

# CONVENTION PREVIEW



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**CONVENTION**

October 25-29, 2020 | Raleigh, NC



*The world's gathering place for advancing concrete*

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## About the ACI Concrete Convention



**T**he ACI Concrete Convention is the world’s gathering place for advancing concrete materials, design, construction, and repair, bringing together the world’s most well-known leaders with professionals looking to learn. Conventions provide a forum for networking and education and an opportunity to provide input on the concrete industry’s codes, specifications, and guides.

Committees meet to develop the standards, reports, and other documents necessary to keep up with the ever-changing world of concrete technology. Committee meetings are open to all registered convention attendees.

Technical and educational sessions provide attendees with the latest research, case studies, best practices, and the opportunity to earn Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

Additionally, the Convention offers numerous networking events where you can expect to meet with many of the industry’s top engineers, architects, contractors, educators, manufacturers, and material representatives from around the world.

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- 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Student Networking Reception

### Sunday, October 25, 2020

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### Monday, October 26, 2020

- 6:30 am – 8:00 am Workshop for Technical Committee Chairs *(by invitation only)*
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- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Sessions
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm President’s Reception

### Thursday, October 29, 2020

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Board of Direction Meeting

#### CEU/PDH Tracking for Sessions

To earn CEUs/PDHs during a participating session or mini session, record the code given out during the session and submit it online to receive a certificate. In most cases, one contact hour is equal to one Professional Development Hour (PDH). Check with your state board for acceptance criteria.

Visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org) for the latest Schedule of Events and updates.



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## Saturday, October 24, 2020

### Student Networking Reception

**8:00 pm – 9:30 pm**

The ACI Student and Young Professional Activities Committee (SYPAC) invites all students, faculty advisors, and mentors to the Student Networking Reception. This casual and fun environment is an opportunity to engage with future concrete professionals and professors. Students will participate in games to win door prizes. In addition, food and beverages will be provided for free on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Sunday, October 25, 2020

### ACI Egg Protection Device Student Competition

**8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Design and build the highest-impact-load-resistant plain or reinforced concrete Egg Protection Device (EPD). Learn and report on concrete's sustainable benefits related to durability, impact resistance, and other real-life aspects which an EPD simulates. Two prize categories will be awarded: one for overall performance and one for efficiency of design. Note that only one team is allowed entry per school. For more information on the competition and how to register, please visit [www.concrete.org/students/studentcompetitions](http://www.concrete.org/students/studentcompetitions).

### ✓International Lunch

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**\$40 U.S. per person**



**Speaker:** Erleen Hatfield  
**Title:** High-Performing Buildings with Sustainable Concrete

Erleen Hatfield is the Managing Partner of the Hatfield Group. She has over 25 years of experience in the design of complex structures worldwide. Hatfield's International Lunch presentation title is "High-Performing Buildings with Sustainable Concrete." The theme builds on the use of concrete in sustainable construction, including the new Atlanta stadium, academic buildings, and high-rise construction. Sustainable and meaningful best practices in concrete construction will be shared. Also, through the use of case studies, the role of technology (BIM) in design will be presented and how it can be beneficial to project stakeholders and sustainability goals. Additional information on the International Lunch can be found at [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

### Opening Session and Keynote Presentation

**5:45 pm – 7:00 pm**

The Opening Session is the official start to the ACI Convention and will begin with a welcome address by ACI President Jeffrey Coleman. Next, the emcee for the night will introduce our featured keynote speaker. For more information on the Opening Session and the keynote presentation, visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

### Opening Reception

**Approx. 7:00 pm**

Immediately following the Opening Session, attendees are invited to the exhibit hall for this evening reception. Reunite with colleagues, network with new acquaintances, and learn about the products and services offered by the exhibitors. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.

### Young Professional Networking Event

**8:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

SYPAC (Student and Young Professionals Activities Committee) invites all graduate students, young professionals, and mentors to a casual networking exchange following the Opening Reception. Attendees will establish connections with fellow young members. Bring your business card for a chance to win door prizes.

## Monday, October 26, 2020

### ✓Student Lunch

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**\$33 U.S. per person; FREE to students who preregister by 9/20/2020**

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**Speaker:** Tyler Ley  
**Title:** How Students Will Save the World

This presentation, given by Tyler Ley of Oklahoma State University, will discuss how students are open-minded, hungry, driven, and they are going to change the world in ways that we have never realized. This presentation will discuss the major challenges facing the world and how students will use their skills and abilities to solve these challenges. The presentation will talk about many technical issues, but it will also discuss communication, courage, and leadership. Come join us and learn how you will save the world. For additional information on the Student Lunch, please visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

## ✓ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards and Gala

**\$100 U.S. per person; \$50 U.S. for students**

**Doors open & Reception: 7:00 pm**

**Dinner & Awards Presentation: 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm**

**Red-Carpet Interviews: 10:30 pm – 11:30 pm**

The ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards will showcase and honor some of the most creative concrete projects from around the world. Over 100 concrete projects were nominated by ACI Chapters and International Partners. Entries were judged by an independent panel of industry professionals representing diverse backgrounds, with technical expertise in six award categories. First- and second-place awards will be given in each category, in addition to an overall “Excellence” award to be revealed the evening of the Gala. Following the Awards Dinner, celebrate the accomplishments of those recognized during the Red-Carpet Interviews. A cash bar will be available.

