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INSTITUTE FOR URBAN DESIGN APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR, ANNE GUINEY, FORMER EDITOR OF *THE ARCHITECT'S NEWSPAPER*



New York, New York: The Institute for Urban Design announced today that it has appointed Anne Guiney as new Executive Director of the Institute for Urban Design. Guiney, a veteran architecture and design editor and journalist, succeeds Olympia Kazi, who has held the post since 2007 and is departing to become the Executive Director of the Van Alen Institute.

Most recently, Guiney was the editor of the New York edition of *The Architect's Newspaper*, and was part of the original team that launched the newspaper in 2003. Prior, she was an editor at *Architecture* magazine and *Metropolis*, and has written widely on architecture and design for other publications, including *Architect*, *MARK, ID*, and *Details*. She has also worked as a consultant organizing high-profile architecture competitions (working with Jones | Kroloff), including the commissions for the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Parrish Art Museum, and the Portland Aerial Tramway.

Guiney joins the Institute at an important moment in its history. In September 2009, the Rockefeller Foundation awarded the Institute a \$150,000 grant from its Cultural Innovation Fund, in support of Urban Design Week (scheduled for Spring 2011), an annual public event to engage citizens in the complex processes behind the making of a city. "With Urban Design Week and many other initiatives we are planning, the Institute can evolve into an important voice in the larger public conversation about cities and how they work," says Guiney. "In the last several years, the civic debate has spread beyond its traditional precincts, but for many people the centrality of urban design isn't readily evident, and thus there is a real opportunity for the Institute."

Says Michael Sorkin, president of the Institute for Urban Design's board of directors, "Anne Guiney is a remarkable journalist, urbanist, and organizer. We feel extremely fortunate that she will lead our efforts going forward." Guiney assumes her post immediately.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR URBAN DESIGN

The Institute emerged following a conference that Ann Ferebee, then editor of *Urban Design Magazine*, organized in 1978, entitled "Cities Can Be Designed." Over the past 30 years, the Institute has served as an important platform for debate, bringing together some of the most influential figures in urban planning, development, policy, and design, including Jane Jacobs, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Kevin Lynch, Richard Sennett, Denise Scott Brown, Simon Schama, Adolfo Carrion, and Moshe Safdie. In addition to organizing lectures and symposia, the Institute produces publications that offer analysis and criticism of current developments in urban design. (For a list of its past publications, please refer to the website, ifud.org.) Operating as a think tank as well as a research and advocacy group, the Institute's goals include offering professionals a chance to share ideas in order to ensure a better, more vibrant and sustainable future for our cities. Under Kazi, the Institute organized the symposiums "New York City 2030" (Fall 2007) and "Arrested Development: Do Megaprojects Have a Future?" (Fall 2009), and produced the first of its Urban Design Notebooks, *The New York 2030 Notebook*.

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