

# BAY AREA YOUNG ARCHITECTS

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## WHO WE ARE

BAYA is the Emerging Professionals Committee of the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco (AIA SF). As one of the nation's largest emerging professional groups for architecture, BAYA strives to continually set the standard through our monthly events, our robust network, and the professional development of our members. BAYA's compelling model includes design firm tours, social gatherings, in-house presentations, guest speakers, and participation in local and statewide architecture events.

BAYA not only provides a valuable community and depth of knowledge to our members, we also develop the next generation of leaders by providing opportunities to lead. Members may head a committees, organize events, participate in one of our initiatives, and more. These are opportunities that are not available to emerging professionals in many architectural offices. BAYA is a launching pad for emerging professionals; where they define their professional trajectory within the architectural field. It is our hope that every member goes on to improve the quality of the profession and the work it produces..

## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the Bay Area Young Architects' mission to create a strong community by providing critical resources to our members and fostering their professional development for the benefit of the emerging professionals of the Bay Area. While our focus is on the profession of architecture our interests and engagement are in the whole spectrum of design and designers, from university through registration

- **Community:** BAYA seeks to be the ideal community for recent graduates, young architects, and professionals new to the Bay Area by providing opportunities to meet regularly with local firms, socialize, and network with industry experts and leaders.
- **Resource:** BAYA positions itself as the best resource for all aspects of our members' professional lives by providing a vast body of knowledge and professional experience. BAYA also introduces members to the resources from the other outstanding committees of the AIA SF.
- **Development:** BAYA provides an excellent setting for our members to gain leadership in the profession regarding their specific interests, as well as nurturing their development as design professionals.
- **Licensure:** BAYA holds events focused upon the path toward licensure and the benefits of becoming a licensed architect. We recognize this milestone in the journey of becoming an architect as significant and honor those in our community who have become licensed.

## PROGRAMS

Firm Tours  
Socials  
Networking Events  
Panel Discussions  
Portfolio Reviews  
Career Fairs  
Mentorship  
ARE / IDP Support

## PAST EVENTS

KwanHenmi | Nov. 2012  
Cannon Design | Jan. 2013  
David Baker + Partners | Mar. 2013  
SWA Group | Apr. 2013  
Feldman Architecture | May 2013  
MK Think | Jun. 2013  
Mark Horton Architects | Jul. 2013  
NicholsBooth Architects | Aug. 2013  
GLS Arch | Sept. 2013  
Oktoberfest @ LGBT | Oct. 2013  
Woods Bagot | Nov. 2013  
Holiday Party @ AllSteel | Dec. 2013  
John Lum Architecture | Jan. 2014  
Flad Architects | Feb. 2014  
Van Meter Williams Pollack | Mar. 2014  
Saitowitz | Natoma | Apr. 2014  
BAYA + CCA: "From School to Practice" | May 2014  
Studios Architecture | Jun. 2014  
BAYA Presents @ Knoll | Jun. 2014  
Office of Charles Bloszies | Jul. 2014

# BAYA LEADERSHIP

## WESLEY WONG / ASSOCIATE AIA | CHAIR

As the chair of Bay Area Young Architects, Wesley coordinates firm tours, networking events, and career development opportunities for his peers. Under his leadership, BAYA membership and attendance doubled within the last year.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, he is currently a Designer at WRNS Studio. Wesley is interested in bridging in-school and out-of-school learning opportunities. He enjoys fostering awareness of the value of good planning and design, a passion he intends to integrate in his own firm one day. Most recently, he was the 2014 scholarship recipient of the AIA CAE Barcelona Conference and also serves on the Board of Directors of AIASF.



## KATIE MEYER / AIA | ARCHITECT CHAIR

As the architect chair for BAYA, Katie is focused on closing the gap between unlicensed and licensed emerging professionals. As an advocate of licensure, she offers information, advice, and encouragement to those interested in taking the next step. Katie assists in planning BAYA events focused on integrating young architects into the professional scene.

Katie Meyer is a registered architect, licensed in the state of California. She received her Bachelor of Architecture from Drexel University in 2009, after completing their six year program. In addition to her work at Hamilton + Aitken Architects, she participates in the AIA San Francisco's Mentorship Committee, mentors ARE candidates, and is a member of the Organization of Women Architects. Katie recently participated in the AIDS/LifeCycle, a 545-mile bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles, to raise money and awareness for AIDS.



