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President's Message

Greetings! One of the great benefits of being chapter president is the opportunity to attend the AIA Conference on Architecture as a delegate. In case you hadn't heard, it was held in New York City this year at the end of June. It was a great experience and I highly recommend it if you're looking to 'recharge' your architectural batteries!

Of the many learning sessions that I had attended, one of them focused on 'Harnessing the Technology Innovation Revolution'. It turned out that this really meant how to make use of 'big data'.



Here is where architects can differentiate ourselves; Architects are uniquely positioned through our skills and training to see the big picture. We are the ones that can synthesize big data, putting together many small, seemingly unrelated pieces of the puzzle to form a cohesive picture, the big vision – thus helping to solve problems at many different scales. One example that I saw on the global scale was how architects came together to help make children's lives better at refugee camps in Syria by providing shelters and places for the children to play. These architects used data to track and analyze where the refugee camps were, the numbers of people there, and how to plan resources.

Coming This Fall... Each event will touch on how we as architects solve problems, and how we can address the future of our profession in an age of rapidly accelerating change and 'big data':

Fall Lecture Series

Thursday, **September 20**

David Riz, Principal of Kieran Timberlake
Lehigh University - Bethlehem, PA

David Riz, Principal at Kieran Timberlake will be speaking at Lehigh University discussing his firm's approach to design.

Design Charette

Thursday, **October 20**

Lehigh University - Bethlehem, PA

Join us for our annual design charette in collaboration with the next generation of architects and designers.

"The Future of the Profession"

Thursday, **November 15**

Muhlenberg College - Allentown, PA

Last year, AIA Eastern PA's Panel Discussion looked at thought leaders within the AEC Industry. This year, we will be focused around **"The Future of The Industry"** through the various lenses of technology, sustainability, and building codes. We will hear from representatives of each sector on how we, as leaders, can remain knowledgeable, innovative and progressive in an ever-changing profession.

We hope to see you!

Gary A. Lader, AIA Eastern PA 2018 Chapter President

A'19 AIA Conference on Architecture 2019
June 6-8, Las Vegas

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Get involved this Fall!
Do you love movies?! You can help fight hunger in the Lehigh Valley by building cansculptures® that depict your favorite Academy Award nominated movies! The event will be hosted at the Lehigh Valley Mall. All canned food used to build the cansculptures® will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Fall Lecture Thursday, **September 20**

David Riz, Principal at Kieran Timberlake



David Riz is a Partner at KieranTimberlake, an award-winning architecture firm recognized for its environmental ethos, research expertise, and innovative design and planning. He advances the art of architecture by exploring novel fabrication techniques and new modes of practice and collaboration in his projects.

Since joining KieranTimberlake in 1999, David has created carefully-crafted, site-specific works that enrich human interaction, respond to the environment, and artfully celebrate the everyday. On projects like the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Cornell West Campus Residential Initiative, he delves into institutional legacies to find novel ways to shape them for the future. His orchestration of architectural teams, challenging sites, and diverse client groups has resulted in award-winning projects featured in Architect, Architectural Record, Metropolis, TIME, The New York Times, and Wired.

Legislative Wins

By: Amal Mahrouki
As our legislative session enters the final days, it is nice to reflect on some of our legislative wins over the past two years. AIA Pennsylvania has had an unprecedented session with more than four legislative wins. Under the direction of the 2017-2018 [Government Affairs Chair, Marc Mondor, AIA](#) and Director of Legislative Affairs, Amal Mahrouki, four [commemorative "pens"](#) adorn the walls of AIA PA HQ. Each pen is a marker of a law that AIA Pennsylvania was instrumental in passing.

- HB 409 was passed to become [Act 36 of 2017](#) which allowed for the re-review of the 2015 I-Codes and ultimately resulted in the adoption of the 2015 codes into the UCC with minor amendments. These codes will be effective on October 1, 2018. AIA Pennsylvania was also successful in getting three AIA Architects appointed to Pennsylvania Labor and Industry's UCC [Review and Advisory Council](#). Any questions can be directed to Amal Mahrouki and amahrouki@aiapa.org.
- [Act 40 of 2017](#) closes the PJM Borders and ensures the growth of the renewable energy industry in the Commonwealth.
- SB 234 was passed to become [Act 3 of 2018](#). This allows local municipalities to implement [C-PACE](#) funding.
- SB 1142 was passed to become [Act 44 of 2018](#) which established the [School Safety and Security Committee](#) which includes an architect with experience in school building safety and security matters.

In addition to all of the laws that have been enacted with AIA Pennsylvania's help, we have also been engaged in the school safety discussions around the state. Our media campaign included [op-eds published in 5 newspapers](#) state-wide, testimony in front of the [House Education Committee](#), and testimony provided to the [Senate Education Committee](#).

[Architects Action Day](#) and [District Days](#) were a huge success and we look forward to hosting both events in 2019.

In the final session days, we will continue to advocate for mandatory continuing education for architects in the Commonwealth. Our MCE bill, [HB 223](#) passed the house with record numbers in April of 2017 and currently sits in the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.

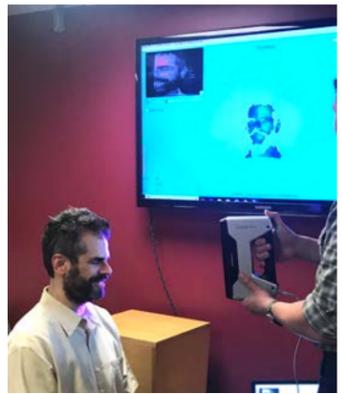
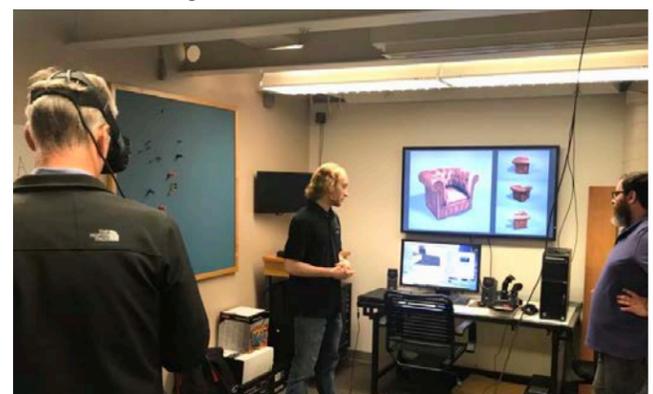
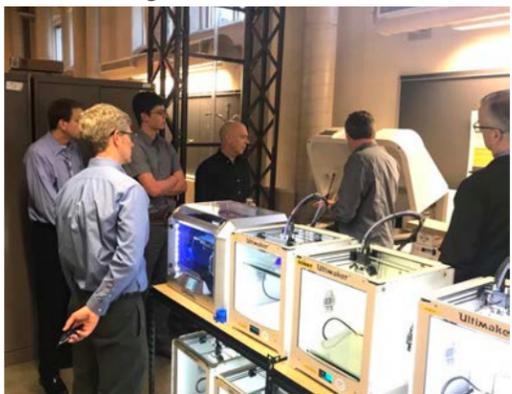
If you are interested in more government affairs updates, please check out our [2017 AIA PA Year in Review](#) and peruse our [blog posts](#). If you would like to get involved in one of our government affairs committees or subcommittees please reach out to Amal Mahrouki. We are always looking for input from all of our members!



Tour of Lehigh University's 3D Printing Lab

May 2018 - Bethlehem, PA

3D Printing Virtual Reality 3D Scanning



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