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Considering Your Career

Our Young Professional Committee hosted an event last month showcasing a few of the various career paths an AEC degree can take you on. Thank you to our Committee Chair, Lupe Casimiro, for coordinating this event and our wonderful group of speakers!

Young professional events are open to members and non-members, students, young professionals, and the seasoned professionals that inspire them. The YP committee is planning trivia night in April.

READ ABOUT OUR JANUARY YP EVENT...

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Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 5:00-8:00pm

Rebuilding Together House Rehab Work Day: Saturday, April 24, 2018, daytime

Awards Banquet and Recognition Night: Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 5:30-8:30pm

President's Letter



Dear Friends,

I'm writing this fresh off of our January board meeting and chapter program. An exceptional program from Arathi Gowda and John Mlade spurred thoughtful discussion from attendees and served as a timely reminder of the broader sustainability strategies that we need to be mindful of as members of the design and construction community. Programs like this one serve as a great example of what I appreciate so much about the programming that CSI Chicago offers: diversity.

In the past month, I was able to participate in the following programs offered by CSI Chicago:

1. Specifier Roundtable, where we had valuable input from local contractors and technical leaders representing some of biggest joint sealant manufacturers in the country to inform decisions we are making as we develop a joint sealant master spec for the chapter.
2. Young Professional Event, where a sampling of design and construction professionals generously shared an evening of their time to tell their stories of career paths that ventured beyond the traditional.
3. Industry Roundtable, where Scott Conwell led a valuable discussion on strategies that all professionals can utilize to become better at limiting distractions and focusing on our respective crafts (based on Cal Newport's bestseller, "Deep Work").

In the coming month, I will be immersed in knowledge regarding air and vapor barriers at the Specifier Roundtable, troubleshooting problematic transitions in the building envelope at the Technical Roundtable, and attending the Building Enclosure event to hear from one of the world's leading experts on building energy modeling. To think that all of these

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President's Letter (cont.)

convenient and mostly free-to-attend programs came under the umbrella of one membership is extraordinary and a large part of what I value about my membership; the other being the extraordinary people that I have built working relationships and friendships with.

Every year the programming committees team up and put immense effort into providing quality programs with knowledgeable, engaging speakers that address the frequent challenges and opportunities chapter members are faced with in their work. I heartily applaud everyone that is pitching in this year towards program planning, especially Andrea Baird for steering the ship on the chapter meeting programming. Thank you all for your tremendous efforts so far this year. I look forward to what's coming before the year end.



Melissa Gibson, NCARB, CSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C

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Opening the Black Box of Building Performance Simulation and Building Enclosure

15th Annual Building Enclosure Event: Thursday, February 22, 2018



Presented by: Drury B. Crawley, Ph.D., FASHRAE, BEMP, FIBPSA, AIA
Bentley Fellow and Director, Building Performance at Bentley Systems, Inc.

The building industry is undergoing profound change with amazing new technologies and systems available to make our buildings better—more sustainable, resilient and energy-efficient. Over the last 50 years, building simulation has evolved into a powerful tool for evaluating the energy performance of potential or existing buildings. Building simulation allows easy comparison of the energy and environmental performance of many hundreds of building envelope and other building systems. The buildings touted today as ‘net-zero-energy’ or ‘sustainable’ would not be possible without energy simulation—but no single simulation tool can model all aspects of our buildings today.

This presentation provides an overview of trends and drivers affecting building enclosure and the building industry as well as an overview of building performance simulation fundamentals and history, Building Information Modeling (BIM), what’s in the black box of key simulation programs, comparing underlying simulation methods, and how these can be used to design better building envelopes. (Access course learning objectives [here.](#))

Continuing Education Units: 2.0 LU/HSW by AIA/CES and 2.0 CE by GBCI

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Location: Maggiano's, 516 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654

Morning Session*: 7:15-7:45-Registration/breakfast buffet; 7:45-10:30am-Program

Lunchtime Session*: 11:15-Registration, 11:45am-12:15pm-Lunch, 12:15-3:00pm-Program

Cost for one session: CSI Chicago and Industry Partners Members \$40/Non-members \$48

*Breakfast and lunch sessions will be similar presentations.

