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ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leadership Emphasizes New Engagement Opportunities

(McLean, VA, August 1, 2011) – The [Environmental Design Research Association](http://www.edra.org) (EDRA) is pleased to announce its 2011-2012 Board of Directors. **Nicholas Watkins, Ph.D.**, Senior Associate and Director of Research at HOK, will serve as the National Chair. A longtime EDRA member, Watkins was elected to the EDRA Board of Directors in 2009 and has previously served as Treasurer and Chair-Elect.

“With a number of new initiatives underway, the Environmental Design Research Association is actively engaging environment and behavior professionals at all levels,” said Watkins. “I’m excited to work with such a committed group of individuals to continue positioning EDRA as the leading forum for collaboration among research design and practice.”

Serving as this year’s Chair-Elect is **Mallika Bose, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Pennsylvania State University. **Victoria Chanse, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Plant Sciences & Landscape Architecture Program, University of Maryland, serves as Secretary. Treasurer is **Shauna Mallory-Hill, Ph.D., LEED®AP**, Assistant Professor, Department of Interior Design, University of Manitoba.

The following individuals will serve as Directors at Large: **Lynne Dearborn, Ph.D.** (Immediate Past Chair), Associate Professor, School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; **Tasoulla Hadjiyanni, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Interior Design, University of Minnesota; **Virginia Kupritz, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, School of Communication Studies, University of Tennessee; **Byoung-Suk Kweon, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Plant Sciences & Landscape Architecture Program, University of Maryland; **Atiya Mahmood, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Environmental Gerontology, Simon Fraser University; and **April Spivack, Ph.D. Candidate** (Student Board Member), Organizational Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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About EDRA:

The Environmental Design Research Association is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators and facility managers. The purpose of EDRA is the advancement and dissemination of environmental design research, thereby improving understanding of the interrelationships between people, their built and natural surroundings, and helping to create environments responsive to human needs.

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