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Breaking Ground! The 2019 AIA Tri-State Conference



From October 16 through October 19, AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State and AIA Pennsylvania hosted Breaking Ground! The 2019 AIA Tri-State Conference which focused on content, products and services that relate directly to the profession of architecture.

During the conference, over 400 participants, speakers and exhibitors came together at the Albany Capital Center in Albany, NY to learn, network, and share their knowledge about subject matter important or relating to the architecture community.



Author Will Hunt shares his riveting stories of exploring the underground across the globe.



Sharon Johnston, FAIA, shares her firm's portfolio of work within the context of art in the city.

Keynote speakers included Bob Fisher, Principal and Editor at Large for Design Intelligence, who discussed foresight and vision in order to prepare your practice for the future; Sharon Johnston, FAIA, presented current and past work from Johnston Marklee's diverse portfolio within the context of art institutions and their relationship with the fabric and scale of cities; and Will Hunt, author, who took us through an engaging tour of the world that exists beneath cities across the country.



Mary McClenaghan, AIA, NCARB; Jared Zurn, AIA, NCARB, CAE; and Robert Lopez, RA discuss the licensure process including the functions of each entity, specific requirements of the Architectural Experience Program, and what to expect with the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).



Jay Valgora, AIA, presents case studies of innovative projects that are reinventing abandoned industrial structures creating new value and development.

During each day, conference participants had the opportunity to choose among various sessions relating to architecture. Topics included: Forensic Architecture; Integrated Mentorship; Sacred Spaces Civic Places; Rating Systems; Innovative Solutions for Universal Design; Impact on Climate Change; Resiliency and Adaptation; New Technologies for Preservation Architecture; Creating Value in Your Career and much more.



Left: Round Retreat; Right: Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine; Below: MLK Plaza



Twenty-three projects from all over the world were celebrated during the Tri-State Architectural Excellence Design Awards & Celebration held at The Egg at Empire State Plaza. Award winners include Round Retreat, a private residence anchored to the site by its relationship to natural elements by UNITEDLAB Associates; Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, a new gateway that brings architectural clarity and much-needed gathering space to the veterinary school by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture and MLK Plaza, affordable housing in the South Bronx designed by Magnusson Architecture and Planning PC; just to name a few.



Over 40 exhibitors shared their products and services from aerial imagery and project software platforms to consulting engineering and building products with conference participants.



During session breaks, participants put their creativity to work designing structures out of wooden blocks, posting them on Instagram as part of a contest.

On Saturday, October 19, after three days of successful sessions, tours and events, Frank Genese, AIA; Robert Stanziale, AIA; and Seth Leeb, AIA; Co-Chairs of the Conference Committee (pictured above from l to r), shared their closing remarks and thanked everyone who participated and contributed towards making the conference a success.