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Yale University architect to head The University of Auckland's School of Architecture and Planning

The National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI) is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor **Peggy Deamer**, currently a senior academic at Yale University, as Head of NICAI's School of Architecture and Planning.

As Assistant Dean at one of the most prestigious "ivy league" universities in the United States, Professor **Deamer's** research and teaching focus has been in the areas of design and history/theory, with a concentration on how theories of form and architectural production influence contemporary design. Her PhD from Princeton University (1988) focused on the English 20th century art and architecture critic Adrian Stokes, who was analysed by Melanie Klein and saw his aesthetic work as an extension of her psychoanalytic theories.

As well as her academic role, Professor **Deamer** is an active practitioner and principal of the architectural firm, **Peggy Deamer**, based in New York City. From 1986 - 2002, she was a partner at **Deamer + Phillips**, also based in NYC. She is the editor of *The Millennium House* (Moncelli press, 2004), and her articles have appeared in such publications as *Assemblage*, *Perspecta*, *Architecture and the Everyday* and *Drawing Building Text*. She has served on the board of New York Foundation for the Arts, *Journal of Architectural Education* (as design editor), and Storefront for Art and Architecture.

"I am delighted to be joining NICAI and am eager to explore the challenges and rewards of life at a new university and in a new country," says Professor **Deamer**. "I always welcome the opportunity to examine architecture from a new perspective, and this appointment will enable me to cast fresh eyes on architectural practice and theory that comes from another tradition and from other cultural concerns."

Professor **Deamer** will take up the Chair in February, 2007.

"Professor **Deamer** comes with an impeccable academic background, broad experience in architectural practice, a clear vision for the future of architecture internationally, new



ideas and approaches to architectural education, and a strong commitment to sharing her knowledge and experience in the New Zealand environment," says Professor Sharman Pretty, Dean, NICA. "We could not have hoped for a more outstanding appointment as a result of our international search for this new Chair in Architecture."

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