

## IDEC 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 is available at <https://idec.org/conference/idec-2026-annual-conference/>

### Monday March 16, 2026 – Opening Day at The Mart

7:00 am – 6:00pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – noon	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> – The Future of CIDA Standards
8:00 am – noon	<b>Preconference</b> – NeuroAesthetics Workshop
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Service Charette
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> - 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	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> – The Future of Sustainability with <b>Metropolis</b>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	JID Panel: Beyond the Checklist
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception at <b>Haworth</b> 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	<b>Student Day at The Merchandise Mart</b> (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 &amp; Panel Discussions</i>
10:30 am – noon	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> – Promotion & Tenure White Paper
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch with Exhibitors
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Peer Reviewed Posters</b> and Exhibits Open
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations &amp; Panel Discussions</i>
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Teaching & Learning in the Round
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Workshop</b> – 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	IDEC Community Breakfast
8:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>CV Reviews</b>
8:00 am – noon	Exhibits Open
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> – The State of Higher Education
9:15 am – noon	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations and Panel Discussions</i>
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Workshop – Social Impact</b>
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Bussing to sponsor and lunch at sponsor - <b>JSI</b>
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Welcome by <b>JSI</b>
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	<i>Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations at JSI</i>
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Consequential Conversation</b> – 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>
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Regional Meeting: South
8:30 am – 9:30 am	<b>Scholarship Panel: Submitting Winning Abstracts</b>
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Workshop – Creative Scholarship</b>
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Regional Meeting: East
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Regional Meeting: Midwest and Pacific Northwest
11:45 am – 2:00 pm	Closing Award Luncheon

