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## AIA | DC Recognizes our ARE Prep Course Instructors

By Sarah Smith

Autumn is upon us. Traditionally, it's time to buckle down, pen in hand, nose in book. What could be even better than that? Your soon-to-be-licensed, ARE-tackling toosh, seated firmly in one of our ARE Prep Courses. Get ready! Starting October 26th, we'll be offering another round of our ARE Prep Series.

But before I say another word about this bi-annual series, I would like to take the next few moments (actually, the majority of this article...) to sing the praises of my accomplished, dedicated, volunteer instructors—all of whom have been with us for several years (or more!), and who have devoted their free time to our burgeoning architects.

First, allow me to introduce **Lew Brode, PE, LEED AP BD+C**. Lew is the Senior Vice President and Branch Manager of GPI / Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.'s Rockville, Maryland office. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maryland, as well as a Masters of Science in Business from Johns Hopkins University. Not only does Lew have extensive experience with commercial interior renovations, educational facilities, government facilities, and mission critical facilities, but he is also an accomplished instructor of AIA and USGBC-approved courses. Most notably, Lew has been teaching our ARE Prep Course, *Building Systems*, for more than four years.



Lew Brode

Next, I would like to introduce, **Michelle Cohn, AIA, LEED AP+**. Michelle has been teaching for us for two years. She was recommended to AIA | DC only a short time after becoming licensed, and has since then helped hundreds of young architects navigate NCARB's challenging testing software in our *Graphics Review* course. Michelle is a senior project manager at Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners where she serves as the IDP/ARE coordinator, and is currently overseeing the renovation of 111 affordable housing units in Arlington. Outside of the office, Michelle is involved in AIA | DC's Emerging Architects committee, and she mentors IDP and ARE candidates at the monthly Mentoring Workshop.



Michelle Cohn

Third is **David Metzger, FAIA, FCSI**. David earns the distinction of being our most veteran ARE instructor, as he has been teaching *Building Design & Construction Systems* for our Chapter since 1991. He has also presented this seminar for the Northern Virginia Chapter and the Potomac Valley Chapter of the AIA. David received his Bachelor of Architecture degree with Distinction from the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Science in Architectural Science from Cornell University. Today, David is Vice President of Heller & Metzger PC, an independent specifications consulting firm in Washington, DC.



David Metzger

**Jonathan Penndorf, AIA, LEED BD+C**, has taught *Construction Documents & Services* for AIA | DC for three years. He is currently a project architect at Bowie Gridley Architects, the Treasurer for our Chapter's Board of Directors, and will serve as our Chapter's President Elect in 2011. Jon's other commitments to young architects include his positions as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Liaison for the AIA Young Architects Forum, and the AIA | DC Emerging Architects Committee Head. He has been a part-time lecturer at Catholic University's School Architecture and Planning, and has presented at DesignDC, the EPA Green Festival, and other local and regional events.



Jonathan Penndorf

Next is **Gary R. Strand, PE, SECB**. Gary is an associate principal in the DC office of the national engineering firm, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc., where he leads the firm's new design branch in the structural engineering department. Gary has over 28 years of experience designing, consulting for and managing structural engineering projects including hospitals, hotels, and office buildings. Gary has taught structural classes for the architecture departments of The Catholic University of America and the University of Maryland. Most notably—and coming in a close second for most veteran ARE instructor with our Chapter—Gary has taught *Structural Systems* for AIA | DC and AIA Potomac Valley since 1992.



Gary R. Strand

**Jason Wilcoxon, AIA, LEED AP**, holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Kent State University, and today is an Associate Principal in the DC office of Ayers Saint Gross. A highly regarded member of his team, Jason aids business development efforts for ASG within the federal marketplace, building on his experience with the General Services Administration and other government agencies. He is currently the Project Manager and co-designer for the Al Doho Quarter Renewal, a complex and extremely important mixed-use cultural district in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Jason has been teaching *Site Planning & Design* for AIA | DC for three years.