## MATTHEW GAUL / ASSOCIATE AIA | COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

As the Communications Officer of BAYA Matthew keeps members informed of professional opportunities and events, as well as keeps record of officer meetings and committee development. He is also active in promoting licensure for members by sharing resources, experience, and encouragement.

Matthew's leadership experience includes being a co-founder, program developer, and constitution writer for The GreenHouse Group at Iowa State University where he completed his Bachelor of Architecture. He is also active in The Missing 32% Project, ACE Mentorship Program, and developing programs for BAYA. He is midway through the IDP and the AREs. As a personal mission statement, it is Matthew's goal to increase the value of the profession from within, as well as society's value held for the profession.



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## MICHAEL PARK / TREASURER

As the treasurer of BAYA, Michael is responsible for keeping financial records for BAYA events. He coordinates the allocation of BAYA's budget for upcoming events to ensure that BAYA's funds are in good standing.

Michael is a graduate of University of California, Berkeley, and is currently a designer at Joseph Chow & Associates, Inc. His interest in the field of architecture does not rest solely on design. What fascinates Michael is the very fact that a built environment is a medium that interacts and coexists with its inhabitants, while retaining or evolving its purpose over time. Michael is in the process of taking his AREs, and would like to establish his own firm in the future.



## CHRISTOPHER CROWE / ASSOCIATE AIA | STUDENT ADVOCATE

As the student advocate for BAYA, Christopher is primarily responsible for facilitating stronger connections between architecture students and professionals in the Bay Area. He has accomplished this through leading firm tours, reaching out to architecture faculty and organizing networking events for students focused on the transition from school to practice.

Christopher obtained his Master of Architecture degree from The Savannah College of Art and Design and currently works as a designer for AECOM in San Francisco. Before joining BAYA, Christopher was a founding member of the digital fabrication club at The Savannah College of Art and Design. He led the design and installation of several digitally fabricated installations, and believes that architectural education is greatly enriched by the cyclical process of thinking and physical making.





## 2013 HOLIDAY PARTY @ ALLSTEEL

Allsteel Showroom | San Francisco, CA

**Date of Event:** December 2013

**Number of Attendance:** 150

**Budget:** \$1000.00

Every December, BAYA hosts a holiday party as a thank you to all the firms who have graciously hosted us, the organizations who have played such a crucial role in the growth of our community, and, last but not least, our dedicated BAYA members who make it all possible. We also recognize the significant achievements of our members and the group as a whole.

During last year's holiday party at the Allsteel Showroom, our members and guests enjoyed a festive evening complemented by delightful appetizers, refreshments, and live jazz.

This year we intend to continue our tradition of showing appreciation by also inviting the first ever sponsors of our organization.





## BAYA + AIAS MIXER: WHAT'S NEXT? FROM SCHOOL TO PRACTICE

California College of the Arts | San Francisco, CA

**Date of Event:** April 11, 2014

**Number of Attendance:** 164

**Budget:** \$525.00

This April, BAYA hosted the California College of the Arts for an evening of presentations focused on the transition from school to practice. A diverse group of presenters shared experiences and advice with an audience of students, young professionals, and faculty.

Structured in a pecha-kucha format, the presentations created a lively and unique experience for the attendees. Topics included accepting change, exploring alternative careers in architecture, the benefits of architectural training in other creative careers, practicing in boutique vs corporate firms, tall towers and team dynamics, and advice on effective networking. The mixer that followed gave the students an opportunity to learn more about the BAYA community and practice their networking skills with the presenters as well as our members.





