

**CURATOR OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN COLLECTION**  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**

**Job # 20080501**

**Institution profile:**

The University Art Museum stimulates active learning about art and its role in society through a changing exhibition schedule and unique educational partnerships. By offering continuous access to original works of art and by working in partnership with campus resources, the UAM contributes to the development of critical thinking and visual literacy, while supporting the University's goals of education, research, and service.

Located 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles, on the campus of UC Santa Barbara, the UAM has a distinguished Fine Arts collection of more than 8,500 works and the Architecture and Design Collection (ADC), the most extensive source of written and visual information on the development of Southern California architecture and landscape architecture.

A Research I university and a member of the Association of American Universities, UC Santa Barbara has innovative degree programs in Art, History of Art and Architecture, Film Studies, Media Arts and Technology, Music, Drama, and Dance. The University is part of an established arts community that includes the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Contemporary Arts Forum, Music Academy of the West, and other institutions.

**Position Description:**

The University Art Museum, UC Santa Barbara seeks a dynamic individual to oversee the management of one of the nation's most prominent historic design archives. Established in 1963, the Architecture and Design Collection (ADC), documents the built environment of California and the Southwest and featuring 110 collections with 850,000 drawings. The ADC contains the primary records of such significant designers as Irving Gill, Albert Frey, Cliff May, Rudolph M. Schindler, and Kem Weber, among others. The incumbent guides the general management of the ADC, including curatorial, archival, and fiscal oversight. Responsibilities include: developing and implementing an exhibition and publication program, supervising the viewing and use of the collection; soliciting, evaluating, and selecting new acquisitions; managing and overseeing the collection database and digitization systems; providing proper storage, preservation, and documentation; advancing the archives among academic, professional, and museum communities; seeking sources of financial support; and developing and managing the ADC program budget.

The position supervises grant-funded archivists and assistants, student curatorial assistants, and the ADC graduate intern. With the Director, the incumbent oversees policies for collections management, determines conservation priorities, and establishes long-range plans for the collection. S/he will be responsible for fundraising and representing the ADC to donors. The Curator will serve as a liaison to the campus and to the community, and act as an advisor for Architecture & Environment emphasis of the UC Santa Barbara History and Art and Architecture Department.

**Requirements:**

An advanced degree (Ph.D. preferred) in art or architecture with a demonstrated knowledge of the built environment of the 20th century; significant curatorial experience (five or more years), including the development of innovative exhibitions and oversight of publications; proven management skills and an ability to collaborate, implement policies and achieve objectives; compelling oral and written communication abilities; detailed knowledge of museum best practices and archival standards especially as they relate to collections management and conservation.

**NOTES:**

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