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Dru Crawley is Bentley Fellow and Director, Building Performance focusing on building performance, BIM, net-zero-energy buildings, interoperability, resilience, and sustainability. Prior to being made a Bentley Fellow in 2014, he led development of Bentley’s suite of building performance software. Before joining Bentley in 2010, he developed and managed EnergyPlus and the USDOE’s Commercial Buildings Initiative (now Better Buildings Initiative and Alliances) promoting net-zero-energy buildings. He has more than 35 years of experience in building performance, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability. He received his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland where his doctoral thesis focused on building simulation as a policy tool, looking at the potential impact of climate change on the built environment. He has a Bachelor of Architecture from University of Tennessee and is a registered architect. [Read full bio.](#)

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Technical Education Event: Thursday, March 15, 2018

CSi2eye returns for a 5th year as manufacturer representatives and design/construction professionals will come together for the day to exchange technical knowledge and ideas.

CSi2eye is CSI Chicago Chapter's high-level technical education event. Representatives from top design & construction firms are brought together with product representatives for a day of education and exchange of technical knowledge. Through pre arranged eye-to-eye 20 minute scheduled meetings, CSI provides the platform for construction product manufacturers to get to know senior decision makers.

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018

Location: East Bank Club, 500 North Kingsbury Street, Chicago

Schedule:

8:00am - 8:45am	Breakfast and Registration
8:45am - 11:45am	Morning Sessions with coffee break, \$500 Raffle drawing
11:45am - 1:30pm	Lunch with 1.0 CEU Presentation
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Afternoon Sessions with beverage break, \$500 Raffle drawing
4:30pm - 5:15pm	Cocktail/Appetizer Reception

Lunchtime Presentation: [The New Reality of AEC Technology](#)

Presented by: Danielle Dy Buncio | Founder & CEO | VIATechnik

Complimentary for Design and Construction Professionals. Half and full day attendance options.
CSI membership is not required for this event.

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Lunchtime Roundtables

Technical Roundtable: Intersections – How Do We Ensure Performance at These Difficult and Leaky Locations?

Wednesday, February 14, 12-1pm

Presented by: **Brian Stroik, Building Envelope Solutions Team Manager, Tremco**

The insurance industry pays out hundreds of millions of dollars every year in water and moisture issues dealing with the building enclosure, litigation for enclosure failures is just as major an issue. Building science has demonstrated our buildings waste or leak out roughly 30% of the energy used in Northern climates. By focusing on dealing with the areas of the building enclosure where most of these failures occur, our industry could greatly reduce these numbers and provide owners more efficient, healthier buildings for their clients.

This presentation will focus on those areas which cause most of the issues in building enclosures and provide some suggestions on how to ensure these are not issues on your projects. [Complete event listing>>>](#)

Location: Daltile Tile & Stone Chicago Gallery, Chicago

Continuing Education: 1.0 AIA/CES/HSW LU

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Industry Roundtable: Why Should I Buy From You? Sales techniques for the construction product representative.

Friday, February 16, 12-1pm

Moderated by: **Thomas Herman, Managing Director, CRO RoundTable – Chicago**

Whether you own a business, lead a sales team or are an individual contributor, this question is constantly being posed to you by potential customer(s). Even existing customers ask the question when they are trying to decide if they should continue to do business with you. It does not matter how big or small your business or team is, nor does it matter what your product or service is ... this question is being asked. The question comes in many formats and learning to recognize the question and, more importantly, learning how to answer this question is critical to a successful outcome. What are the underlying reasons you are being asked this question? What is the most effective way to answer?

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Joe Wanner, CSI-EP

Shawn Weidner, CSI

Let's Celebrate Together

Share your personal or professional achievements by notifying the chapter at csichicagochapter@gmail.com for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.



Brad Schwab, CSI, CDT, Principal at Schwab Group LLC, has been appointed to the 2018 CRCA (Chicago Roofing Contractors Association) Board as an Associate Board Member.



Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, SCIP, current treasurer of the Chicago Chapter, has taken a position as a Senior Specifier at Conspectus, Inc., the largest specifications consulting firm in North America. Conspectus is based in Tuckahoe,

New Jersey but has specifiers in locations across the country. Conspectus provides specifications consulting, systems and performance descriptions, and risk and quality advisory services. Elias looks forward to being able to make use of his experience to serve Conspectus's broad range of clients and project types. He can be reached at esaltz@conspectusinc.com or (609) 628-2390.



Peter Grotenhuis, CSI, CDT, is excited to start a new opportunity as the Midwest Area Sales Manager for Smart CI, an innovator in the industry of continuous insulation solutions.

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Member Spotlight Ilyssa Kaserman | Epstein



Ilyssa Kaserman is one of CSI Chicago's CDT Class Scholarship recipients and a member of Epstein's architectural team. Ilyssa was raised on Long Island and went to high school in the North Virginia/Washington DC area. She earned her Bachelor's of Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). While at IIT, Ilyssa also interned at Perkins + Will and was part of the project team for the Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center on Northwestern University's Chicago campus.

During her studies at IIT Ilyssa participated in a study abroad program at the Why Factory, a global think-tank and research institute run by MVRDV and Delft University of Technology and led by professor Winy Maas. While at the Why Factory Ilyssa studied bringing people of diverse backgrounds together through multi-unit housing. She was able to visit Italy, France, Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands while in the program, and she gained an appreciation for how the people of Copenhagen have integrated technology into their everyday lives.

Most recently Ilyssa attended Masonry Camp at the International Masonry Institute (IMI) training center in Bowie, Maryland. She applied after hearing about the IMI program and scholarship through colleagues at CSI Chicago. Ilyssa valued the opportunity to have the hands-on experience at Masonry Camp and is already using the lessons learned to inform her masonry design and detailing for a modular New York hotel project.

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Chicago CSI Members activities beyond Chicago Chapter

The following is a list of members of the Chicago Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute that are volunteering for construction industry activities beyond the Chicago Chapter of CSI.

I hope to receive information regularly to expand this list and keep it current so that we can all be informed as to the breadth of member activities. Please send your construction industry volunteer activity information to me at: josephstypka@gmail.com

Thank you,
Joe Stypka

Member **Activities Beyond**

Andrea Baird

Chicago CSI's representative judge for the Future Cities Competition 2017

Randy Chapple

Construction Specifications Institute Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile
Committee member of ASTM E2751/E2751M "Design and Performance of Supported Laminated Glass Walkways"

Larry Church

American Concrete Institute: Committee member of: 365 – Service Life Prediction, 362 – Parking Structures, 364 – Rehabilitation, 130 – Sustainability, and 329 – Performance Design of Concrete.
National Parking Association / Parking Consultants Council: member of the PCC
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute: active member with the Parking Structure and Sustainability Committees

Scott Conwell

International Masonry Institute (IMI) Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile

Jeff Diqui

Building Enclosure Council – Chicago chapter, Program Director
Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) Terminations and Flashings Committee

Renee Doktorczyk

Member of CSI North Central Region, Institute Director Nominating Committee

Peter Grotenhuis

Chicago CSI's representative judge for the Future Cities Competition 2017

Frank Heitzman

Construction Specifications Institute, UDS Program Task Team

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Alan Itzkowitz

Construction Specifications Institute, Director from the North Central Region
Construction Specifications Institute, Certification Committee

Bill McHugh

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NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee Member
National Roofing Contractors Association Membership Steering Committee Member

Elias Saltz

Construction Specifications Institute, Practice Area Curriculum Committee
CSI North Central Region Electronic Communications Chair

Joe Stypka

National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS), UDS Modules Task Team for the National CAD Standard (NCS)
American Institute of Architecture (AIA), MasterSpec Architectural Review Committee
American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA), AMC Finishes Committee Member



