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Speakers at FGIA Virtual Summer Summit to Discuss State of the Industry in U.S., Canada

SCHAUMBURG, IL – With all eyes on the economy, speakers at the Fenestration and Glazing Industry Alliance (FGIA) Virtual Summer Summit will give the latest details on the state of the industry. Between an overview of the [latest FGIA U.S. market data](https://fgiaonline.org/about/news-and-blogs/fgia-releases-latest-industry-review-and-forecast-focused-on-windows-doors-and-skylights/) and a breakdown of the current politics and trade relations in Canada, the content at this fully virtual event will give participants the knowledge they need to navigate current economic conditions. [Register now](https://fgiaonline.org/events/685/) for this two-day industry event taking place online June 17-18.

“FGIA will deliver critical coverage of the fenestration and glazing industry in both Canada and the U.S. From shifting trade policies to election year developments, the decisions made today will have lasting economic consequences,” said Florica Vlad, FGIA Events Manager. “And, because this event is being offered exclusively online, it is a great opportunity to include others at your company without the need to travel.”

**State of the Industry Speakers**

An FGIA members only session, “U.S. Market Study | FGIA Report Update and Industry Impacts: Tariffs, Inflation and Immigration,” will be led by Rhett Bender ([Ducker Carlisle](https://www.duckercarlisle.com/)). This presentation will begin with an overview of the latest [FGIA U.S. Industry Market Studies](https://store.fgiaonline.org/mir-25/), followed by a Q&A with Bender. Released each spring, the latest FGIA industry market study offers current data and forecasting. This session will feature highlights of current trends and future changes in the fenestration market, as well as scenarios that impact the industry, including tariffs, inflation, and immigration. Submit your questions ahead of time to [Marketing@FGIAonline.org](mailto:Marketing@FGIAonline.org?subject=Market%20Study) or during the Q&A segment.

A second presentation, “Uncertainty and Opportunities | Navigating Change in Canadian Politics and Trade Relations,” will be given by Louis-Philippe Champagne ([Canadian Construction Association](https://www.cca-acc.com/)). Political turbulence on both sides of the border poses significant challenges for the Canadian economy and the construction industry. With uncertainty at an all-time high, businesses and policymakers must stay informed and proactive to navigate disruption effectively. This session will deliver an in-depth discussion on Canada’s evolving political landscape and the changing dynamics of Canada-U.S. trade, including the impacts of tariffs, negotiations and policy shifts that could reshape cross-border relations.

In a third related session, Kathy Krafka Harkema, FGIA U.S. Technical Operations Director, will present, “Top 3 Political Factors Influencing the Commercial Market in the U.S.” Don’t miss this important information, or any of the other content being shared at the FGIA Virtual Summer Summit.

**Registration Fees and Accommodations**

The extended early bird registration fee for FGIA members is $400 until June 3, then the price will increase to $450. Non-members can register for a fee of $1,600.

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