Jason Wilcoxon

Last but not least is **Jason Wright, AIA, LEED AP**. Jason is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he earned a Bachelor of Building Science degree and a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He has been practicing architecture for 12 years, and teaching *Programming, Planning & Practice* for our Chapter for more than a year. Currently, Jason is an Associate at Hickok Cole Architects where he focuses on the commercial office building market and specializes in technical detailing and quality control. Outside of work, Jason is active in AIA Mentoring Workshops, DCBIA Developing Leaders and serves as a member of The District's Construction Codes Coordinating Board.



Jason Wright

That rounds out my shout-outs—thanks again to my dedicated instructors! Now, for those of you interested in attending one (or all) of our Fall 2010 ARE Prep Courses, more information—including a registration link—is available here: <http://www.aiadc.com/05-02-AREPrep.asp>.



**A** Architect of the Capitol **Stephen T. Ayers AIA, LEED AP**, was presented with the 2010 Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections from the Heritage Preservation and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

**B** "Visions of Place: Regionalism and Architecture," authored and edited by **William Bechhoefer, FAIA**, is a collection of critical essays and reflections on regionalism in architecture. The richly illustrated text includes seven of his own essays and nine essays by colleagues and former students. The book is available from the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, where he is a professor emeritus.

The historic Gadsby's Ice Well in Alexandria is getting a makeover. Not since the 1972 Bicentennial Celebration, has the 18th century ice well received any extensive preservation work. This 18th century well is one of the few surviving urban ice wells today; once storing up to 68 tons of ice. With **BELL Architect's** preservation efforts, visitors will be able to learn about this rare architectural wonder.

The Gadsby's Ice Well was constructed in 1793 as one of the foremost inventions for storing ice in the 18th century. Linked directly to the Gadsby's Tavern hotel basement by a brick-walled and vaulted tunnel, the ice well was also accessed by the tavern staff through a small hatch at the street level. The buildings were restored and opened to the public as part of the City's Bicentennial Celebration in 1972. As part of this restoration, the ice well was excavated, stabilized, and made visible to the public. A glass cutaway section was added to allow individuals to view inside this unique architectural marvel.

BELL's new design will create a sense of openness and visibility for museum patrons as well as street-level passersby. Hand-railings and bars that initially blocked the view into the well will be removed and new rails will

be configured for maximum visibility while still meeting US Building Council safety guidelines. Frameless glass with an anti-reflective coating will be installed in the ice well's viewing windows to increase visibility and reduce glare. In addition to improving the visual aspects of the well, signage will be constructed to display information about the history of the site. Currently there are no identifying signs or markers to distinguish the ice well. Sidewalk level text will be carved into stone and interpretive text will be cut into glass placed in the paving signifying the original location of the ice well hatch.

David Bell, principal of BELL Architects, was recently chosen as Chair of the AIA | DC's Architecture 2030 Challenge. 2030 Challenge sets goal to achieve net-zero energy buildings for all new construction by 2030.

David Bell also traveled to Tbilisi, Georgia to participate in the US-Georgia Business Summit; a trade mission promoting economic, energy and business development between the two countries. American companies will meet with Georgian government and private companies to build strong economic partnerships. Located along the Russian border, the country of Georgia is making great advances in becoming a thoroughly modernized European economy.

Georgia has a rich architectural history with a mélange of Byzantine, European, Russian and Middle Eastern styles. BELL presented their expertise in projects with sustainable design goals that would assist in maintaining the historic integrity of Georgian architecture while improving energy efficiency.

Currently the carbon footprint in Georgia per-capita is low in comparison to other European countries and the US. BELL Architects intends to partner with Georgian developers, construction and design professionals to encourage development while maintaining the low-level of carbon footprint through energy efficiency, renewable energy, and new technologies.

