



ATS CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR
Mixed-Topics - Chicago, IL - Live In-Person
Seminar
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Maggiano's Little Italy Grand
111 West Grand Avenue , Chicago, IL 60654



07:45 AM [Registration & Continental Breakfast](#)

08:00 AM [Welcome, Credits, and Certificates](#)

08:05 AM **Luxury Landscape Design**

This course will explore the increasing popularity of outdoor living, providing additional visuals to illustrate how to design a modern, healthy, and comfortable outdoor space. It aims to demonstrate methods for creating a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor environments, ensuring a harmonious blend. The course will also offer strategies for enjoying outdoor spaces throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions, emphasizing adaptability and comfort.

Christopher Powell
Renson Inc Provider #: 40108139
AIA #:Outdoor_24 HSW

09:05 AM [Review of Session Code Process](#)

09:10 AM **Reviving The Lost Art of Moldings**

Why does a room feel right when you walk into it? What's the significance of scale and proportion? Have we lost our "design" roots? This AIA continuing education program touches on these issues and more, looking back to the Greek's, the evolution of moldings, and why they make such an impact on any building project. Understand why moldings play such an important role in the design of structures, making them ascetically pleasing while creating an emotional response.

Ryan Jeffries
WindsorONE Provider #: T109
AIA #:001 HSW

10:10 AM [Break](#)

10:20 AM

The Benefits of 100% Offsite Fabricated Stainless Steel Railing Systems

Explore the advantages of integrating 100% offsite fabrication into the design of the ornamental railing you specify in your architectural projects.

When compared to local fabrication, Offsite fabrication of custom-designed railing systems not only dramatically improves product quality, it also minimizes project waste, reduces product costs, and streamlines construction processes. *Offsite Fabrication = Value Engineering!*

In this presentation you will learn how architects, designers, and engineers can reduce overall project costs and improve project outcomes by specifying architectural products which have been custom-designed to precisely fit each project, and then prefabricated to completion offsite, while helping builders and contractors achieve greater efficiency.

Milena Martinez Vega

Marketing Lead | Brand Strategist Milena Martinez Vega is a passionate professional with a deep understanding of prefabricated railing systems and the advantages offsite fabricated stainless steel railing systems bring to architectural projects. As former "amazonian", she served at Amazon Web Services (AWS) as a Project Manager in the Public Sector for Latin America, Caribbean and Canada Regions. Originally from Barcelona, Spain, Milena moved to the United States in 2009 in pursuit of her career aspirations. With a Keen eye for aesthetics and a passion for design, she joined AGS Stainless, a renowned manufacturer of custom-designed stainless steel railing systems, in 2014. Over the years, Milena's curiosity and enthusiasm have driven her to explore various roles within AGS Stainless, and currently serving as a Brand Strategist and Marketing Lead. Her attention to detail and commitment to excellence have earned her recognition within the organization.

AGS Stainless Inc. Provider #: 404108593

AIA #: PRSv2 HSW

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How It's Made: Today's PVC

PVC products have been around for 100 years. They're common in the construction industry because of their durability and long life. But old PVC manufacturing practices still cause concern for some of today's specifiers. This course will address those concerns head-on. We'll talk about today's manufacturing processes and how recycling is transforming the industry. You'll see how PVC resin becomes a strong and beautiful product using the example of vinyl fencing. With the understanding of today's regulations, collaboration, and green-building practices, you'll have the confidence to specify today's PVC products.

Spencer Kelly

Oldcastle APG Provider #: J545

AIA #: TodaysVinyl27 HSW | GBCI (USGBC/CAGBC) #: 920029469

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[Lunch](#)

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Solving the Concrete Moisture Issue: Commercial, Environmental and Health Benefits of Impermeable Concrete and Permanent Impermeable Repair Materials

This Program addresses the impact of traditional & impermeable concrete inside & outside the building envelope. It discusses methods to improve durability and consequent sustainability of all concrete applications. It discusses the concrete industries' efforts to lower the carbon footprint. It provides a solution to moisture & flooring problems as well as water and damp-proof concrete. Techniques and materials used to permanently repair concrete are discussed.

Scott Bergsbaken
SPG (Specialty Products Group) Provider #: K540
AIA #: SPGVL2020 HSW

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Acetylated Wood: A Natural and Durable Choice for Siding, Decking, and More

This course discusses the process of wood acetylation, the resulting changes to wood, applications for acetylated wood, its green credentials and several case studies involving acetylated wood.

Douglas Gillikin
Doug has nearly 30 years in millwork manufacturing, OEM national account sales management and project management. Having been on all sides of the process, he understands the challenges faced beginning with inspiration, design to installation. Accsys Technologies - Titan Wood Inc. Provider #: K382
AIA #: AccoyaWood27 HSW | GBCI (USGBC/CAGBC) #: 0920029700

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Sustainable Resilience: The Benefits of Synthetic Roofing

Beginning with an overview of historical roofing materials, this AIA CEU course explores advancements in synthetics, with a focus on roofing products, highlighting their advantages over traditional materials in terms of performance, durability, and sustainability. Participants will examine how innovations in material science—rooted in the search for strong, waterproof/resistant, and long-lasting solutions have led to the development of high-performing, aesthetically appealing, and environmentally responsible roofing products. The course compares traditional and synthetic roofing systems, focusing on key factors such as lifespan, maintenance, carbon footprint, and resistance to fire, impact, wind, environmental degradation, rot, and pests. By understanding the enhanced durability and low-maintenance benefits of synthetic materials, attendees will gain insights into how these products contribute to more resilient and sustainable modern construction with lower life-cycle costs.

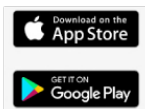
Jeff Soukup
Brava Roof Tile Provider #: 404109536
AIA #: IBRT07A HSW

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