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EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**
Master of Architecture

Bachelor of Science in Architectural
Studies

EXPERTISE

- Air Leakage + Water Penetration Testing
- Condition Survey
- Evaluation
- Construction Contract Administration
- Investigation
- Litigation Support
- Moisture Diagnostics
- Repair Design

PROFILE

David Fortino has over 13 years of architectural experience specializing in the evaluation, investigation, repair design, and construction contract administration for repair projects involving both new and existing buildings. He has performed air leakage and water penetration field testing, moisture diagnostics, condition survey documentation, and provided litigation support related to building enclosures and materials nonperformance issues. Mr. Fortino has the knowledge and investigative experience in a variety of building enclosures, cladding materials, and wall systems, including concrete, masonry, granite cladding, stucco, exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS), direct-applied finish systems (DAFS), elastomeric wall coatings, air barriers, sealants, fireproofing, windows, exterior doors, skylights, curtain walls, insulating glass units, vehicular deck coatings, roofing assemblies, flashing, metal panel systems, rainscreen systems, expansion joints, and below-grade waterproofing systems.

LICENSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Architect IL and ND
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certificate Holder
- Construction Documents Technologist (CDT)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ASTM International
 - Committee E06 Performance of Buildings
- Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
- Sealant, Waterproofing & Restoration Institute (SWR Institute)
 - Board of Directors (2021 - 2024)
 - Technical Committee Co-chair

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PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS



- “Expansion Joint Complexities within Elevated Planters and Paver Plazas,” IIBEC Chicago Area Chapter Annual Meeting and Winter Program, L.M. Blank and D.C. Fortino, Winter 2025.
- “Thin Stone Veneers: The Development of Thin Stone Veneers from Mid-Through Late-Century Commercial Architecture,” *Applicator*, L.M. Blank and D.C. Fortino, Winter 2020.
- “Wall Flashing: A Guide to Material Selection and Prevention of Water Leakage,” *Applicator*, L.M. Blank and D.C. Fortino, Summer 2019.
- “The Mystery of the Wandering Drip Edge,” *Masonry*, R.C. Haukoehl and D.C. Fortino, June 2019.
- “Exterior Facade Repairs at PNC Bank Building: Adjusting for Unanticipated Conditions,” *Applicator*, K.R. Hoigard and D.C. Fortino, Summer 2016.

