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CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE CHICAGO CHAPTER

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## Gauged Porcelain Tile: Birth Of A Product Category



*Presented By:*  
**Scott Conwell,**  
International Masonry  
Institute

and  
**Shana Kim,**  
Antunovich Associates



September 15  
11:00am

## A Look Into MIRA

Maintaining Design Integrity  
While Delivering A Custom  
High-Performance Façade



*Presented By:*  
**Harry Soenksen**  
Studio Gang



and  
**Mauricio Sanchez**  
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September 22  
11:30am

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## Building and Maintaining Relationships Through a Virtual Network

With the shift from in-person work settings to virtual work settings, traditional methods of building and maintaining relationships have gone out the window. In light of these widespread changes to workplace culture and organization, it is imperative more so than ever that we make an intentional effort to facilitate and maintain virtual interpersonal relationships.

CSI Chicago's leadership is dedicated to aiding our members in building and maintaining relationships through a virtual network. I am humbled and impressed by the effort and innovative virtual solutions our committees are coming up with to continue to support our mission to advance the knowledge for the Design and Construction Community in the greater Chicago area that includes, but is not limited to the following: building information management, construction technology, and project delivery methods to improve facility performance while fostering relationships and promoting education.

Our Executive Committee has been working hard to ensure the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have the budget and operational support they need to deliver a quality virtual experience for members and prospective members. Our Membership Committee is focused on enhancing our [online member connection tools](#) and [chapter partner benefits](#) while the Program Committee has invested in virtual tools and are delivering [quality education programming](#) that allows for quality engagement and networking opportunities. The Social, CSi2eye and Certification committees are currently in the planning stage for their upcoming events and exploring different technology programs that can deliver quality virtual experiences.

We have been focused the last few months on what I like to call the "Front End" of the CSI Chicago experience, but we are also working on the "Back End" as well. In order for us to build a sustainable model for the future we have to make sure the "Back End" operations are in good shape. Part of that is getting our new committees (the Future AEC Leaders and Diversity and Inclusion) off the ground. I am happy to report that both of these committees are currently developing their purpose and their goals to help our chapter continue to be a place to build and maintain relationships for everyone.

If you have any thoughts or questions about CSI Chicago please reach out.

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## Member Spotlight

Kathy St Joseph, CSI, CDT

Kathy St Joseph started her career in 1998 as an Administrator Assistant with a decorative surface manufacturer. She was fortunate enough to be with a company that believed in training within and was fascinated by the industry. She recalls being a sales support person when the field reps were still calling in to get help from pay phones. In her journey, Kathy learned that by helping others be successful, she learned that she too, became successful herself. Today, Kathy carries on the team success philosophy through her role as a Business Development Manager at Lotte Chemical.

If you have had the pleasure of meeting Kathy, you would know that her passion for teamwork shines in everything she does. Kathy reflects on her most memorable project, the Advocate Christ Media Center - Patient Tower (East Tower), because it was one of the most collaborative projects she has ever participated in. She says that being brought on the project team and being heavily involved from the early project stages, really taught her about the project delivery process. This in turn made Kathy realize that she should join CSI Chicago and get her CDT certification.

Kathy enjoys being a part of CSI Chicago not only for the education the chapter provides, but for the chance to network with professionals that truly value their relationships with suppliers. The chapter has also given Kathy the personal benefit of giving back to the community through her work on the Rebuilding Together Committee and now as the newest appointed (July 2020) Director of the CSI Chicago Foundation Board. She reflects on her work with the Rebuilding Together projects by saying it is a "privilege to see our members, who work so hard to make our city better, volunteer their time and talent to make someone's life better."

Kathy's high moral and love shines in everything she does and she offers that everyone "be genuine, truthful and generous in your work life. Earning trust begins with being trust-WORTHY." Great words to live by.

