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Calendar: Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning Start: November 3, 2025 4 p.m.

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Location: Architecture Building,

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Katherine Darnstadt, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP is the founder of Latent, an



architecture and urbanism firm exploring the influence of design as small or as large as the context allows in the search of social and spatial justice. Since founding Latent in 2010, Katherine and her firm have pursued projects at the bench, building, and block scale across Chicago and the Midwest. They have prototyped new urban design systems to advance urban food access with Forty Acres Fresh Market, supported over 200 small businesses through Boombox micro retail popup program, designed new community centers with Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, have designed new affordable housing as part of two Invest South/West teams. and created community design frameworks through co-founding the nonprofit Design Trust Chicago. She creates spaces for people to tell their story and thrive.

She and the firm have been published, exhibited, and featured widely, most recently as the Architectural League of New York Emerging Voices, part of the RIBA 100 Women Architects book, and Architect's Newspaper Best of Practice for Small Firms in the Midwest. She previously taught at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University.

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