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Thabo Lenneye, University of Toronto, Bachelor of Arts and Fine Art History, 2007; University of Pennsylvania, Masters of Architecture, Graduating Fall 2010 Shannon O'Malley, Liberty University, Bachelor of Science,

**H** **Hickok Cole Architects** welcomes new employee Brent Bathon, Director of Marketing.

Hickok Cole Architects will design the new 18,000 square foot headquarters for Bread for the World. With floor-to-ceiling windows featuring a stunning view of the US Capitol (only 4 blocks away), this 12th floor office space provides a fitting new home for an organization dedicated to affecting policy change to end hunger both at home and abroad. In the reception area, a feature wall layering wood, glass, fabric cables and graphics speaks to the ability of small, grass roots efforts to create impact on a global scale. A professional, yet warm and inviting workspace is created with an earthy palette with pops of vibrant color.



Brent Bathon  
of Hickok Cole Architects

**K** **KCCT** is pleased to announce that **Benjamin Burgin AIA, LEED AP** recently passed his final Architect Registration Examination and is now a licensed architect in the District of Columbia. Mr. Burgin received a Bachelor of Arts in

Architectural Studies and completed his Masters of Architecture in 2006 from Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. Since joining KCCT in March of 2009, Mr. Burgin has worked on projects for the U.S. Department of State, Architect of the Capitol, and other agencies. Mr. Burgin is also a member of the American Institute of Architects and has served on the AIA National Associates Committee as Mid-Atlantic Regional Associate Director.



Benjamin Burgin  
of KCCT

The U.S. Department of State awarded KCCT the contract for planning and design services for the New U.S. Embassy Compound in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The design will be developed from the State Department's Standard Secure mini Compound (SSmC), and will be constructed on a 7-acre site within Harbour City. Harbour City is a mixed-use development of diplomatic, commercial, and high-end residential uses on land reclaimed from the Coral Sea on a man-made peninsula.

Six buildings will occupy the compound including an 18,837 square foot new office building, service building, Compound Access Control (CAC) Facilities, a warehouse and shops building, and recreational facilities. The compound will be nearly self-sufficient and pursue LEED

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In other firm news, **Helen Negussie, LEED AP**, recently joined the KCCT Interiors team. Negussie earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Houston in 2001. **Enrique A. Bellini, AIA** will speak at NeoCon East in Baltimore this month. His presentation, "Navigating Through the Complexities of Federal Building Modernizations," examines the concurrent need for building and security improvements in the modernization of federal buildings.

**Kate Stojasavljevic**, Historic Preservation Specialist in the Washington, DC, office of **Keast & Hood Co.** structural engineers presented a case study at the 2010 2nd Historic Mortars Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. "Drayton Hall: A Case Study, Mortar Analysis and Replication" was co-presented by Stojasavljevic and **Frances Henderson Ford**, a conservation lecturer in architectural materials conservation at Clemson University and the College of Charleston. The case study describes the site survey and lab methodology used to develop an accurate mortar match for repairs to historic Drayton Hall outside Charleston, South Carolina. Built between 1738 and 1742, Drayton Hall is a three-story Georgian Palladian structure with Flemish-bond masonry. The building's historic exte-

rior exhibits at least seven different distinct mortar campaigns over its lifespan. The house is owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**KlingStubbins** is pleased to announce that it has appointed **Janet R. White, FAIA, LEED AP**, as Director responsible for Federal Government work in its Washington, DC, office. Ms. White has national and global experience designing and managing complex building projects in the federal and private sectors.



Janet White  
of KlingStubbins

**Landis Construction** is proud to announce the appointment of **Mary Mikkelsen** to the residential Design/Build firm's position of Director of Production. Mikkelsen in turn recently announced the promotion of two veteran employees of the Design/Build firm. **Robert Davis** and **Jon Bein** have been upped from Lead Carpenters to Project Managers.



Mary Mikkelsen  
of Landis Construction

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