

AIA Austin LGBTQIA+ Alliance | gAyIA

Meeting time: Tuesday, September 16 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting location: Central Machine Works - 4824 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78702

Chair: Sarah Biesterveld

Chair Elect: John Stenzel

Staff Liaison: Rob Hoffman

Mission: *Our mission is to preserve and celebrate queer space while supporting LGBTQIA+ designers in Austin and beyond. We aim to create a safe environment for conversation, build community, and foster diversity and inclusion within our profession and organization.*

Welcome: Sarah and John

- Sponsors: Chioco Design and Michael Hsu

Past events

QTOPIA 4 Kids | tell your own story

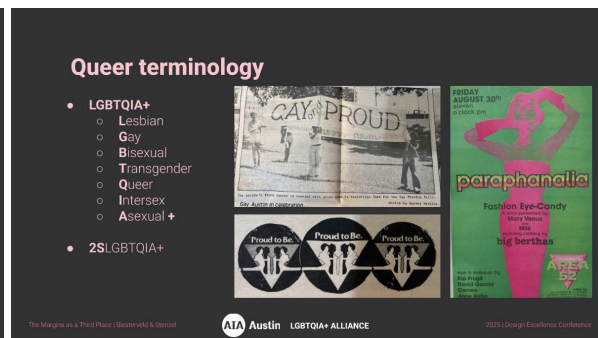


Austin Pride Parade meet-up



DEC - Sarah and John presented at the local AIA conference, DEC. Our presentation was titled “Identity, belonging & resistance: The Margins as a Third Space”

[Link here](#) if you want to flip through the presentation!



Maker event with WiA @ Andalusia



Upcoming events

[Design Minded: Design Talk & Q+A with Joey Zeledón](#) - 10/15

- Design Austin X The Contemporary (snag your ticket now at the link above!)
- Q&A question ideas
- Table at event

Design Charette - 10/18

- Catering decision

EOY Celebration - November

Misc.

2026 Sponsorship brainstorm

- Talk over template and reaching out to your network

Community Zine - call for volunteer(s)

- Adobe creative cloud required: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, etc

Next Meeting (October 21)

2026 Program discussion

- Pitch any program you would like to see next year!

Other opportunities:

- “Equitable Restroom Accommodation for Trans/GNC People” Presented by AIA LA
 - September 22 at 1pm PST (3pm CST)
 - [REGISTER HERE](#)
- National AIA LGBTQIA Affinity Group message board. [HERE](#)
- Decompress Fest 2025: allgo's 9th Annual Community Healing Fair. [HERE](#)
 - This Saturday! 9/13 @ noon
- Check out AIA Austin's event calendar for upcoming events/meetings from all the committees! <https://calendar.aiaaustin.org/>
- Mondays: STRUT walking club with OutWellness and Local Queer ATX at Lady Bird Lake
- NOMA Central TX - Member social 9/18 at 6pm [INFO HERE](#)