In Kathy's life, family comes first and she says she is "blessed with a great big messy one." She hates to waste and loves things that last, which is why she is proud that her washing machine is a rebuilt Maytag she bought in 1982. Kathy also shares that she earned money in high school and college as a soloist for weddings and funerals. Guess who just made the short list for our next chapter performer!

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## Member Tip

**Kathy St Joseph, CSI, CDT**

Kathy St Joseph shared her most useful tool is her company's CRM (Customer Relationship Management) platform [Sales Force](#). She says they use it for project tracking within their organization to share information on projects and for procurement planning across markets.

She adds that she is also learning to use LinkedIn better as more clients are working from home. If you are interested in learning more about LinkedIn use, do not forget that CSI Chicago members can go back and watch the chapter recordings from our two summer programs on LinkedIn usage. (Access all event recordings by logging into the [Chapter Library](#).)

## New Chapter Members

**Mike Rich, CSI**  
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## Giving Back With Rebuilding Together Despite Canceled Rebuild Day

### Rebuilding Together Committee News

For the first time in 29 years, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago canceled the annual National Rebuild Day last April to protect homeowners and volunteers from COVID-19. Many of the homeowners are of a vulnerable population and their needs can go beyond home improvements. RTMC will be providing PPE and food in addition to home improvements that can be performed by their own staff.

This would have been CSI Chicago's third year sponsoring a home and we were looking forward to bringing our group of volunteers to the sponsored home in the Englewood neighborhood. The CSI Chicago board has voted to donate this year's \$2,500 Rebuilding Together Home Sponsorship fee to [Rebuilding Together – Metro Chicago](#) (RTMC) to help our sponsored home owner and other families. Some of the improvements RTMC will address in the family's home include: grab bars, a tub bench, a handheld shower unit, address number visibility, railings, GFIC outlets, and smoke and CO detectors. The donation will also be used to help provide food and PPE to local families during the pandemic.

Although we never got to "swing the hammer" this year, we are happy to continue supporting the RTMC mission and will adopt a home for the next National Rebuilding Day. We hope you can join us.

Funding for the Rebuilding Together initiative is made possible by funding from the [CSI Chicago Foundation](#). Please consider making a donation today to support our work.

## Foundation Names New Director

### CSI Chicago Foundation News

Kathy St Joseph was recently named as Director to the CSI Chicago Foundation.



Kathy joins the current [foundation board members](#) in their mission to support the CSI Chicago's mission through philanthropic causes including education, service, and research.

Thank you Kathy for your commitment to our giving back initiatives and the foundation.

[Learn more](#) about CSI Chicago's Foundation and how to make a tax deductible donate online today.



## CSI's Certification Exam Registration Is Now Open: PDPG 3rd Edition Now Available

### Certification Committee News

The Fall 2020 Exam Cycle registration has officially opened. CDT, CCS, and CCCA are available this cycle (CCPR is still in a re-evaluation and redevelopment process is not currently an available certification).

Early registration runs from August 3-31; standard registration runs from September 1-30; and final registration is from October 1-30. Discounts are available for earlier registration and for students pursuing their CDT certification.

The fall exam window is available from November 2 through December 4. Test results will be made available via email notification in January of 2021.

More information, including CSI member and non-member pricing, as well as a registration link, is available at <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/overview>.

In related news, the third edition of the Project Delivery Practice Guide (PDPG) is now available. This book is the go-to resource for anyone taking the CDT certification and provides fundamental knowledge for the documentation, administration, and successful delivery of construction projects. Be aware that the fall 2020 CDT testing will be based on this new PDPG. You can purchase this [new edition PDPG in the CSI Bookstore](#).

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## CSI National Honors CSI Chicago Chapter Members

### Executive Committee News

CSI National announced its 2020 Award Winners and CSI Chicago members earned four CSI awards and will be honored during the virtual CSI Honors and Awards Ceremony later this fall. [Click here](#) for the full list of 2020 award recipients.

#### Fellowship

Elias Saltz, *CSI, CCS, CDT*



Congratulations to Chapter Member Elias Saltz, *CSI, CCS, CDT* for being selected to be elevated to a CSI Fellow! Fellows of the Institute are chosen by their peers. Nominees must have notably contributed to the advancement of construction technology, the improvement of construction specifications, education, or by service to the Institute.

[Meet Elias in his Class Of Fellows Q&A.](#)

#### Distinguished Service Award

Larry Nordin, *CSI, CCS, CDT, AIA*



Congratulations to Chapter Member Larry Nordin, *CSI, CCS, CDT, AIA* for being honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Distinguished Service is defined as notable and significant contributions at the Chapter, Region or Institute level that have furthered the mission of CSI, its standing in the industry or its image to the public.

#### Innovation in Construction Award

CSI Chicago's Remote Learning Library



Congratulations to our Chapter for earning the Innovation in Construction Award for the development and success of our [Remote Learning Library](#). This award is presented to an individual or team who, in the opinion of their peers innovatively developed or discovered new uses for materials, methods, technology, or project delivery systems.

#### Communications Award

CSI Chicago's 2020 Building Enclosure Marketing Campaign



Congratulations to our Chapter and Communications Committee for earning the Communications Award for their 2020 Building Enclosure marketing campaign. This award is presented to a Chapter, Region or Organization which has implemented a comprehensive communications program, inclusive of multiple types of communications programs.

#### CSI Chicago's Remote Learning Library



Live Online CEUs From Our Chapter Members And Chapter Partners.



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## Gauged Porcelain Tile: Birth of a Product Category

Virtual Program

Sep 15, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (CT)

Presented By:

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**Shana Kim**, CSI, CDT  
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Gauged porcelain tile (GPT) panels are beginning to redefine the ceramic tile industry. Known for their large facial dimensions (up to 6 feet by 12 feet) and their thin profile (as thin as 3.5 mm), GPT panels are ideal for contemporary designs that require minimal grout joints, as well as retrofits over existing finishes where its thin profile precludes the need for expensive demolition. With seemingly endless design opportunities, it is important to also consider the material's limitations.

**Complimentary to CSI Chicago members.**

See link for non-member pricing.

*Space is limited to first 100 registered attendees.*

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## A Look Into MIRA - Maintaining Design Integrity While Delivering A Custom High-Performance Façade

Virtual Program

Sep 22, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (CT)

Presented By:

**Harry Soenksen** | Senior Director, Technical Design  
Studio Gang  
**Mauricio Sanchez** | Director, Technical Design  
Studio Gang

Demand for buildings to be designed for high-performance is increasing. Building enclosures including façade assemblies are rapidly evolving and incorporating new technologies with a multitude of requirements including sustainability goals, increased energy efficiency, acoustic performance, and thermal comfort. In addition to performance requirements, cost and constructability are yet more factors challenging the industry.

Architects must simultaneously incorporate all these external criteria while maintaining the integrity of the architectural design. The key to successfully integrating these objectives into the architecture is understanding design delivery methods, early identification of performance criteria, testing the design, and managing the implementation throughout construction.

The presentation will provide insight into Studio Gang's approach to the conceptual design process, technical criteria and design, mockup testing and design implementation during construction for the Mira Tower project.

**Complimentary to CSI Chicago members & Students.**

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## Chapter Board Meetings

Sep 30, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (CT)

Oct 28, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (CT)

Chapter board meetings are held monthly to conduct chapter business and for the board to hear reports from committees. Requested agenda items must be submitted to chapter president, Brad Schwab, at [bschwab@schwabgroup.net](mailto:bschwab@schwabgroup.net) at least 8 days before the meeting.

Any chapter member interested in attending the board meeting, must contact the chapter president, Brad Schwab, at [bschwab@schwabgroup.net](mailto:bschwab@schwabgroup.net) to request a meeting link.

