

Top Ten Reasons Why I Should Get A Pass to Green Build

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10. I came to Harvard because I want the best architecture education possible. Going to Green Build makes it *even better*.
9. When I interned at a LEED consulting company over the summer, I learned that “credits” are not enough. Not by a long shot. We need a holistic approach. I want to drink from the cauldron of ideas that is Green Build to further edify my conception of what this holistic approach might be.
8. Everybody in my studio already knows that I'm the one who makes the “organic” models. They already recognize me as a source of knowledge on integrating nature with architecture. I want to tell them about what intriguing life lessons I pick up at Green Build. They'll be disappointed if I don't.
7. My undergrad degree in microbiology makes me especially sensitive to all the nasty crap in our environment that is slowly killing us. Maybe I'll ideate some stop loss mitigation concepts at Green Build. I would totally do that for you and all of mankind 'cuz I love you guys.
6. ~~Two~~ three words: “Green Building Tours.” Because, admit it, it's nice to get out of Gund Hall and see this stuff *in real life*. Especially the Saturday Tour #12: Green Technology.
5. There is a session on Large Scale Straw Bale Design. Excuse me while I salivate. How many books and articles have I read on straw bale construction? A lot. I want to learn more – especially about the “large scale” part (How do they do that?)
4. There's also a Session on Net Zero Energy Design, which sounds like a McDonough-esque methodology. William McDonough is my favorite living architect. I want to do what he does. I want to be known for my awesome net zero energy designs. I want to be that person who the client thanks for making their utility bills go away forever.
3. The EXPO!!!
2. If I miss Janine Benyus' keynote address, I'll just die. Seriously. Oh my God. She's my hero. Have you read *Biomimicry* yet? You should.
1. The whole reason why I even want to be an architect in the first place is because I want the skills to design buildings that can heat, cool, and ventilate themselves (à la biomimicry) so that we can stop slavin' for this foreign oil nonsense. Help me help you.