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ATS CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR  
Mixed-Topics - New York, NY  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
American Management Association (AMA)  
1601 Broadway 6th Floor , New York City, NY  
10019



**07:45 AM**      [Registration & Continental Breakfast](#)

**08:00 AM**      [Welcome, Credits, and Certificates](#)

**08:05 AM**      **Thermally Modified Wood as a Sustainable, Biophilic Product Choice for Architects and Designers**

This course examines the use of thermally modified woods in sustainable building practices. Through this course, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the thermally modified wood process, its environmental benefits, and its applications in architectural design. We will explore the science behind thermal modification, its impact on wood properties, and its advantages over traditional wood treatments. Additionally, the course will address key considerations for specifying, installing, and maintaining thermally modified wood products, equipping attendees with the knowledge needed to incorporate this innovative material into their projects. Discover how thermally modified woods are reshaping the landscape of sustainable construction and contributing to a greener future.

Lisa Ayala  
GMX Group      Provider #: 10093159  
AIA #:GMXThermWood27 HSW | GBCI (USGBC/CAGBC) #:0920029828

**09:05 AM**      [Review of Session Code Process](#)

**09:10 AM**      **Acetylated Wood: A Natural and Durable Choice for Siding, Decking, and More**

This course discusses the process of wood acetylation, the resulting changes to wood, applications for acetylated wood, its green credentials and several case studies involving acetylated wood.

Remy Torrico  
Accsys Technologies - Titan Wood Inc.      Provider #: K382  
AIA #:AccoyaWood27 HSW | GBCI (USGBC/CAGBC) #:0920029700

**10:10 AM**      [Break](#)

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## **The Benefits of 100% Offsite Fabricated Stainless Steel Railing Systems**

Explore the advantages of integrating 100% offsite fabrication into the design of the ornamental railing you specify in your architectural projects.

When compared to local fabrication, Offsite fabrication of custom-designed railing systems not only dramatically improves product quality, it also minimizes project waste, reduces product costs, and streamlines construction processes. *Offsite Fabrication = Value Engineering!*

In this presentation you will learn how architects, designers, and engineers can reduce overall project costs and improve project outcomes by specifying architectural products which have been custom-designed to precisely fit each project, and then prefabricated to completion offsite, while helping builders and contractors achieve greater efficiency.

Milena Martinez Vega

Marketing Lead | Brand Strategist Milena Martinez Vega is a passionate professional with a deep understanding of prefabricated railing systems and the advantages offsite fabricated stainless steel railing systems bring to architectural projects. As former "amazonian", she served at Amazon Web Services (AWS) as a Project Manager in the Public Sector for Latin America, Caribbean and Canada Regions. Originally from Barcelona, Spain, Milena moved to the United States in 2009 in pursuit of her career aspirations. With a Keen eye for aesthetics and a passion for design, she joined AGS Stainless, a renowned manufacturer of custom-designed stainless steel railing systems, in 2014. Over the years, Milena's curiosity and enthusiasm have driven her to explore various roles within AGS Stainless, and currently serving as a Brand Strategist and Marketing Lead. Her attention to detail and commitment to excellence have earned her recognition within the organization.

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## **Making Sense of Sealants**

Participants will learn about the different families of sealants and how to choose the correct product for each application.

Dan Garnett

Adfast Provider #: 404109250

AIA #: AdfSealants23 HSW | GBCI (USGBC/CAGBC) #: 920025313

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[Lunch](#)

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## **Designing Low Voltage Technology Infrastructure Spaces**

Modern environments such as classrooms, collaboration, meeting and board rooms have seen a transformation in both their overall layout and how they are being utilized, post pandemic. Low voltage systems, IT, AV, and building managements systems in the past were stand alone systems and this isolation between them caused issues for the users experience in a negative way. By working together on the early design phases, this will eliminate many challenges for designers and engineers planning a space layout. Audiovisual and data applications in various spaces will be covered, and the connectivity requirements associated with them for onsite and remote applications. This presentation will show how combining facility management, IT and AV teams on the usage of the spaces early in the process will enhance the user's experiences. A variety of ceiling, wall and floor boxes as cable management solutions will be addressed. The different features of these boxes will be covered, as well as UL requirements, electrical issues, the merging of technology aesthetics and developments in connectivity will also be discussed. Various connectivity and cable management solutions within tables and other furniture will be covered.

Ed Rivano  
FSR Inc Provider #: J721  
AIA #:FSR 727 HSW

02:00 PM

## **Performance Criteria Considerations for Windows and Curtain Walls for Large Buildings**

The most common and costly problems associated with the in-service performance of the vertical building envelope of large buildings are related primarily with excessive air leakage and water intrusion. In particular, windows and curtain walls, as well as their interface with the adjacent wall construction, are determining elements in the performance of the vertical building envelope. Improved standards and design principles have contributed in significantly improving the performance of window and curtain wall systems, whether it is with respect to resistance to water penetration, air leakage resistance, wind load resistance or condensation resistance. The reality, however, is that many buildings of recent construction are still experiencing problems with the in-service performance of installed window and curtain wall systems. Typically, these problems are often the result of poor installation, fabrication and lack of adequate quality control. This presentation shall focus on evaluating the laboratory and field performance of windows and curtain walls of large buildings 1) during the early stages of construction to validate as-built design and 2) during later construction stages as a quality control measure.

Fabian Zambrano  
Lessard Group Provider #: A018  
AIA #:LessardCW24 HSW

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## **Sustainable Exterior Envelope**

This course focuses on the effect biological and physical agents have on the wood substrate of the exterior building envelope. After reviewing these agents, you will learn how proper installation and best building practices can limit the exposure these agents can pose to your project. Durable wood substrates will also be discussed with a comparison of popular man-made durability agents used to further protect the exterior envelope.

Corbin Rinehart  
WindsorONE Provider #: T109  
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## How It's Made: Today's PVC

PVC products have been around for 100 years. They're common in the construction industry because of their durability and long life. But old PVC manufacturing practices still cause concern for some of today's specifiers. This course will address those concerns head-on. We'll talk about today's manufacturing processes and how recycling is transforming the industry. You'll see how PVC resin becomes a strong and beautiful product using the example of vinyl fencing. With the understanding of today's regulations, collaboration, and green-building practices, you'll have the confidence to specify today's PVC products.

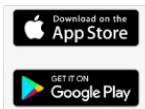
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