I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Eizenberg, AIA as the 2013 Favrot Visiting Chair at the Tulane School of Architecture during the fall semester. Ms. Eizenberg is a nationally prominent architect with the award-winning firm of Koning Eizenberg Architecture in Los Angeles [www.kearch.com]. Over the years, the Favrot Visiting Chair has brought an extraordinary group of architects to the School to enrich the students’ experience through their contributions and the example they set for future architects. She will be co-teaching this upper level design studio with Harvey-Wadsworth Chair of Landscape Urbanism Judith Kinnard FAIA, and they will be focusing on a project in Los Angeles with a site visit in mid-October as part of the experience.

Mr. H. Mortimer (Tim) Favrot Jr. FAIA is an alumnus and great supporter of the School of Architecture. He is a member of the Tulane School of Architecture Board and one of my most trusted advisors throughout my five years as dean thus far. He was elected to Fellowship of the AIA this year, and we are delighted to be able to bring to the School architects of Ms. Eizenberg’s stature through his support.

Julie Eizenberg will be delivering the first lecture in our All School Lecture Series on September 9 in Richardson Memorial Hall. She has visited us a few years ago and gave a terrific lecture as the Walter Wisznia Memorial Lecturer. We look forward to this return engagement. She is a dynamic voice for excellence in design and has built an architectural practice that has justifiably gained a great deal of attention nationally and internationally.

Kenneth Schwartz, FAIA
Favrot Professor and Dean

Julie Eizenberg, AIA is a founding Principal of Koning Eizenberg Architecture. She brings design vision, leadership, and expertise in working with cities, non-profit agencies, institutions and private developers to generate inventive master plans and public places. Ms. Eizenberg is an astute observer leading investigations that reshape the way we think about conventional building typologies. She brings particular expertise to design in historic contexts, exemplified by the award winning Farmers Market, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, and the Standard Hotel. Julie Eizenberg teaches and lectures around the world, is a frequent advisor to the U.S. Mayor’s Institute on City Design and Design Peer for the US General Services Administration’s Design Excellence Program. She has served as an AIA|LA Director and AIA California Council representative, and is currently on the board of Public Architecture. Her most recent book, titled “Architecture Isn’t Just for Special Occasions,” offers more insight into the philosophy and work of a practice that aligns humanist values with inventive architectural form making. Ms Eizenberg leads the design effort of the practice and was recently the recipient of the 2012 AIA Los Angeles Gold Medal in recognition of a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture.