



**NCARB Region 2 Educator and Practitioner Symposium**

**April 1st and 2nd 2016**

**New York Institute of Technology  
Auditorium on Broadway  
Columbus Circle, New York, NY**

**Sponsored by:**

**NCARB Region 2**



## Agenda— April 1, 2016

**Location**                    **New York Institute of Technology Auditorium on Broadway**  
**1871 Broadway**  
**New York, NY 10023**  
**Phone: 646-273-6100**  
**Room: Auditorium**

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### 12:00 PM—12:30PM Registration

- Auditorium Lobby

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### 12:30 PM—1:45 PM Lunch (Included)

- Auditorium Lobby

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### 1:45 PM—3:15 PM Introduction and Panel Discussion

- **Welcome and Overview—Albert F. Zaccone, AIA PP CID**; Region 2 Chair, NCARB
- **Welcome to NYIT—Frank J. Murk, III, FAIA**; Associate Dean and Professor, NYIT School of Architecture and Design
- **Panel Introduction—John R. Sorrenti, FAIA**; Symposium Chair, NCARB.
  - Harry M. Falconer, Jr., AIA, NCARB; Director Experience + Education, NCARB
  - Andrea S. Rutledge, CAE, Hon. AIA; Executive Director, NAAB
  - Robert Lopez, RA; Executive Secretary, NYS Education Dep., Office of the Professions
  - Frank J. Mruk, III, FAIA; Associate Dean and Professor, NYIT School of Architecture and Design
  - John M. Cays; Associate Dean for Academics, NJIT College of Architecture and Design
  - Venesa Alicea, AIA, NOMA LEED AP; Associate, Dattner Architects
  - Philip M. Leinbach, AIA, NCARB, CSI, REFP; Principal, AEM Architects
  - Nicholas Caravella, Associate AIA; At-Large Director, AIA National Associates Committee
  - Andrew Sanchez; AIAS, Member

**Topic 1.** What will the education process for licensure look like in the future?

**Topic 2.** What does the Practitioner need within the next five years that the schools need to teach?

**Topic 3.** Do the proposed organizations (NAAB, NCARB, AIA and the State Board) work together to meet the needs of the Professor?

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### 3:15 PM—3:30 PM Break

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### 3:30 PM—4:45 PM Break Out Session

**Topic 1.** Who's responsibility is it to educate students on state licensing and regulation?

**Topic 2.** Mobility of Licensing: Will we ever go to a National License?

**Topic 3.** What is the basis of moral, social and economic responsibility of the different organizations as it relates to practice?

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### 5:00 PM—6:30 PM Transfer and Check-in Hyatt Regency Jersey City \*

Address:                    2 Exchange Place  
Jersey City, NJ 07302  
www.jerseycityhyatt.com

\*Please note transportation to the Hyatt is on your own. Directions are found on next page.

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### 6:30 PM—7:30 PM Cocktail Reception

Location:                    Hyatt Regency Jersey City  
Riverside / Riverside Terrace

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### 7:30 PM Dinner (on your own)

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## Agenda— April 2, 2016

**Location**                    **Hyatt Regency Jersey City**  
**2 Exchange Place**  
**Jersey City, NJ 07302**  
**Phone: 201-469-1234**

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**8:15 AM—9:00AM**            **Breakfast (Included)**

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- Palisades Room

**9:00 AM—10:15 AM**            **Blue Sky—Break Out Session**

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- Topic 1.** If we had a blank slate—what would education, experience and the exam look like in order to best practice architecture?
- Topic 2.** How are we engaging students to interface with the profession—what improvements can be made?
- Topic 3.** Where do you see the future of Architecture heading and how does that effect the education of students?

**10:15 AM—10:45 AM**    **Break**

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**10:45 AM—12:00 PM**    **Blue Sky—Break Out Session Continued**

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- Topic 1.** Where do we go from here?
- Topic 2.** What changes do we collectively need to make the profession stronger?
- Topic 3.** How do we get there?
- Topic 4.** What are the key points from the symposium?

**12:00 PM**                    **Session Ends**

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**Mass Transit Directions from NYIT to Hyatt Regency Jersey City (Cost will be \$5.50):**

1. Walk: Head South on Broadway, Bear right on Columbus Circle, Turn right onto 8th Avenue
2. At the 59th Street—Columbus Circle Subway Station, take the D train (Downtown) to 34th Street—Herald Square stop
3. Exit and walk short distance on Avenue of The Americas to 33rd Street PATH
4. Take the Path Train (toward 33rd St—Journal Sq.) to Pavonia Path Station
5. Board Path train at Pavonia (toward Hoboken—WTC) to Exchange Place Path Station
6. Hyatt Regency Jersey City will be a two minute walk from train stop (2 Exchange Place, Jersey City, NJ)

## Panelists

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### Venesa Alicea, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP

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Venesa joined Dattner Architects in 2007 where she has been involved in their sustainability initiatives as a member of the Sustainable Practice Group and as a leader of LEED study groups. She earned her Bachelor of Architecture from City College of New York. She is a LEED Accredited Professional, a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects, and actively involved with the American Institute of Architects, she is currently on the AIANY Board as Alternate Director for Professional Development.

