

November 2-3, 2026
University of Notre Dame



2026 MIDWEST MASONRY DESIGN SUMMIT

Innovation & Sustainability in Structural Masonry Design

Experience the future of masonry at the 2026 Midwest Masonry Design Summit.

This two-day event brings together structural design professionals and industry leaders for immersive learning, hands-on activities, and collaborative discussions centered on innovation and sustainability. Engage with new ideas, connect with peers, and discover how masonry continues to shape impactful, resilient design.



**EARN UP TO 8
AIA/CES HSW
OR PDH CREDITS**

REGISTRATION DETAILS



COST

\$200 - Industry Attendees
(Architects, Engineers, Contractors)
Free - Students & Professors



INCLUDED WITH PAID REGISTRATION

Complimentary *Masonry
Designers' Guide* or *TMS 402/602*
for paid attendees

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EVENT SCHEDULE

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MONDAY, NOV 2 | 12 PM - 8 PM

- Guided Masonry Project Tour
- Interactive Augmented Reality Session
- Networking Reception & Hors d'oeuvres
- Faculty Dinner* Featuring
Masonry in a Box

*Invitation only for prospective professors

TUESDAY, NOV 3 | 8 AM - 5 PM

- 8:00 AM Breakfast and Opening Session
- 9:00 AM Concurrent Track 1 - Entry & Advanced
- 10:30 AM Concurrent Track 2 - Entry & Advanced
- 12:00 PM Lunch Session
- 1:00 PM Concurrent Track 3 - Entry & Advanced
- 2:30 PM Concurrent Track 4 - Entry & Advanced
- 4:00 PM Final Session Conclusion & Send-off

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LEARNING TRACKS

Choose the sessions that match your experience level and professional interests.

Opening Session: Masonry Fundamentals & Innovation

Presenters: Sam Rubenzer, FORSE Consulting; Kevin Walsh, Frost Engineering

Build a strong foundation in structural masonry by exploring fundamental design principles alongside the innovations shaping the future of the industry. This opening session establishes a common knowledge base for all attendees before they transition into the Entry and Advanced learning tracks.

ENTRY TRACK

Build a strong foundation in structural masonry design.

Basics of Structural Masonry

Presenter: Phil Ledent, Masonry Institute of Michigan

Learn key concepts, materials, and behavior of structural masonry systems.

Building Code Essentials

Presenter: Scott Walkowicz, Walkowicz Consulting Engineers

Understand code requirements and learn how to apply them with confidence.

ADVANCED TRACK

Explore innovations and advanced performance topics.

Masonry Prefabrication

Presenter: Sam Rubenzer, FORSE Consulting

Improve efficiency and quality through prefabricated masonry systems.

Dry Stack Systems

Presenter: Jason Thompson, Coltivomae

Discover the potential and performance of dry stack masonry solutions.

Lunch Session: Modeling Building Performance with Masonry

Presenters: Professor Ming Hu, University of Notre Dame & Graduate Students

Explore how building performance modeling can be used to evaluate masonry design decisions, optimize building performance, and support more sustainable, high-performing projects.

Design Fundamentals

Presenter: Irene Li, Block Design Collective

Explore control joints, lintels, walls, and detailing for quality, durable design.

Architectural Inspiration

Presenter: Duncan Stroik, Duncan G. Stroik Architect

See how architects are using masonry creatively and sustainably.

Finite Element Analysis

Presenter: Beth Suminski, FORSE Consulting

Learn the basics of FEA modeling for masonry and building performance.

Sustainability in Masonry

Presenter: Heidi Jandris, Jandris Block

Explore strategies for sustainable design and lower environmental impact.

Closing Session: Details & Constructibility

Presenters: TBD

Bring the day's concepts together by exploring practical detailing, constructibility considerations, and best practices that help ensure successful masonry projects from design through construction.

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