



LOS ANGELES STUDENT DESIGN EXPO

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ABOUT THE PANEL



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TIM L. COWELL
Director of Design
[Walt Disney Company](#)

Tim Cowell is a seasoned Architectural/Design professional with 20+ years experience in Corporate Office/ Workplace design. Tim is currently serving as the Director of Design, for Corporate Design Services (Corporate Real Estate) with The Walt Disney Company at the corporate headquarters in Burbank, California. The function of his team is to set the design direction, and create standards for all new and renovated corporate space within the Disney portfolio, encompassing approx. 18 million square feet worldwide.



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LAUREN DANDRIDGE GAINES
Spec. Sales Agent/ Adjunct Professor
[Performance Lighting/ USC](#)

Lauren Dandridge Gaines has worked with light for over 15 years. As a graduate of Northwestern University with a degree in theatrical lighting, Lauren has contributed to numerous theatrical, stage and entertainment productions. Upon moving to Los Angeles, she transitioned into architectural lighting design and found a home at StudioK1 where she won several local and national IES awards for her designs. She is currently teaching architectural lighting design as an adjunct professor at USC and a resident board member of the Designers Lighting Forum.



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AMANDA KALEPS
Principal
[Wolcott Architecture | Interiors](#)

An Ohio Native and Kent State graduate, Amanda joined Wolcott Architecture Interiors in 2003 as a Project Manager and today serves alongside President AJ Wilder. Notable projects to date include Red Bull North America, True Religion, and LiveNation Entertainment, among others. Amanda resides in Long Beach California and is the proud mother of twin girls, Ada and Livia. Her hobbies include art appreciation, hiking , and anything involving Angela Lansbury and wine.



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PAM NEIMAN
Principal
[Neiman Studio](#)

As Principal at Neiman Studio, she is committed to building quality projects, relationships and communities. With over 30 years of experience, she has completed architecture and interior projects in K-12, higher education, healthcare, government, commercial and transportation markets. Her international experience includes financial, technology and transportation projects in Asia. Pamela graduated from UC Davis with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design and has been an IIDA Professional Member since 1987. Pamela is Immediate Past President of the Southern California Chapter of IIDA.



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CARLOS POSADA
Principal
[Gensler](#)

Carlos has extensive experience managing projects for a variety of clients over the past 22 years. The greater part of his work has been with professional service and law firms, both in California and Washington DC. He possesses an exceptional combination of skills from programming, planning, and design to development of contract documents, construction administration, and project management. Carlos excels at solving complex issues and is dedicated to his clients' needs. Clients and staff alike respect him for his broad range of experience and in-depth knowledge of all aspects of project delivery.