PROFESSOR SUZANNE BILBEISI NAMED FIRST SOA CENTENNIAL PROFESSOR

Professor Suzanne Bilbeisi has been named the first Centennial Professor in the School of Architecture. The Centennial Professorship Endowment was established through the gifts of nearly thirty individuals and corporations, and is intended to provide enrichment support to School of Architecture faculty members. The Professorship was established to both recognize and provide resources to the recipient to further their career goals as well as that of the program. It is a four year appointment, and includes funds that may be used for developing instructional programs, the purchase of teaching materials, the support of guest lecturers and student assistantships, and for travel and professional development.

Suzanne’s work with undergraduate students, particularly in their formative years with the School, and her dedication to facilitating student success were the motivating factors in selecting her for this prestigious Professorship. Professor Bilbeisi has been a faculty member at the School of Architecture since 1993, and as her position on the faculty has evolved, she has become a cornerstone of the Beginning Design curriculum for the program. Her role as academic adviser for Architecture students in 2nd-5th years affords her a close relationship with the student body. She is currently developing plans for the Professorship funds, placing a priority on strategies that enhance connections between students and the profession.