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CORCORAN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN DICKENS, ASSISTANT CURATOR OF CONTEMPORARY ART

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design** welcomes Lauren Dickens as Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art. She joins Curator of Contemporary Art Sarah Newman to lead current and future projects at the Corcoran, including the NOW series of emerging and mid-career artists. The latest NOW exhibition *Enoc Perez: Utopia* opens November 10, 2012.

Ms. Dickens was formerly a manager at the Robert Koch Gallery in San Francisco. From 2006 to 2009, Dickens was assistant curator at the Jewish Museum, where she organized an interactive film installation by Hungarian artist Peter Forgacs and the interactive media collaborative The Labyrinth Project. She was also the project coordinator for *Alias Man Ray*, an international loan exhibition of more than 200 multi-media works. She has independently initiated and organized exhibitions by emerging and mid-career artists at various nonprofit art spaces throughout New York City, including SmackMellon, the ISE Cultural Foundation, and NurtureArt. Ms. Dickens holds an undergraduate degree in Art History from Yale and a MA in Modern Art from Columbia University, where she authored an graduate thesis on Rachel Whiteread and Gordon Matta-Clark.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, a privately funded institution, was founded in 1869. It was America's first dedicated art museum and today is Washington's largest nonfederal museum of art. It is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts. In addition, a dynamic schedule of special exhibitions is complemented and enhanced by a range of educational programming, which together seek to enrich perspectives, support the local arts community, and encourage interpretation. **The Corcoran College of Art + Design** was founded in 1890 and stands as Washington's only four-year college of art and design, offering BFA degrees in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Fine Art Photography, Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Photojournalism; a BA in Art Studies; a five-year Bachelor of Fine Arts/Master of Arts in Teaching (BFA/MAT); an AFA in Digital Media Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, and Photography; and MA degrees in Art and the Book, Art Education, Exhibition Design, Interior Design, Master of Arts in Teaching, and New Media Photojournalism. The College's Continuing Education program offers part-time credit and non-credit classes for children and adults and draws more than 2,500 participants each year. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.

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