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SCI-Arc Welcomes New Chief Advancement Officer Kate O’Neal

Los Angeles, CA (March 5, 2019) – SCI-Arc is pleased to announce the appointment of Kate O’Neal as Chief Advancement Officer.

Spanning a 25-year career as a fundraiser for arts, higher education, and research programs, O’Neal has played a key role in securing resources to establish new research centers, create named chairs, and fund endowed scholarships in the non-profit sector.

She holds a master’s degree in Arts Management and a bachelor’s degree in Music, both from the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Prior to her current role at SCI-Arc, she has held positions at non-profits including Otis College of Art and Design, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA Library, and RAND Corporation. O’Neal has extensive experience in partnering with board members and academic leaders to shape impactful opportunities to attract philanthropic investment.



Throughout the course of her career O’Neal has been involved in organizations whose primary concerns and priorities are shared by SCI-Arc – art and design, urban planning and transportation, mobility in the city, and how the city’s design impacts the quality of life.

“All of these themes of my past experience combined with the skills I’ve accumulated during my career offer the perfect opportunity to advance our mission here at SCI-Arc,” O’Neal says. “I’m thrilled to help generate scholarships and program support for such a renowned institution.”

SCI-Arc Director Hernan Diaz Alonso adds, “With an ever-expanding institution, SCI-Arc’s next frontier will be to tackle the problem of the increased expenses of tuition and improve the conditions of scholarships for our students, as well as to elevate the presence of our school as an active

cultural leader in LA and beyond – including new research projects and facilities,” he says. “Kate is fantastically equipped to lead these efforts for SCI-Arc.”

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About SCI-Arc

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc’s approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to re-examine assumptions, create, explore and test the limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. U.S. DesignIntelligence recently ranked SCI-Arc #4 in Graduate Programs Most Admired by Deans and Chairs in its *2018 America’s Best Architecture Schools* survey. SCI-Arc’s Undergraduate program ranked #8 in the *DesignIntelligence* 2018 survey. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. www.sciarc.edu