AIA Ohio 2026 Conference
Nov. 12-13 | Columbus Hilton Downtown
Schedule of Events

Thursday, Nov. 12

10:00-11:00 a.m. Registration Open, 4th Floor Pre-function

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Opening Session: Keynote: Jeffrey Huber, FAIA, Brooks Scarpa Huber Architects, Kojo Kamau AB
1.0 LU

12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch and TableTalks, Kojo Kamau C
Enjoy a casual lunch while learning about AIA committees, knowledge communities, collaborators, and allied organizations.

1:30-2:30 p.m. ***Designing Pathways: Community Benefits Agreements in Architectural Mentorship***, Kojo Kamau AB
How can the profession create greater awareness of architecture and provide meaningful mentorship and early exposure for those who may be interested in the field? Join AIA Ohio members with experience in mentorship and community engagement as we explore how Community Benefit Agreements can be used in collaboration with local governments, project owners, and communities to create opportunities for mentoring, career exposure, internships, and other pipeline initiatives. Learn how these agreements can connect architectural projects with broader community goals while introducing more students and emerging professionals to careers in architecture. 1.0 LU

2:45-3:45 p.m. ***Municipal Sustainability in Action: How Ohio Architects Can Drive Local Climate Policy,*** Kojo Kamau AB
How can architects help communities turn ambitious sustainability goals into meaningful change in the built environment? Join municipal leaders, design professionals, and AIA Committee on the Environment advocates as AIA Ohio explores how local climate policies are shaping building standards, project opportunities, and design decisions across the state. Panelists will discuss how architects can respond to evolving municipal priorities, align sustainable strategies with client and community goals, and serve as trusted partners in advancing resilience, reducing carbon impacts, and strengthening communities through thoughtful design and civic engagement. 1.0 LU/HSW

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. LUs & Brews, 4th Floor Pre-function
Join us at the Hilton for this fun event that includes snacks, drinks, and learning units! Participants choose to visit with different sponsors during the two-hour event, earning a nano CE credit and a drink ticket with each visit. It's a win-win! 2.0 LU

6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Awards Celebration, Kojo Kamau AB
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. – Dinner
- 6:45-8:00 p.m. – Awards Presentation including AIA Ohio Design and Honor Awards, *1.0 LU*
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. – AfterParty Reception/Social Hour

Friday, Nov. 13

8:30-9:45 a.m. Breakfast and AIA Ohio Annual Business Meeting, Kojo Kamau AB

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Offsite Tours
2.0 LUs

12:00-1:45 p.m. Lunch with Keynote Speaker: T+E+A+M: IRL (In Real Life), Kojo Kamau AB
Thom Moran + Ellie Abrons + Adam Fure + Meredith Miller of T+E+A+M Architects will discuss their recent projects in terms of moving from digital speculation to built work. 1.0 LU

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ***Advocacy and Civic Leadership in the Built Environment***, Kojo Kamau AB
How can architects and community leaders advocate for stronger communities and a better built environment? Join elected officials, candidates, architects, and civic leaders as AIA Ohio explores the many ways individuals can advance the goals of the profession through public service and community involvement. From serving as a citizen architect or elected official to participating on boards, commissions, and local initiatives, panelists will discuss why they choose to lead, how the built environment influences the decisions they make, and how architects and community members can use their experience, perspective, and voices to shape the future of their communities. 1.0 LU

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. ***Pathways to Practice: Exploring the Future of Architectural Licensure,*** Kojo Kamau AB
How might new pathways to licensure expand opportunity while maintaining rigorous professional standards? Join representatives from NCARB, Ohio's licensing board, education, and architectural practice for a panel discussion on competency-based licensure. Explore how candidates could demonstrate readiness for practice through different combinations of education and experience, what these changes could mean for aspiring architects and firms, and the questions our profession must address as this work moves forward. 1.0 LU

4:30 p.m. Informal Happy Hour