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Academy of Art University Announces Leadership Changes in School of Graphic Design

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (02/10/17) — [Academy of Art University](#), the largest accredited private art and design university in the nation, today announced that [School of Graphic Design](#) Executive Director Mary Scott has decided to transition from her position and will assume the role as Director Emeritus, effective immediately. As a result, department Graduate Director Phil Hamlett will assume the role as Director MFA/BFA and Anitra Nottingham will continue as Online Director MFA/BFA.

“After dedicating more than 17 years to the Academy, I have seen our department blossom with many alumni that have gone on to pursue their careers with several notable design companies,” Scott said. “It has been an honor to be a part of their creative journeys.”

Scott, Hamlett and Nottingham will report directly to Chief Academy Officer Sue Rowley.

“I am very appreciative of Mary’s endless effort, dedication and hard work as executive director of the department,” Rowley said. “We look forward to her continued success in this new role.”

As the School of Graphic Design’s Director Emeritus, Scott will continue to provide guidance and instruction to students building their design portfolios and professional online personas, as well as make her expertise available by partnering with Academy directors.

We are confident in the continuation of steady leadership and commitment to student success,” Rowley said.

Since joining the Academy in 2004, Hamlett has transformed the School of Graphic Design’s graduate program into an industry powerhouse that now boasts alumni in leading design studios and well-known businesses.

With more than 10 years of experience at the Academy, Nottingham has established online undergraduate and graduate programs that have attracted students from around the globe.

The School of Graphic Design provides a curriculum of conceptual problem-solving, critical thinking, formal design, product design, innovation and branding strategies. The program provides students guidance from professionals who channel real-world design experience and instruction.

For more information about the School of Graphic Design, visit www.academyart.edu/academics/graphic-design.

About Academy of Art University

Academy of Art University is the largest accredited private art and design university in the nation. Founded in 1929, the school offers accredited AA, BA, BFA, BS, B.Arch, MA, MFA, and M.Arch degree programs in more than 30 areas of study, as well as continuing art education, pre-college art experience programs, professional development, certificates, and teacher grants. Classes are available in Acting, Advertising, Animation & Visual Effects, Architecture, Art Education, Art History, Art Teaching Credential, Automotive Restoration, Costume Design, Drone Production,



Fashion, Fashion Journalism, Fashion Marketing, Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Product Development, Fashion Styling, Fashion Visual Merchandising, Fine Art, Game Development, Game Programming, Graphic Design, Illustration, Industrial Design (Transportation, Toy, & Product Design), Interior Architecture & Design, Jewelry & Metal Arts, Landscape Architecture, Motion Pictures & Television, Multimedia Communications, Music Production & Sound Design for Visual Media, Photography, Social Media, Studio Production for Advertising & Design, Virtual Reality, Visual Development, Web Design & New Media, Web Development, and Writing for Film, Television & Digital Media. Students can also enroll in flexible online degree programs in most areas of study.

Academy of Art University is an accredited member of WSCUC, NASAD, CIDA (BFA-IAD, MFA-IAD), NAAB (B.ARCH., M.ARCH.) and CTC (California Teacher Credential).

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