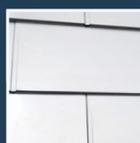
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Event Recap: Young Professional Night January 11, 2018

AEC Career Path Detours, Adventures, and Surprises: Alternative Career Paths Utilizing Your AEC Degree

by: **Francisco Rosas, CSI | Jensen & Halstead**

The CSI Young Professionals event was held at the Exchequer Pub in Chicago, and was hosted by our Committee Chair, Guadalupe Casimiro. The topic was “Have you ever wondered how some one got into such a unique career or just thought “What else could I do with my {AEC} degree”? It’s time to find out!”. Attendance was great, we had 45 participants, with 25 being young professionals. There was plenty of food and drinks and the not-so-large dining room facilitated networking and great group conversations. Many thanks to our presenters for your participation and sharing your story. Thank you!



Constance Nestor, FACHE, EDAC, LEAN | Senior Leader
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Maureen Castillo, LC | Account Manager | Archibald & Meek

Kaci Delong, ILAD, LEEP AP | Lighting Design Lead | dbHMS
Renee Doktorczyk, FAIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP | President | ArchiTech Consulting
Malcolm Murray, LEED AP BD+C, EIT | Digital Buildings Consultant | Arup
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The presentation format was, 20 slides and 20 seconds per slide to tell your story for the past 10 to 30 years in under 7 minutes. Who could possibly be interested in the challenge? And to Lupe’s surprise , many of her friends accepted her invitation and the event was a total success with the participation of the six enthusiastic speakers eager to share their life stories.



The common thread among all of the speakers is the fact that once you are touched by the love for architecture, engineering, or design is that you will find the way to fulfill your goals regardless of where your path takes you. No doubt in my mind that the young curious minds in attendance found reassurance for a bright future in the AEC profession, it could be a stepping stone for some and for others the core of their professional life.



Thank you to our event sponsors:



Look for the January chapter meeting recap article next month in our *Change Order* newsletter.

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CSI offers the [Construction Documents Technologist \(CDT\)](#); the [Certified Construction Contract Administrator \(CCCA\)](#); the [Certified Construction Specifier \(CCS\)](#); and the [Certified Construction Product Representative \(CCPR\) exams](#).

For Spring 2018, exams will be offered March 27 – June 2, 2018.

Standard Registration: January 24 to February 28

Final Registration: March 1 to March 16

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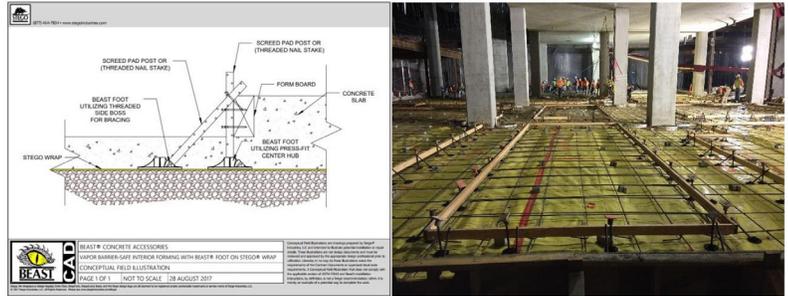
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Hot Tip of the Month

Avoid Puncturing the Under-Slab Vapor Barrier by Using Beast® Foot

Submitted by: Brad Bland, CSI | Stego Industries, LLC

Don't puncture the under-slab vapor barrier with form stakes. Punctures compromise the integrity of the vapor barrier and open up your concrete slab, flooring and building envelope to unnecessary risk of failure due to moisture and soil gas intrusion. Interior forms normally require stakes driven into the ground to support the forms, which puts holes in the vapor barrier; repairing these holes once the concrete is poured and stakes removed is not feasible.



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For more information on all our marketing and sponsorship opportunities, [visit us online](#). To book your sponsorship, please contact us at csichicagochapter@gmail.com

Upcoming Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Looking to sponsor an event? The board and committees are currently planning chapter events and will be releasing sponsorship opportunities as they become available. Some events to keep an eye out for in the coming months is Trivia Night in April and our bi-annual Golf Outing in June.

