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# AWARD HONORARY DEGREE, URBANA

**Action:** Award Honorary Degree

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate has nominated the following individual for conferral of an honorary degree award at the Commencement exercises in May 2024. The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends approval of this nomination.

Jeanne Gang, Founding Principal and Partner, Studio Gang,

honorary degree award of Doctor of Fine Arts

For almost three decades, Jeanne Gang has pushed the boundaries of the good that architecture can do, connecting communities while protecting the environment. The unquestionable quality of her work clearly excels even the uppermost standards of the discipline, in Chicago, Paris, San Francisco, or New York. The beautiful work evidences extraordinary attention to detail and unusual skill to operate in various scales and international contexts.

Ms. Gang’s work is visible around the world. But it is especially significant for this nomination that her record is as strong as it is in Chicago. Studio Gang’s exemplary work in the Chicago area includes Aqua Tower, the University of Chicago Campus North Residential Commons, Writers Theatre, City Hyde Park, the WMS Boathouse at Clark Park, Eleanor Boathouse at Park 571 on the Chicago River, Northerly Island, the Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo, the Columbia College Chicago Media Production Center, and the SOS Children’s Villages Lavezzorio Community Center. On March 27, 2019, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that Studio ORD, the design team led by Ms. Gang, had been selected as the winner of an international design competition for the new $2.2 billion Global Terminal at O’Hare International Airport.

In addition to her work as a stellar practitioner, Ms. Gang has also taught architecture design studios at Harvard University and Yale University. Recognized around the world, she is also a MacArthur Fellow and *Time* named her the “World’s Most Influential Architect” in 2019.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs of the University of Illinois System concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.