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Arnold Arboretum Names New Director of Landscape Institute

Boston, MA – The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University has announced the appointment of a new director of its Landscape Institute. Heather Heimarck, a practitioner and instructor of landscape architecture, will step into the leadership role in February 2008. John Furlong, who led the Institute for over 25 years, announced his intention to step down earlier this year to devote more time to teaching and private practice.

Ms Heimarck is currently creative director and principal of HighMark Land Design, a landscape architecture and planning studio established in 2000. With a background in fine arts, sculpture and community service, Ms. Heimarck brings a social and environmental ethic to the practice of her art. Ms Heimarck is also an experienced educator who has taught at the Landscape Institute, at Harvard's Landscape Architecture Summer Program, at the Rhode Island School of Design and the Boston Architectural Center. Ms. Heimarck received an MLA from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and a BFA from the University of Michigan. Ms. Heimarck's company will continue as Heimarck & Foglia, a partnership forged to explore landscape architectural design.

"We are thrilled to welcome Heather as the new leader of the Landscape Institute," commented Richard Schulhof, Deputy Director of the Arnold Arboretum. "This is a time of great change and opportunity for the landscape professions. Heather's professional talent and experience, combined with her commitment and vision, will prove invaluable as we enhance the Institute's strengths and creatively build its future."

"This represents a tremendous opportunity to get involved in a larger dialogue about current and future opportunities for the profession and education," said Heimarck. "Of all the students I have worked with, I truly appreciate the intelligence, maturity and dedication of the Landscape Institute students. I consider it a real honor to have the opportunity to collaborate with those students, as well as the extremely talented and dedicated faculty and staff at the Institute and the Arnold Arboretum. I am especially looking forward to working with faculty and students to further build across the curriculum...design, landscape history, preservation practice, and horticulture...the Institute's breadth and depth are among its greatest strengths."

The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is the oldest public arboretum in North America, and one of the world's leading centers for the study of plants. A unique blend of beloved public landscape and respected research institution, the Arnold Arboretum provides and supports world-class research, horticulture and education programs that foster the understanding, appreciation and preservation of trees.

The Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum, the former Radcliffe Seminars, has for the past 40 years provided professional education in landscape design, history, and preservation. Its creative, interdisciplinary approach allows people interested in landscape design, history, and preservation to increase their knowledge and build their skills to achieve their own personal and business goals.

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