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

## ✓Architects’ Day Lunch

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**\$36 U.S. per person**



**Speaker:** Thomas Sayre

**Title:** Earthcasting

Speaker Thomas Sayre, one of the founding principles of Clearscapes, will discuss a novel technique called “earth casting” which he has employed all across North America as well as Asia and Europe to create large, permanent public sculptures. Earth casting involves digging large forms by hand and with heavy equipment in undisturbed earth and casting reinforced concrete directly into the earthen molds. The lecture will show multiple examples of this work and how the technique makes work which is uniquely “of the place” where the site is located. For additional information on the Architects’ Day Lunch, the speaker, and the topic, please visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

## Concrete Mixer

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Join ACI attendees and guests for an evening of networking, entertainment, and great food during the Concrete Mixer. An assortment of food and beverages will be available.

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

## ✓ACI Certification Exams

**7:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**\$299 U.S. per person**

ACI Certification will host five of its inspector-focused exams on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at the ACI Concrete Convention in Raleigh, NC. Get certified at Convention as a Post-Installed Concrete Anchor Installation Inspector; Concrete Construction Special Inspector; Concrete Transportation Construction Inspector; Concrete Quality Technical Manager; or Shotcrete Inspector.

## President’s Reception

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

ACI President Jeffrey Coleman invites all convention attendees to the President’s Reception, where you’ll have the opportunity to network with committee Chairs, chapter Presidents, and international attendees. An assortment of food and hosted bar will be available.



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## Exhibitors

ACI would like to thank the following exhibitors for their support of and participation in the Convention. (Listed as of 5/28/2020)



## Sponsors

Sponsorship investments help make the Convention possible, providing a place for industry professionals to advance their knowledge of concrete. ACI would like to thank the following organizations for their donations. (Listed as of 5/28/2020)

### Unit Weight (\$10,000)



### Slump (\$2500)



### Volumetric (\$5000)



### Sampling (\$1000)



## Exhibit Area Highlights

- Networking
- ACI Store
- Cyber Café
- Exhibitor Demonstrations
- Daily Refreshments

### Not yet an Exhibitor?

Exhibiting at the Convention is a great opportunity to showcase your products and services while also networking with leaders in the concrete industry. ACI seeks to provide exhibitors with a venue and atmosphere that will maximize visibility and marketing potential and has specifically designed the exhibit area with that in mind.

Booth rates are \$2000 for a 10 x 10 ft space and include up to two exhibitor registrations, giving you access to the exhibit area; technical sessions; committee meetings; networking events; and exposure in event publications, on the ACI website, and on signage during the Convention.

### Become a Sponsor

Your donation is essential in the success of the Convention as well as the development of our industry, which occurs as a direct result of the Convention. In return for your generous support, your company name will appear in a variety of promotional materials to include items such as the convention program and a PowerPoint presentation that will be played during prime convention functions. For a complete listing of sponsorship levels and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

For more information on exhibiting at the Convention or becoming a sponsor, please contact:

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### Official ACI Hotels

The Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel and Sheraton Raleigh Hotel are the official hotels for the ACI Convention.

All convention events will take place at the Raleigh Convention Center, the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel and the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel.

Hotel	Rate
Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel	\$209.00 + tax
Sheraton Raleigh Hotel	\$199.00 + tax

*\*Rates are based on single or double occupancy.*

To reserve your sleeping room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel and the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, please visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

For the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel, reservations can also be made over the phone by calling +1.800.228.9290 and referencing the American Concrete Institute.

For the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, reservations can also be made over the phone by calling +1.800.325.3535 and referencing the American Concrete Institute.

### Government Rooms

ACI has a small block of government rate rooms at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel. To book a room, please visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

### Reservation Cutoff

The Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel and the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel reservation cutoff is **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**. The convention rate is first-come, first-served, and based on availability. For additional information on hotel amenities and policies, please visit [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

**Register before September 20, 2020 to take advantage of reduced registration fees!**

Hotel contracts require ACI to be financially liable for unused sleeping rooms. The sleeping room rate covers the cost of meeting space and the labor to set up each meeting room. Staying at the convention hotel also provides you with the benefit of after-hours networking and easy accessibility to meetings and sessions. Please help ACI avoid unnecessary penalties and keep registration fees low by booking your sleeping room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel and the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel.

### How to Register

To register for Convention, please visit the Convention website ([www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org)).

### Registration Fees

Registration Type	Through 9/20/20	After 9/20/20
Member	\$649	\$749
Nonmember	\$849	\$949
1-Day Member	\$329	\$449
1-Day Nonmember	\$429	\$579
Guest	\$100	\$100
Student	\$20	\$30

Registration fees cover the cost of meeting room rental, audio-visual equipment, coffee breaks, cyber café and wireless hot spot equipment and fees, signs, pre-convention and on-site materials, and registration staff.

### Guest Registration

To register a guest, you must add the guest to the attendee online registration form. The guest registration fee includes Guest Hospitality Sunday through Wednesday and attendance at the Opening Reception, Concrete Mixer, and President's Reception. Please note, there will no longer be a Guest Social on Monday afternoon. A daily breakfast enhancement has been added to the Guest Hospitality in its place. Guest Registration does NOT include attendance to any of the technical sessions or committee meetings. More information on guest activities can be found at [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org).

### Student Registration

Attention Students! To qualify for the student rate, you must be a current ACI student member. All students who are not current members of ACI will need to apply for FREE student membership at [www.concrete.org/Membership/StudentMembership](http://www.concrete.org/Membership/StudentMembership). You cannot register as a student until your student membership has been processed. **Preregistration is strongly encouraged!**

### Stay Connected ACI Online

[www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org) is now mobile-optimized, giving you access to the Meeting Schedule, My Schedule, Sessions, and Future Conventions from virtually anywhere.

### ACI Social Media



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