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## **Tamara Roy AIA now Boston Society of Architects/AIA president**

Boston, December 21, 2015—The Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA) today announced that Tamara Roy AIA, principal at ADD Inc, now with Stantec, has begun her term as 2016 president.

Roy is an architect and urban designer specializing in residential, academic, and mixed-use masterplanning projects at ADD Inc, now with Stantec. Voted one of Boston's Top 50 Power Women in Commercial Real Estate for 2014 by *Bisnow*, she was the design team leader for the new residence tower at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), described as "the most interesting Boston high-rise in years" by the *Boston Globe*.

Nicknamed "the mother of the micro-unit," Roy became one of the earliest promoters of compact living when she advocated for changing the policy of minimum-unit sizes at a 2010 Innovation District housing symposium. She mentors the [WHAT'S IN](#) research initiative on innovative urban living, and she is currently working on a pilot 100 percent affordable compact-unit building on city-owned land in South Boston.

"This year will be a pivotal one for Boston when it comes to important topics like workforce housing and comprehensive planning," says Roy. "The architecture community is a critical voice in those discussions, and I am proud to help represent it as 2016 BSA president," says Roy.

Her design portfolio includes luxury, mixed-market, and affordable housing such as Troy Boston in the South End and 225 Centre Street in Jackson Square; academic projects at MassArt, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, and the University of Massachusetts/Lowell; and the Yotel, a micro hotel on Seaport Boulevard. This experience serves to inform her masterplanning practice.

Roy received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Carnegie Mellon University, and a master's degree in architecture and urban design from the Berlage Institute (now called The Berlage Center for Advanced Studies in Architecture and Urban Design), an international think tank in Amsterdam where she lived in a 300-square-foot apartment with her husband and baby.

For a full list of the BSA's 2016 board of directors, visit [architects.org/about/board-directors](http://architects.org/about/board-directors).

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