

# OAA Virtual Conference | May 17 to 21, 2021

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## Join Us for Our Virtual Keynote with Jesse Wentz

Wednesday, April 21, at 1:00 pm



Mark your calendars—we're gearing up for the OAA Conference! We're kicking off our 2021 Virtual Conference Registration with a special event next month to set the stage for this year's theme.

The OAA is very pleased to announce a FREE Keynote presentation on **Wednesday, April 21 at 1:00 pm** that is open to OAA members and the general public alike. We're

thrilled to welcome broadcaster, advocate, and pop culture philosopher **Jesse Wente**, who will be speaking on the Conference's central theme of **"Cultivate Inclusivity."**

Wente is known for his appearances on CBC Radio's Metro Morning as a film and pop culture critic for 20 years, and for his work as Director of Film Programmes at TIFF Bell Lightbox, overseeing theatrical, Cinematheque, and Film Circuit programming. A self-described "Ojibwe dude" with a national and international lens, he encourages audiences to consider diversity and inclusion in the future view of their profession and country.

Though the event is open to the public via streaming options on the [OAA Website](#) and the [OAA's YouTube channel](#), those OAA Licensed Members who would like to receive Continuing Education credits for this event are able to do so. If you would like to record your presence, you can register at the following link:

[https://oaaevents.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bDLsTs51SnexyJx-CQkjTQ](https://oaaevents.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bDLsTs51SnexyJx-CQkjTQ)



## Conference Dates & Rates

OAA 2021 Virtual Conference Week happens May 17 to 21.

**Architects, Licensed Technologists OAA, and Non-Members |  
All-Inclusive Rate: \$150 + HST**

**Student Associates, Intern Architects, and Retired Members |  
All-Inclusive Rate: \$50 + HST**

This year, we're offering a reduced rate for our Virtual Conference Week with all-inclusive prices of **\$150 for OAA Licensed Members and the public, and special \$50 pricing for Student Associates, Intern Architects, and Retired Members**. Included in this pricing are not only a week of activities and events, but also 25.5 hours of structured ConEd learning opportunities. Our hope is that this special pricing gives members the chance to join us for a terrific week of learning together and celebrating our industry.

Conference registration opens on **April 21** following the Keynote Presentation. We'll share more details then about how to register.

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## What To Expect This Year

This past year has been like no other, so we're taking a similar approach to the 2021 Virtual Conference. The online Conference Week happens May 17 to 21 and brings together an all-inclusive bundle of Continuing Education sessions under the "Cultivate Inclusivity" theme. Other special events include a free and public plenary panel discussing the financial viability of low- and net-zero carbon buildings, a [SHIFT2021 Celebration](#), and recognition for newly licensed members along with the winners of OAA Service and OAAAS Student Awards.

The program (coming soon!) mixes structured and unstructured learning, celebrations, and virtual networking. Generally, the programming starts at 9:00 a.m. daily with sessions throughout the morning and afternoon, ending with social and celebratory events to cap off each day.

The OAA recognizes everyone's day is different, and we've aimed to design a program that offers great value while allowing members to pick and choose their sessions. Members can attend a live session or event for credit, but can also view the events on-demand as unstructured learning. This approach allows for higher flexibility and accessibility.

This year's Conference topics are broad, as Ontario's architecture profession comes together to celebrate a wide range of ideas and insights. The final speaker line-up, comprising international experts and presenters, will be revealed at a later date in the OAA newsletter as well as on the OAA's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) channels. Be sure to follow the conversation at [#OAACConf](#) to learn more about who is speaking and the topics being covered this year. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Thank You to Our Sponsors

The OAA is pleased to announce [the following sponsors](#) will be supporting this year's Conference:

- Hub | Mumby Insurance Brokers (Keynote Sponsor);
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- UNILOCK.



Through their generous investment in Conference, we are able to offer attendees a program that offers great value.

To our sponsors, we are grateful for your ongoing and enthusiastic support. Thank you for your involvement in shaping quality OAA programming.

**Interested in Sponsoring This Year?** There are numerous sponsorship opportunities available for the OAA's Annual Conference. If you would like to learn more, please contact Alicia Kalozdi-MacMillan at 416-845-1544 or [akalozdi@mccevents.ca](mailto:akalozdi@mccevents.ca).

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