

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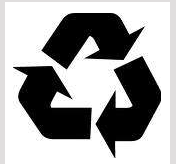
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