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Greetings from the Emerging Professionals Desk!

The AIA schedule is full, and we look forward to seeing you at some great upcoming events. Two that are particularly dear to me are the upcoming AIA Michigan Design Retreat (September 13-14) and Practice Innovation Lab (October 25). It's not too late to register for either.

What makes these events so unique?

The Design Retreat is one of the most social and cross membership reaching events. Attendees ranging from Students to Fellows engage in 12 great design project presentations. It's a great time to relive your summer camp experience all with your AIA friends. Super affordable, there isn't much holding anyone back from carpooling up to torch lake. I keep coming back for the great congenial atmosphere while engaging in discussions about design ethos. You'll return home inspired and into the office refreshed!

The Michigan Practice Innovation Lab follows the success of the National Level of the same name. This event activates our local membership to think collectively about the future of architecture. This will catalyze emerging professionals into discussion and collaborating in new concepts in professional practice that are contemporary to today's values and participants. Workplace culture, diversity and inclusion, project delivery, and the concepts of "practice" are all up for innovation. Using a full one-day workshop format, participants will gather to share ideas and discuss their vision for the future.

Enjoy these weeks of summer. Time to squeeze that last bit of sun!

Best from Detroit,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Guinta".

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