

2021 USCA Research Symposium

DATE
April 15
THURSDAY

“DESIGNING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE”

SOCIAL JUSTICE + HOMELESSNESS + WELLNESS

Zoom Link: <https://usc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsdOqtrTkVt0V3ESUb7GK0-BCfcf8E3IP>

- 8:30 AM Opening Remarks:
Joon-Ho Choi, USC Architecture (USCA),
Associate Dean of Research and Creative
Work
- 8:40 AM Welcome Remarks:
Dean Milton S. F. Curry, USCA
- 8:45 AM Keynote #1: Gregg Buchbinder, Emeco's CEO
What makes a chair

PLENARY SESSION

9:25 AM - 11:10 AM

Track 1 | Design Justice

- 9:25 AM **Invited Talk #1: Sierra Atilano, Skid Row Housing Trust, Chief Real Estate and Investment Officer**
The history, projects and philosophy of The Trust
- 9:40 AM **J. Yolande Daniels, Associate Professor de Facto (by custom) / de Jure (by law): Housing Segregation in Los Angeles**
- 9:55 AM **Alison Hirsch, Associate Professor**
Landscape and the 'Working Country': histories, practices and design futures for Fresno and the San Joaquin Valley
- 10:10 AM **Melissa Shin, Lecturer**
Demo Detroit
- 10:25 AM **Geoff von Oeyen, Assistant Professor**
Composite Communities: Design Innovation Toward Resilient Composite Housing in Los Angeles
- 10:40 AM **Rebecca Choi, Lecturer**
Black Architectures: Race and Erasure in Architectural Pedagogy and Practice, 1950-1970
- 10:55 AM 15 min Q&A

Track 2 | Wellness (Tech + Performance)

- 9:25 AM **Invited Talk #3 : Ming Hu, Assistant Professor of the University of Maryland**
Built and Social Environment Impact on Covid-19 Transmission
- 9:40 AM **Mina Chow, Adjunct Associate Professor**
Design Diplomacy: Public Engagement in the Architecture of Mega-Events
- 9:55 AM **Meredith Drake Reitan, Lecturer**
Bunker Hill Refrain
- 10:10 AM **Doris Sung, Associate Professor**
Wellness, Public Health and Facade Design
- 10:25 AM **Jennifer Siegal, Adjunct Professor**
Generation Mobile: The Death of Distance
- 10:40 AM **Scott Uriu, Adjunct Associate Professor**
DePneumatic Facades: Metal Vacuum Panel
- 10:55 AM 15 min Q&A

11:10 AM Break

- 11:20 AM **Panel Discussion 1 (Students) : Architecture and Activism**
• Esmeralda Aceituno, B.Arch
• Abriannah Aiken, B.Arch
• Katie Hayes, B.Arch
• Chizoba Ibeanusi, M.Arch
• Jared Edgar McKnight, MLA+U
- 12:10 PM Lunch Break
- 12:30 PM **Keynote #2: Alessio Grancini**
The XR shift : a Comprehensive guide for identifying use cases that can impact our future

PLENARY SESSION

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Track 3 | Design Justice

- 1:00 PM **Invited Talk #2:**
1) Yan Krymsky, Design Director, Principal Perkins&Will
2) Tina Giorgadze, Sr. Interior Designer, Perkins&Will
DOME In a state of crisis, it's easy to forget that everyone should have a beautiful place to live
- 1:15 PM **Luciana Varkulja, Lecturer**
Valerie Taranto, B.Arch
Expanding the Housing Typologies Toolkit
- 1:30 PM **Ginger Nolan, Assistant Professor**
Universal Basic Urbanism: Automation, Unemployment, and the Future of U.S. cities
- 1:45 PM **Faiza Moatasim, Assistant Professor**
Sascha Delz, Assistant Professor
Housing the Workforce: Policies and Strategies for Housing Workers in Los Angeles
- 2:00 PM 15 min Q&A

Track 4 | Wellness (Tech + Performance)

- 1:00 PM **Esther Margulies, Associate Professor**
Extreme Heat – Extreme Urban Canopy
- 1:15 PM **Lauren Dandridge, Adjunct Assistant Professor**
Light Privilege
- 1:30 PM **Eric Haas, Adjunct Professor**
Places of Promise
- 1:45 PM **Joon-Ho Choi, Associate Professor**
The era of AI starts. Are you ready?
- 2:00 PM 15 min Q&A
- 2:15 PM **Panel Discussion 2 (Faculty) : Decolonising Architecture Education**
Faculty Group
• Alison Hirsch
• Ginger Nolan
• Marcos Sanchez
• Trudi Sandmeier
• Bhavna Sharma
• J. Yolande Daniel

3:05 PM Break

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

3:15 PM - 4:35 PM

- 3:15 PM **Celina Brownotter, M.Arch**
Tipi Tectonics: An Analysis on How Culture, Beliefs, & Traditions can Positively Affect Lakhóta Tribal Housing
- 3:25 PM **Jared Edgar McKnight, MLA+U**
Criminalized for their very existence: The Spatial Politics of Homelessness
- 3:35 PM **Wanting Zhou, MLA+U**
Justice for next generation: Emotional therapy among homeless children
- 3:45 PM **Guy Laforet, B.Arch**
Urban Nomads
- 3:55 PM **JP Luikart, M.Arch**
Driving out Darkness: Creating Resilient, Supportive Communities as an Antidote to Violent Extremism
- 4:05 PM **Qingru Yang, MLA+U**
Leisure Facilitator
- 4:15 PM **Abriannah Aiken, B.Arch**
Palimpsest: USC Center for Social Justice
- 4:25 PM **Christine So, MLA+U**
Distribution And Food Accessibility Of Unhoused Under The Pandemic
Yau Tsim Mong District, Hong Kong"
- 3:15 PM **Liudmila Sergeeva, M.Arch**
The Social Moire- affordable co-working space
- 3:25 PM **Kennedy Wells, M.Arch**
Biodegradable Communities
- 3:35 PM **Jong Joo Kim, MBS**
Development of data-driven user-centered building façade design guidelines models
- 3:45 PM **Xingbai Zhang, MBS**
Development of AI-driven architectural design guidelines: Establishing Human Biometric Signal-Driven Architectural Design Guideline as a Function of Psychological Principles
- 3:55 PM **Muntaseer Khan, MBS**
An Analysis of Building Component Energy Usage with Machine Learning
-A Data-driven Approach to Formulate a Guideline
- 4:05 PM **Justin Wan, B.Arch**
Veiled Rays
- 4:15 PM **Yushi Wang, MBS**
Multi-occupancy Environmental Control for Smart Connected Communities
- 4:25 PM **Hector Covarrubias del Cueto, MLA+U**
Home Territory: Past and Present Sanctuary
- 4:35 PM **Special Talk: Strategic Access to Grant Support: James Murday**
- 5:00 PM **Keynote #3: Bryan Lee, Design Principal of Colloqat**
Power + Place
- 5:50 PM Closing and Award Ceremony
- 6:00 PM END