# BAYA PRESENTS @ KNOLL

Knoll Showroom | San Francisco, CA

**Date of Event:** June 26, 2014

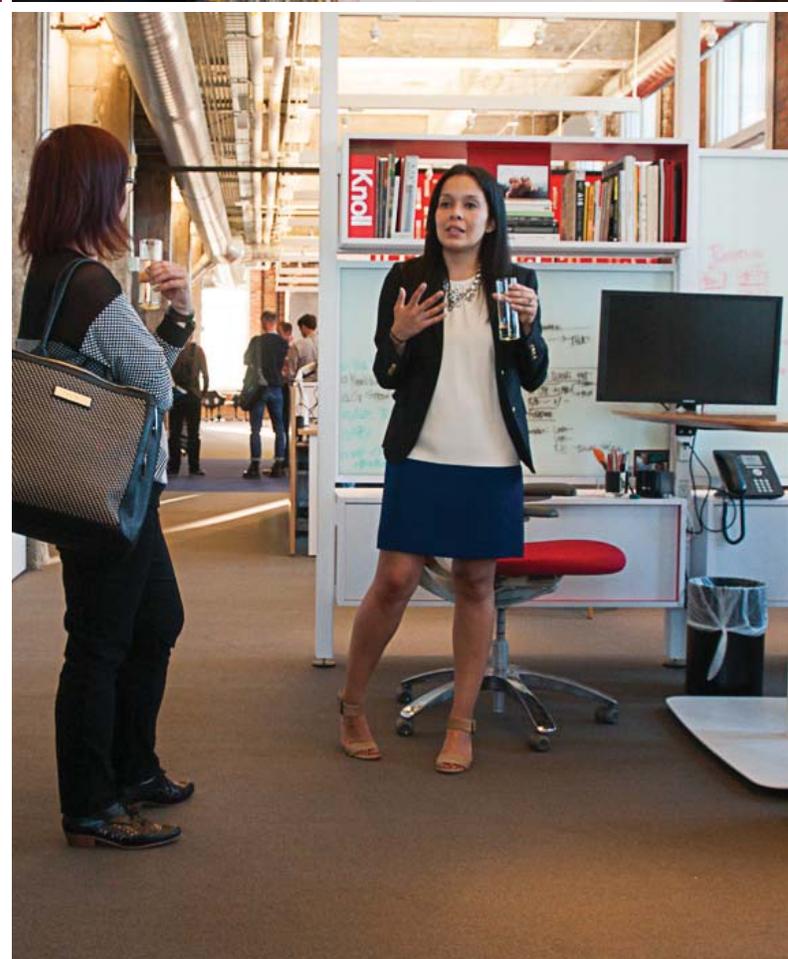
**Number of Attendance:** 40

**Budget:** \$300.00

In collaboration with Knoll, BAYA hosted “BAYA Presents” at the Knoll showroom in June. Created as a platform for sharing ideas that don’t usually get as much time or explanation as they should, BAYA Presents is an annual event of brief presentations on a broad range of interests.

This year’s event featured interests such as San Francisco’s Great Streets project, NCARB’s evolving licensure process, understanding architecture through photography and through rhetoric, a case study on Knoll’s new historic address, and how an architect gets involved in startups.

As an added bonus for our members, Knoll gave those in attendance a tour of their new showroom, located in the historic Pacific Bell Building.





# JOHN LUM ARCHITECTS

John Lum Architects | San Francisco, CA

**Date of Event:** June 26, 2014

**Number of Attendance:** 40

**Budget:** \$300.00

In January, BAYA hosted a firm tour at John Lum Architecture, located in the Mission District.

The tour began with Mr. Lum sharing his background, professional experience, a personal story of starting his very own firm, and his 20 year journey transforming a small firm into an award winning design firm. Mr. Lum showcased several projects, demonstrating the challenges faced during each project and how he and the design team reframed these issues.

Mr. Lum and the design staff were very informative and accommodating, providing a private tour of the office, and showroom located on the upper floor: a valuable opportunity to gain an inside look into a boutique design-oriented firm





# OKTOBERFEST 2013 @ LGBT

LGBT Center| San Francisco, CA

**Date of Event:** October, 2013

**Number of Attendance:** 210

**Budget:** \$2250

Every October, BAYA hosts a joint event with SEONC and ASCE. As a social and networking event, this celebration is an opportunity for our respective emerging professionals to get to know one another and develop relationships that will stay with them the length of their careers.

This is regularly the highlight of the year for our members; last year's event was the largest on record with over two hundred and twenty attendees. Traditional food and drink are served with a mix of live and recorded entertainment. The industry sponsors of our organizations are also invited to attend and share their goods and services, as well as enter items into the evening's raffle.