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FIU College of Architecture + The Arts Names John Stuart as Department of Architecture Chair

Florida International University's College of Architecture + The Arts has announced that John Stuart, AIA, has been named Chair of the FIU Department of Architecture.

As Chair of the Department of Architecture, Stuart will lead a group of nearly thirty academic faculty members who teach throughout the School of Architecture and undertake groundbreaking research initiatives.

Stuart has taught at FIU for seventeen years, and was promoted to full professor in 2008. He assumes the position of Chair following his service as Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost, where he collaborated with university administrators to advance initiatives related to faculty retention, workload, mentoring, promotion, and the work environment for department chairs.

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to work closely with outstanding faculty colleagues in the department and college where we will continue to build our innovative Worlds Ahead program in architecture for our students and our community," said Professor Stuart. "By many indicators, we are rapidly rising to be one of the most recognized graduate programs in architecture in the Southeast, and this is just the beginning!"

In addition to his work as Faculty Fellow, John Stuart has received university-wide awards for his research and teaching, served as the Founding Director of the Graduate Program in Architecture, and for the past six years has chaired the Faculty Senate Building and Environment Committee, which was instrumental in the creation of FIU's new Office of University Sustainability.

"Professor Stuart has a recognized track record of success and dedication to Florida International University," said College of Architecture + The Arts Dean Brian Schriner. "John will ensure the FIU Department of Architecture continues to be one of the leading Architecture programs not only in the state of Florida, but in the entire United States."

About FIU:

Florida International University is one of the 25 largest universities in the nation, with more than 42,000 students. Nearly 130,000 FIU alumni live and work in South Florida. Its colleges and schools offer more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in fields such as engineering, international relations and law. As one of South Florida's anchor institutions, FIU is worlds ahead in its local and global engagement, finding solutions to the most challenging problems of our time. FIU emphasizes research as a major component of its mission. The opening of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in August 2009 has enhanced the university's ability to create lasting positive change in our community. For more information about FIU, visit http://www.fiu.edu/.

<u>About the College of Architecture + The Arts:</u>

Founded in 2006, the College of Architecture + The Arts is a vibrant and diverse community of scholars, educators, performers, and practitioners unified by a Worlds Ahead vision of excellence in arts, design, performance, and communication. With over 1300 majors in seven academic departments—Architecture, Art + Art History, Communication Arts, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Music, and Theatre—the College is proud to offer undergraduate and graduate students an intimate and nurturing atmosphere that offers opportunities for individual attention while promoting the creative spirit in the pursuit of knowledge and the cultivation of imagination, intellectual curiosity, and artistic expression.