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CCPR Study Group Q&A - Webinar

Fri, Feb 9, 2018 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

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The Great Lakes Region has set up a conference call for Friday February 9th, 2018 at 12:00pm EST. The purpose of this call is to promote interest in a study group for CCPR testing preparation. We have three interested people currently from networking, etc.

Once this webinar has happened, times will be set for 7 classes going forward. They will start on Friday February 16th, and occur each week until Friday March 30th. Time of the call TBD----we will see if there are multiple time zones involved. If there is interest from Mt. and West Coast time zones, we accommodate and adjust time accordingly. It will be virtual in nature and open to all across the country.

This is a certification that has traditionally not had an organized study group to support CSI members and CDT holders from the manufacturing community that want to move to the next level.

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Industry Events

Masonry Monday: Air Barrier & Shelf Angle Design, Detailing and Lessons Learned, Monday, February 12, 2018 | 2140 W. Corporate Dr., Addison, IL

Presented by Corey Zussman, Director of Quality Construction at Pepper Construction.

This program is registered with AIA for 1.5 HSW Learning Units. There is a \$15 charge to attend and general admission seating (West Classroom) is limited, so please register early.

Details and registration for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/Cej3SR>.

For additional information contact IMI at (630) 396-3144 or jdiqui@imiweb.org.



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May 6 - 10, 2018 | McCormick Place, Chicago, IL USA

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Masonry Monday: BIM TOOLS FOR MASONRY

Monday, March 12, 2018 | IMI, 2140 W. Corporate Dr., Addison, IL

Details and registration for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/oaWzue>

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 | AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 260 (Wabash Room) Chicago, IL 60601

Details and registration for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/f3decM>

Presented by:

Mark Swanson, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB | IMI Director of Industry Development – Minnesota

Tom Cuneio | CAD BLOX, LLC and 3DIQ Inc.

This program meets state of Illinois and AIA/CES requirements for continuing education, and qualifies for 1.5 HSW LU. There is a \$15 charge to attend and includes lunch.

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Tile Marble Terrazzo Educational Conference

International Masonry Institute will host a Tile Marble Terrazzo educational conference for design and construction professionals in six U.S. cities in 2018. This half-day program will be repeated in [St. Louis](#), [Seattle](#), [Cleveland](#), [Chicago](#), [Los Angeles](#), and [New York City](#) throughout the year.

The program targets local architects, designers, and others interested in the myriad emerging materials, technologies, and design requirements for tile, marble, terrazzo, and resinous flooring. The event includes seminars and exhibits from leaders in the TMT industry. Breakfast and lunch are included, and the program qualifies for 4 hours of AIA-registered continuing education units. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. In addition to IMI, program sponsors and presenters include Tile Council of North America (TCNA), National Tile & Mosaic Association (NTMA), Daltile, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co., and Schluter Systems. For more information visit <https://goo.gl/yojK83> or email sconwell@imiweb.org.

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Architects Are Not Like Chefs

By: Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS

Early last year, Chicago Chapter of CSI presented a chapter program during which educators and students from several local architectural schools discussed their curricula. The bulk of the presentation was myriad slides showing pretty pictures of student work. Some of the educators, realizing their audience was CSI members, paid a little lip service to the idea that construction technology (but not specifications) was at least part of what architecture students should learn. None of them spoke more than a sentence or two about the business of architecture, and the word 'science' was not uttered once.

The reason this is especially worth recounting, however, was an astounding statement made by one of the faculty members: he likened the practice of architecture to that of being a chef or a fashion designer. It's likely that what he was thinking when he made this claim had far more nuance than I am describing, and by arguing against what I thought he meant I'll probably be committing a straw man fallacy, but here's what I understood his claim to be. Architects, chefs and fashion designers follow analogous creative process and their work results in the creation of something finished and suitable for its intended purpose where before was just raw materials. All the professions require specialized knowledge, talent, and skill/experience that must be built up over the course of a career to ensure success.

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