2026

MBMA ARCHITECTURE FACULTY WORKSHOP

No Registration Fee. Travel Reimbursement for the **First 25 Registrants!**

Come Join Us in Amherst, Massachusetts!

MBMA

METAL BUILDING MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION®

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The Workshop

Learn from your architecture faculty colleagues about how easy it is to introduce metal buildings into your curriculum.

Hear from practicing architects about how metal buildings can be used for a wide variety of low-rise, nonresidential structures.

Gain knowledge from industry experts about why metal buildings are a smart sustainable solution.

Tour iconic buildings at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Visit an operating metal building manufacturing plant and discover the technology, processes and precision used to create the modern metal building.

The MBMA Student Design Competition

Eric Pros, AIA, Director of Design at DS Architecture, will provide an overview of the MBMA Student Design Competition and insights from his perspective as one of the judges and competition consultant.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help your students vie for over $30,000 in prize money and start the process to plan how to introduce the competition into your curriculum for the fall 2026 semester. Visit mbmaeducation.org for details about the competition.

The Location

This year's workshop will be held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Attendees will stay at Hotel UMass located in the heart of campus.

Come Join Us

The event is **FREE** for everyone. For the first 25 registrants, all costs for travel, meals and lodging will be reimbursed by MBMA.

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Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2026	
7:30 am	**Breakfast** provided at Hotel UMass
8:30 am	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** John Underwood, Chair, MBMA Education Committee
8:45 am	**Introduction to Metal Buildings** Jon-Paul Cardin, P.E., Director of Research & Engineering, MBMA
9:45 am	**Market Trends in Metal Buildings** Tony Bouquot, General Manager, MBMA
10:00 am	**Break**
10:15 am	**MBMA Student Design Competition – Faculty and Student Insights** Eric F. Pros, AIA, Director of Design at DS Architecture, and UMass Students who are former competition participants
11:00 am	**Metal Building Designs – In and Out of the Classroom** Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, ACSA, Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture at UMass
12:00 pm	**Lunch** (provided)
1:00 pm	**Walking Tour of UMass Preview (Buildings and Engineering Lab)** Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, ACSA, Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture at UMass
1:45 pm	**Walking Tour of UMass Campus**
5:00 pm	**Architecture Lecture Series, The Diamonds of New England: From Fenway Park to Polar Park** Janet Marie Smith, AIA, Co-founder & Chair of Canopy Team, and Executive Vice President for Planning & Development, the Los Angeles Dodgers
Thursday, April 16, 2026	
7:00 am	**Breakfast** provided at Hotel UMass
7:30 am	**Bus Departs for Metal Building Plant Tour**
8:45 am	**Plant Tour at Package Steel** in Sutton, MA
10:45 am	**Bus Departs for Hartford-Bradley International Airport** (arrival by 12:00 pm)

The Presenters

Architecture Lecture Series, The Diamonds of New England: From Fenway Park to Polar Park

Janet Marie Smith, AIA, is the Co-founder & Chair of Canopy Team and Executive Vice President for Planning & Development for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Janet is well known for her work on Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, the transformation of the Atlanta Olympic Stadium to Turner Field, the renovation of Fenway Park in Boston and the creation of Polar Park, home of the Worcester Red Sox. In 2023, Janet co-founded the Baltimore-based Canopy Team, a woman-led company devoted to the design and management of sports projects and their surrounding developments.

MBMA Student Design Competition – Faculty and Student Insights

As Director of Design at DS Architecture and President of the Akron Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Eric F. Pros, AIA, is passionately dedicated to architectural design excellence. Eric has served as a judge for the MBMA Student Design Competition and a competition consultant.

Metal Building Designs—In and Out of the Classroom

Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, ACSA, is a Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College (B.A.) and Harvard University (M.Arch.). Stephen has served as dean/director at the school of architecture at the University of South Florida and director of the architecture program at the University of New Mexico. His research and professional work has been published in numerous journals. Stephen was the 2005-06 president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and was the 2023-24 president of the National Architecture Accrediting Board.

Introduction to Metal Buildings

JP Cardin, PE, is the Director of Research and Engineering for the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA). In his 12 years in the steel construction industry, JP has been involved with structural research and the implementation of research into construction codes and design standards. JP has given presentations to architects, engineers, contractors and code officials about the design of steel buildings and the enforcement of codes and standards. This is his second year leading the MBMA Architectural Student Design Competition and facilitating the MBMA Architectural Faculty Workshop.

Metal Buildings in the Construction Marketplace

Tony Bouquot is the General Manager of the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA). A talented and engaging presenter for MBMA, Tony brings life to topics through his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for concepts ranging from business leadership to energy conservation to creative design alternatives for metal building design and construction.