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My 2012 AIA Convention

Everyone’s AIA Convention is unique, of course. Even the most diligent conventioneer, skipping lunch and eschewing the half-day or daylong tours, can attend (by my swaggering estimate) at most 4% of the events. Knuckling down, she can wrap up her CE requirements for the year, learn a few things (and rehash a few more), quaff a couple of bottles of wine (over the course of the four days, I mean), and enjoy friends, old and new.

She will hear the distinguished keynote speakers—historian David McCullough, architect/public servant Hon. Shaun Donovan—and the keynote appreciation for the architects involved in the several 9/11 projects. Read more

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For the past year and a half I have been the acting AIACC Liaison to the California
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Energy Commission (CEC), reporting directly to the AIACC State Agency Liaison Committee (SALC). In addition, during the same period, I have been educating architectural firms about the value of adding Applied Building Science . . . Read more

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