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### **ARCHEWORKS ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

**Chicago** – Susanne Schnell has been named Acting Director of Archeworks, Chicago’s interdisciplinary postgraduate design school. In making the announcement, Board Chair Howard Conant said, “We are enthusiastic about the momentum Susanne has helped bring to Archeworks. Her leadership and organizational skills have been invaluable. As we look forward to the coming year and new program offerings, her experience and talent for creating coalitions with community organizations will enhance our mission of addressing the greatest urban challenges through design.”

Schnell takes over from departing co-directors Martin Felsen and Sarah Dunn, partners in UrbanLab design firm. Felsen will join the Archeworks board. “As Martin moves on to a new relationship with Archeworks there is no doubt he’ll continue helping raise awareness of our cutting edge work,” said Conant. Felsen is credited with Archeworks’ participation in global, thought-leading events such as the 2010 Venice Biennale and an exhibition and lecture at the Architecture Foundation of London.

Schnell continues to serve as Archeworks’ Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, a position she has held for the past two academic years. During that tenure she developed community design projects in partnership with organizations including the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Northwestern University’s Segal Design Institute, and the College of Urban Planning at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Archeworks is an alternative design school in Chicago, co-founded by architect Stanley Tigerman and designer Eva Maddox in 1993, where students work in multidisciplinary teams with nonprofit partners to create design solutions for social concerns. Since 1994, Archeworks has paired with 75 community partners to complete community design projects touching neighborhoods and communities throughout the Chicago area. There are more than 150 Archeworks alumni working in the design field, studying at top-ranking universities and making a positive impact on society thanks to their Archeworks training.

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