



***Spontaneous Interventions: Design Actions for the Common Good***  
 United States Pavilion  
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 Team Biographies

**EXHIBITION TEAM**

**CATHY LANG HO**  
**Commissioner and Curator**

Cathy Lang Ho is an independent architecture critic and editor based in New York. She is a contributing editor to *Architect* magazine and founding editor-in-chief of *The Architect's Newspaper*. She has published hundreds of articles in publications worldwide, and is a board member of the Institute for Urban Design.

**DAVID VAN DER LEER**  
**Co-Curator**

David van der Leer is assistant curator of architecture and urban studies at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, and the curator of the BMW Guggenheim Lab, a mobile laboratory for urban experiments and public programs traveling to nine major cities worldwide over six years (New York 2011, Berlin and Mumbai, 2012).

**NED CRAMER**  
**Co-Curator**

Ned Cramer is the editor-in-chief of *Architect* magazine, the official magazine of the American Institute of Architects and the media sponsor of the U.S. Pavilion. Previously, he was the curator of the Chicago Architecture Foundation and executive editor of *Architecture* magazine.

**CURATORIAL ADVISORS**

**Paola Antonelli** is a senior curator in the Department of Architecture and Design at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Her writing has been published widely and she has lectured on design and architecture throughout the world at such prestigious for a as the TED Conference and the World Economic Forum.

**Anne Guiney** is the executive director of the Institute for Urban Design. She was previously the editor of the New York edition of *The Architect's Newspaper* and design editor of *Architecture* magazine.

**Zoe Ryan** is the chair and John H. Bryan Curator of Architecture and Design at the Art Institute of Chicago, where she is building the museum's first collection of contemporary design. She was previously the senior curator at the Van Alen Institute (VAI) in New York. Her writing has appeared in publications worldwide.

**Michael Sorkin** is the founder of the Michael Sorkin Studio in New York City, founder and president of Terreform, and distinguished professor of architecture and director of the Graduate Urban Design Program at New York's City College (CUNY). He has authored and edited 15 books, including most recently *Twenty Minutes in Manhattan* (Verso, 2009) and *All Over the Map* (Verso, 2011). Sorkin is the president of the Institute for Urban Design.

## EXHIBITION DESIGNERS

### **FREECELL**

#### **Exhibition Design**

FreeCell is a Brooklyn-based design and fabrication studio founded by Lauren Crahan and John Hartmann. The company's diverse skill set, which includes design fabrication, photography and drawing, enables their search for creative and innovative solutions. They strive to create site-specific three-dimensional installations that transform and question the use and perception of space. Recent work includes custom furniture for the fashion designer Alexander Wang, interior fixtures for the West Village jewelry store Vasa and interior design of the Diesel Black Gold store in SoHo. <http://www.frcll.com/>

### **M-A-D**

#### **Communication/Exhibition Design**

Erik Adigard and Patricia McShane are interdisciplinary communication designers focusing on the convergence of cultural and technological change. They are recipients of the Chrysler Award for Innovation in Design for a body of work that ranges from corporate branding to multimedia exhibitions. They have taught at California College of the Arts, and Erik frequently writes on design and media for industry publications, serves on juries, and lectures internationally. Erik is this year's Rome Prize winner in the Design category. <http://www.madx.com/>

### **INTERBORO**

#### **Courtyard Design**

Interboro Partners is a New York City-based office of architects, urban designers, and planners. Led by Tobias Armbrorst, Daniel D'Oca and Georgeen Theodore, the firm strives to improve cities through innovative, experimental design ideas. Interboro has been honored with many prestigious awards including the MoMA PS1 Young Architects Program, the AIA New York Chapter's New Practices Award and the Architectural League's Emerging Voices and x Young Architects Award. <http://www.interboropartners.net/>

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