## Remote Learning Library



This library serves as a resource for online education opportunities provided by CSI Chicago members and chapter partners. All online educational opportunities listed are approved for AIA CES continuing education credits, CEU's for your self-reported CSI certification CEUs, and some events may be approved for other CEUs.

Use the links below to learn more about individual events, the CEUs they offer, and to register. This library is updated weekly.

### Upcoming Events:

9/02, 2:00pm - [Effective Thermal Performance of the Building Enclosure - Exterior Walls](#) by Cascadia Windows & Doors

9/10, 11:00am - [Terrazzo Floor Systems](#) by Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co.

9/10, 12:00pm - [Window Films](#) by 3M Window Films

**SEE ALL REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### Looking To List An Opportunity?

CSI Chicago Chapter members and partners that would like to be a provider can [click here](#) to learn more.

## Industry Event Calendar



The Industry Events Calendar serves as a resource for upcoming events for Chicagoland AEC professionals.

CSI Chicago does not facilitate or manage the logistics or details of the opportunities listed below. Attendee management, capacity, content, CEU management and fulfillment, etc., is managed by event host/coordinator.

### Upcoming Events:

9/02, 8:00am - [Electronic Leak Detection Testing, Standards, Science, and Practical Applications](#) - Webinar by IIBEC-Chicago

9/16, 9:00am - [Overcoming Barriers of Modular Prefabricated / Off-site Construction using BIM](#) - Webinar by Neilsoft, Inc.

9/30, 1:00pm - [Installing LVT Systems in Wet Environments](#) - Webinar by MAPEI Corporation

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## A Young Architect's Take On Licensing Exams

Written by: Matthew Switzer

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CSI director of marketing and communications Matthew Switzer interviewed Michael Riscica, AIA, founder of [YoungArchitect.com](http://YoungArchitect.com), about the state of the construction industry, and especially how Riscica uses his online-based platform to help architects successfully pass the tests for licensure and beyond. Here are the top three takeaways from that conversation. The entire interview can be read at [CSIResources.org](http://CSIResources.org).

### Tell me about how and why you started YoungArchitect.com.

I got my architecture license in 2013. When I started the process, it was nothing like what I was led to believe it would be. I was told it was going to take about six months and was maybe a 200-hour project. It ended up being a four-and-a-half-year-long project, which took well over 2000 hours. So as soon as I was done with my exams, I said, 'This is not what you guys told me it would be.' No one was really talking about the architect exam from a practical point of view, so I got online and just started ranting and raving and blogging about how I study for my exams, how I passed the test, my thoughts about the profession, and where I think everything is going. It ended up taking off like a rocket.

### So it resonated?

It resonated with a lot of people. Architecture is highly

collaborative. However, the architect exam process is self-guided with no clear deadlines. So I created a whole program that helps people get started with their exams. It teaches them how to train themselves.

### What about your experience with the CDT?

I loved studying for the test. One thing I really like about the CDT compared to the architect exam is it is well-organized. The Project Delivery Practice Guide looks at it from many different perspectives. One of the things with the architect exam is we are always looking at it from the architect's perspective and that just gets eliminated right out of the gate with the CDT, as you are looking at it from the owner's point of view, the contractor's, the engineer's, the product rep's, the manufacturer's, and you are getting all the different rules and responsibilities and relationships and really seeing that through.

### When you get done with the CDT, you can actually apply what you have learned in your day-to-day life.

Absolutely. I do not think anyone should be working in the AEC industry without having this knowledge. We need to understand the roles, relationships, and responsibilities between all the different players at the table.

### What value can younger professionals get out of an organization like CSI?

I think CSI has been more forward-thinking than other organizations that have focused on what is happening now and what happened 25 years ago. I like to look into the future. I feel like CSI, from all of my interactions with this organization, has always welcomed me with open arms, embracing me and the changing industry, and really acknowledging it.

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