

New York Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (nycoba|NOMA)

nycoba|NOMA was initially formed in 1970 as the New York Coalition of Black Architects (NYCOBA) and joined with NOMA in the fall of 1992 to become the national organization's New York Chapter. nycoba|NOMA supports the interests of professionals, educators, and students engaged in the process of designing, regardless of their position in the long arc of their careers. The organization is committed to increasing the representation of minority architects in the profession and supporting the interests of those from other disciplines, professions, and businesses who share our commitment to advancing the value of design and our roles in it. The organization is committed to stimulating thoughtful discussions about our roles in design through conferences, competitions, exhibitions, publications, and websites.

AIA New York Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The AIA New York Diversity and Inclusion Committee seeks to provoke dialogues about diversity and give agency to issues of inclusion and representation. Today, the architecture profession is undergoing important changes, rethinking its position in relation to challenges like climate change and energy consumption and how design can impact health. The practice's shifting cultural landscape requires all of us to diversify. In 2008, the AIA National Board of Directors recognized that a key strategic initiative required the enlistment of "new talents and new insights to address the critical issues of our time and future generations" to create a "strengthened, more highly valued, and esteemed profession capable of reaching into constituencies previously underserved." The local committee's role matches that of the Diversity & Inclusion Council at the National level, turning toward action items and ideas that promote diversity.

J. Max Bond Center for Urban Futures (JMBC)

The J. Max Bond Center for Urban Futures (JMBC) is a City College of New York Applied Research Center located within the Spitzer School of Architecture. JMBC aspires to create equitable and just urban futures that foster individual and communal success. To adequately address this challenge and its inherent complexity, JMBC leverages transdisciplinary research and innovation across several disciplines. JMBC actively draws upon the research and expertise of academic colleagues in architecture, data science, public policy, economics, social science, health, and environmental science, to name a few. It embraces and values direct collaborative engagement with communities, policy makers, partner organizations, and the private sector to further advance and inform our work.

The Center's goal is to create and disseminate useful innovations toward improving our human existence that are both actionable and scalable. The focus is on the creation of problem-specific solutions and applicable theory that will ultimately improve social and cultural cohesion, equitable architectural and urban production, and a more resilient urban fabric.



J. MAX BOND, JR. FUND



The J. Max Bond, Jr. Fund supports programming in honor of J. Max Bond, Jr., FAIA, NOMA, (1935-2009) an African American architect, global citizen, and activist who made trailblazing contributions to the profession and beyond. He was a partner at Davis Brody Bond and former Dean of the City College of New York School of Architecture and Environmental Studies. The J. Max Bond Jr. Lecture was founded in 2010 as a collaboration between the New York Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (nycoba|NOMA), the American Institute of Architects New York (AIANY) Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and the J. Max Bond Center for Urban Futures at the City College of New York. After years spent gathering the support and attention of AIANY members and the broader architecture and design community, the fund became endowed in 2021. The fund's inaugural lecture series and future initiatives aim to enhance Bond's legacy by producing collaborative programming that elevates contemporary voices and addresses issues related to equity, underrepresented communities in design, and global cultures—particularly those of Africa and the African diaspora. These causes were fundamental to Bond's own life, both while he worked in New York City and during a three-year period he spent stationed in Ghana.

Previous Lectures

Impatience! – 2020

June A. Grant, RA, NOMA, Founder and Design Principal, blink!LAB architecture; **Ted Russell**, Associate Director, Arts Strategy & Ventures for the Kenneth Rainin Foundation

Planning to Stay – 2019

Zena Howard, FAIA, Principal and Managing Director, Perkins and Will; **Mabel O. Wilson**, Professor and Co-Director, Global Africa Lab, Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation

Attaining Wakandan Utopia – 2018

Mario Gooden, Principal, Huff + Gooden Architects; Associate Professor of Practice, Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; **Ade Obayemi**, Founder and Principal, AO + Associates; **Renee Kemp-Rotan, Assoc. AIA**, Director of Grants and Special Projects, Office of the Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama

Monumental Matters: A Conversation about Public Lives, Public Spaces & Collective Memory – 2017

Rodney Leon, AIA, NOMA, Founder and Principal, Rodney Leon Architects; **Kamau Ware**, Founder and Lead Creative, Black Gotham Experience; **Bryan C. Lee Jr.**, Founder and Director, Colloqate Design; **Karyn Olivier**, Artist; **Iefeoma Ebo**, Senior Design Advisor, NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

The Big Payback – 2016

Maurice Cox, Planning Director, City of Detroit; **Steven Lewis, FAIA, NOMA**, Associate Vice-President of TRC Energy Services; **Richard Franklin, AIA, NOMA**, Principal, Sabir, Richardson & Weisberg Engineers & Architecture,

Conversations: Community – 2015

Phil Freelon, FAIA, NOMA, Managing and Design Director, Perkins and Will, Founder and President, Freelon Group

Conversations: Equity Agendas – 2014

Nadine Maleh, Director, Inspiring Places for Community Solutions, IPA Fellow; **Kaja Kühl**, Columbia University GSAPP 5 Borough Studio, IPA Fellow; **Quilian Riano**, Principal, DSGN AGNC, Director of Strategy & Research, NYDesigns, IPA Fellow; **Sagi Golan**, Urban Designer NYC Dept. of City Planning, Columbia Univ. GSAPP, IPA Fellow; **Miriam Peterson**, Principal & Founder, Peterson Rich Office, IPA Fellow; **Nathan Rich**, Principal & Founder, Peterson Rich Office, IPA Fellow; **Marc Norman**, 2014-15 Loeb Fellow Harvard GSD; **Mindy Fullilove**, AIA Public Director, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry & Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University

Design for the Just City – 2013

Toni L. Griffin, Professor of Architecture and Founding Director, J. Max Bond Center on Design for the Just City, Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York

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