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PROFESSOR RICHARD WELLER of PENNDESIGN TO DELIVER “LANDSCAPE WORKS” PUBLIC LECTURE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. — The University of Minnesota Department of Landscape Architecture is pleased to announce that Professor Richard Weller will deliver a free, public lecture, “Landscape Works” on Friday, February 24 at 6pm in 100 Rapson Hall, 89 Church Street SE at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities College of Design.

Richard Weller is the Martin and Margy Meyerson Chair of Urbanism and Professor and Chair of Landscape Architecture at The University of Pennsylvania’s School of Design (PennDesign). He is also Adjunct Professor at the University of Western Australia and former Director of the Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC) and former Director of the design firm Room 4.1.3. Recent scholarship has included “OMG! There’s an Anthropocene in my Backyard” and “Stewardship Now? Reflections on Landscape Architecture’s Raison D’etre in the 21st Century”.

He has received a consistent stream of international design competition awards at all scales of landscape architecture and urban design. Throughout his career, he has worked simultaneously as an academic and a consultant specializing in the formative stages of projects ranging from gardens to plazas, memorials, museums, suburbs and waterfronts. His research projects have involved scenario planning for cities, megaregions and nations and his current work concerns the application of United Nations (CBD) biodiversity targets.

Professor Weller was honored with the Australian National Teaching Award in 2012 for “for sustained commitment to inspiring and enabling students to engage creatively and critically with complex design problems.” He has published 4 books, over 90 single-authored papers and currently is the Creative Director of the interdisciplinary journal of landscape architecture, LA+.

His leadership activities include building the discipline’s capacity through his role on the Board of the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) in Washington, DC and as the Creative Director of the 2016 Australian Festival of Landscape Architecture “Not in My Backyard.”

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