

IDECC 2026 Annual Conference – High-level Agenda

The 2026 Annual Conference theme is *Make Good Design Decisions*. The conference will be held at Columbia College Chicago with unique opportunities to visit vendors at Fulton Market and The Merchandise Mart.

Throughout the agenda, you will see opportunities to have **Consequential Conversations**, attend **Workshops**, discuss **Posters**, and more. [The full paper presentation schedule will be released in early January.](#)

Monday March 16, 2026 – Opening Day at The Mart

7:00 am – 6:00pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – noon	Consequential Conversation – The Future of CIDA Standards
8:00 am – noon	Preconference – NeuroAesthetics Workshop
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Service Charette
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Consequential Conversation - Industry Associations (by invite only)
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations at The Merchandise Mart</i>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Consequential Conversation – The Future of Sustainability with Metropolis
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception at Haworth showroom at The Mart
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Return Busses

Tuesday March 17, 2026 – Columbia College Chicago

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast on your own
7:00 am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Student Day at The Merchandise Mart (separate registration required)
8:15 am – 9:00 am	President's Welcome Address
9:00 am – 9:50 am	Keynote - <i>Colin M. Gray</i>
9:50 am – 10:30 am	Break [Exhibits Open]
10:30 am – noon	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations & Panel Discussions</i>
10:30 am – noon	Consequential Conversation – Promotion & Tenure White Paper
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch with Exhibitors
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Peer Reviewed Posters and Exhibits Open
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations & Panel Discussions</i>
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Teaching & Learning in the Round
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Workshop – Data Driven Design
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own

Wednesday March 18, 2026 – Columbia College / Fulton Market

7:00 am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
7:30 am – 9:15 am	Breakfast with Knowledge Networks
8:00 am – noon	Exhibits Open
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Consequential Conversation – The State of Higher Education
9:15 am – noon	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations and Panel Discussions</i>
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Workshop – Social Impact
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Bussing to sponsor and lunch at sponsor - JSI
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Welcome by JSI
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations at JSI</i>
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Consequential Conversation – Artificial Intelligence
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	Bussing to Hotel
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own

Thursday March 19, 2026 – Columbia College Chicago

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast on your own
7:00 am – 11:30am	Registration Open
8:00 am – 11:30 am	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations and Panel Discussions</i>
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Workshop – Creative Scholarship
11:45 am – 2:00 pm	Closing Award Luncheon

