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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 18 3:30pm- 5:00pm

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOWNTOWNS POST-PANDEMIC

Presented by: Bob Gibbs

Saturday, September 26 Downtown Detroit 12:00pm

LA RIDE

Lead by: Bob Ford

Friday, October 2 6:00pm- 7:30pm

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE DESIGN ARTS: TURNING CONVERSATION INTO ACTION

Presented by: Damon Leverett and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Friday, October 9 3:30pm- 5:00pm

ADA ENFORCEMENT TRENDS: PLAYGROUNDS, SPORTS FIELDS, AND MORE

Presented by: John McGovern

Thursday, October 15 6:00pm- 7:30pm

MiASLA LIVE TRIVIA NIGHT

Presented by: Anova, Permaloc and Michigan ASLA Social Events Committee

Thursday, October 22 6:00pm- 8:00pm

STATE OF CHAPTER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Presented by: Michigan ASLA

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Opportunities for Downtowns Post- Pandemic

Bob Gibbs, FASLA, AICP

Since the beginning of mankind, the shopping experience has evolved to meet the ever changing desires of the public. This evolution has taken us from rural markets, to towns, cities, suburban shopping malls, big box stores, to the Internet and recently, back to the main street. Since March, US retail and restaurant sales have declined by 50 percent, 50,000 stores have closed and over 75 percent of shopping centers are forecast to close by 2025.

In this timely webinar, Bob Gibbs discusses what retail shopping will look like in the Post-Pandemic Era, and the opportunities for Michigan small towns, cities and suburban commercial centers.

Robert Gibbs is a professional planner, landscape architect, real estate advisor and founder of the Gibbs Planning Group. Robert teaches at Harvard's GSD Executive Education Program, hosts the Michigan Planning Today cable show and serves as an advisor to the Mayors Institute on City Design. He has been honored by the Clinton Presidential Library and named one of the most influential urbanists of the past century by Planetizen.

Gibbs directs all of GPG's projects and has consulted on more than 1,500 private and public sector commissions all around the world including: all 50 states, Alexandria, Canada, Naples, New Zealand, Poland, and Sydney. Locally, Bob has completed master plans for the Village of Rochester and the cities of Birmingham, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Lake Orion, Northville, Southfield, Warren and Westland.

Robert earned a Master's degree from the University of Michigan, a Bachelor's and Doctorate of Arts Honoris Causa from Oakland University.

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Friday, October 2

6:00pm- 7:30pm

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Design Arts: Turning Conversation Into Action

Damon Leverett, MFA, AIA,
NCARB, NOMA



In this session we will discuss strategies for how an organization can translate concerns and conversations about equity, diversity and inclusion and translate them into action. These strategies include specific steps groups may take, but more importantly emphasizes the importance of encouraging participants to commit to a purpose driven engagement. Areas of focus include EDI committee governance, statistical assessment, brainstorming, parking and implementation. Damon will draw from examples and experience in working with groups at the American Institute of Architects and with students of the National Organization of Minority Architects.

Damon Leverett, MFA, AIA, NCARB, NOMA is a Senior Lecturer with the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, and Adjunct Instructor for the School of Information at the University of Arizona. He formerly served as the Managing Director, Workforce Development and Strategy with the AIA at the national office in Washington DC from 2013-2019. Damon's responsibilities included leading the Emerging Professionals team, engaging students, interns and recently licensed architects, as well as, working with other divisions such as Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, K-12 and Higher Education engagement, and Women in Architecture.

With over 30 years of experience, Damon has been an active member in the A-E industry, serving as a principle, lead designer and instructor. He has worked at Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit, Smith Group JJR in Phoenix and EYP in Washington DC. In addition to his time at the University of Arizona, Mr. Leverett was an Adjunct Instructor at Lawrence Technological University and a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign.

Over the past few years, Damon has presented on topics concerning equity in architecture, urbanism and computer visualization. He has presented at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Texas, the University of Michigan Taubman School of Architecture and the Detroit Urban Charrette.

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Friday, October 9

3:30pm- 5:00pm

ADA Enforcement Trends: Playgrounds, Sports Fields and More!

John McGovern

Surprisingly, enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) remains robust, in this era of reducing the number of federal agency staff working on civil rights laws. This session will review enforcement methods and trends, discuss the ADA mandates for sites that are still not addressed by many Michigan units of local government, and draw a hard line between how to approach new design and existing facilities. We will also focus on two case studies, one regarding playground accessibility and the other regarding access to sports fields and courts. Attendees will leave with a great understanding of enforcement methods and trends, and information about how to apply the design standards to projects under their control today.



John McGovern has more than thirty years of experience in parks and recreation. He earned his law degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law while working in parks and recreation. John consults on access and inclusion for federal agencies, states, counties, park, forest preserve, and conservation districts, municipalities, and other local governments, businesses and nonprofits.

He is interested in applying access concepts to real-life situations and published a handbook for ADA compliance for Illinois park districts in 1991. He wrote a similar handbook for municipal parks and recreation agencies for the National Recreation and Park Association in 1992. Both are still in use today. His goal is to help every agency make parks, facilities, and programs open and accessible for people of all abilities.

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Thursday, October 15

6:00-7:30pm

Cost: \$10

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Michigan ASLA Live Trivia Night

Hosted by: Anova Furnishing

Join us for a fun night of socializing with your fellow Landscape Architects and test your knowledge during the Michigan ASLA Virtual Conference on Landscape Architecture Live Trivia Night! The winning team will earn bragging rights on the Michigan ASLA social media platforms and a digital certificate from the Chapter/Social Events Committee. Keep an eye out on our website and social media for more details to come.

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Thursday, October 22

6:00- 8:00pm

Cost: Free

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State of the Chapter and Awards Ceremony

Join your colleagues from around the state to celebrate landscape architecture in Michigan. We'll start the evening with a brief State of the Chapter address. The Executive Committee will discuss how the Chapter has been impacted by and is responding to the events of 2020, and what is to come moving forward. During our virtual awards ceremony we will recognize the great professional and student work coming out of the Chapter and present our annual President's Awards.