### Nicholas Caravella, Associate AIA

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Nick Caravella is an At-Large Director to the AIA National Associates Committee. Its mission is to look at national issues, the future of the industry, and other matters that impact an associate member. The Committee provides resources and strategies to AIA regional leadership and local components to help provide better member value and address these issues facing our industry.

### John M. Cays

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John Cays has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Architecture and Design since 2005. He was responsible for overseeing the development and use of NJIT's digital repository, course management and curricular evaluation system called Kepler: A Transparent Coursework Review System. John currently serves as Northeast Director for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

### Harry M. Falconer, Jr., AIA, NCARB

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As NCARB's Director, Experience + Education, Harry leads the directorate to provide professional support for IDP as well as NCARB's education-related programs. He is also responsible for administration of the Council's outreach initiative to schools, professional conferences, and firms; and management of the Architect Licensing Advisors Community program. In 2010, Harry was awarded NCARB's highest honor, the President's Medal for Distinguished Service, for his leadership in IDP.

### Philip M. Leinbach, AIA, NCARB, CSI, REFP

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Phil joined AEM Architects in 1991 shortly after graduating from Temple University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Architecture. He is now the President of AEM and has worked extensively with all facets of project development including design, documentation, specification writing, price negotiating and construction observation. Phil's design experience is diverse and includes medical, educational, commercial and ecclesiastical projects of all sizes. Phil has also been involved with expert witness services on a variety of different public and private sector projects. Phil was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Architects Licensure Board in 2012 and is presently serving as the Vice President.

### Robert Lopez, RA

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Robert Lopez is the Executive Secretary to the New York State Board for Architecture and the State Board for Landscape Architecture within the Office of the Professions and the State Education Department. Prior to joining the Department, he was a Principal at Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Architecture & Engineering, P.C. and was the Director of its K-12 Studio. Upon graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Science

in the Building Sciences, Robert went to work as an intern architect with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's NYC office for 4 years. Robert has been an architect in New York since 1993.

### Frank J. Mruk, III, FAIA, LEED AP

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Frank Mruk is Associate Dean at the New York Institute of Technology School of Architecture and Design. He is a Fellow of the Strategic Planning Society. Frank is a licensed architect and a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Prior to NYIT Frank led strategy development efforts at Wall Street financial service companies Morgan Stanley and AIG. He was also a senior architect for URS Corp., one of the largest global engineering design firms, and has served as Metro NY President of the Association for Strategic Planning, and Metro NY President of the Construction Specification Institute, and on the Board of Directors of AIA's New York Chapter. Frank's academic history includes attending Oxford University's Said Business School (post graduate program in strategy and innovation), Pace University (MBA) and Pratt Institute (Bachelor of Architecture).

### Andrea S. Rutledge, CAE, Hon. AIA

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Andrea Rutledge, CAE, Hon AIA, is the Executive Director of NAAB which develops and maintains a system of accreditation in professional architecture education that is responsive to the needs of society and allows institutions with varying resources and circumstances to evolve according to their individual needs. The NAAB aspires to be the leader in establishing educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the architectural profession.

### Andrew Sanchez

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Andrew Sanchez is a fourth year B.Arch candidate at The New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he is an active member of the AIAS chapter and runs the chapter's 3-D printer lab. Andrew is proud to have been selected as the third year representative of the NJIT Super Jury. Presently, Andrew works as an IDP Intern at Cornerstone Architectural Group, LLC in South Plainfield, NJ

### John R. Sorrenti, FAIA

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John R. Sorrenti, FAIA, currently serves as Chancellor of AIA College of Fellows and remains as an extended Board member on the New York State Education Board of Architecture where he served previously as Chair. John is Commissioner of the Town of North Hempstead Landmarks Commission, also serving as chair. Over the past 35 years, he served on dozens of committees both for AIA and NCARB and held such positions as the President of the New York State and Vice President of the National AIA and served a three year term as Regional Director on the National Board for NCARB. John is President and Founder of JRS Architect, P.C.

### Albert F. Zaccone, AIA, PP, CID

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Albert Zaccone is a graduate of Pratt Institute and has been a practicing architect in New Jersey since 1980. He is a member of the AIA and served as President of the local Section and the New Jersey State and Regional Chapter of that organization. He was appointed to the New Jersey State Board of Architects in 2003, serving three terms as President of the Board. He is currently Chair of NCARB Region 2, which includes Delaware, DC, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.