David Hollenberg Appointed University Architect at Penn

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PHILADELPHIA -- David Hollenberg, associate regional director of design, construction and facility management for the National Park Service's Northeast Region, has been appointed university architect at the University of Pennsylvania, according to an announcement by Penn Executive Vice President Craig Carnaroli.

Hollenberg will be responsible for near-term design and planning issues as well as the implementation of the Campus Development Plan, a vision of how the University can meet its long-term needs while supporting the development of a strong, diverse community as its neighbor.

"With a wealth of experience in managing major building projects and his enthusiasm for historical preservation, David Hollenberg is the ideal architect for Penn," Carnaroli said. "The University seeks to retain the historic character of our older buildings while bringing them into the 21st century and to build new facilities that blend into our mature campus. David's vision and expertise will be invaluable to us as we move forward with this challenging and critical goal."

Hollenberg has been at NPS since 1992. In his current post, he has been responsible for major programs and services related to the structures and facilities in some of the most well known historic sites and battlefields in the 13-state region. Projects ranged in size from $10,000 to $15 million.

He previously served as associate regional director of the National Heritage Partnership for the NPS Northeast Region, where he was involved in strategic planning, policy and program coordination for public/private partnership projects, including facilities at Independence National Historical Park and Gettysburg National Military Park. He also was formerly chief of the NPS National Register Programs Division in the Mid-Atlantic Region, responsible for cultural resource and historic preservation programs.

Hollenberg earned a master's degree in architecture at Penn and has lectured in the Penn School of Design's graduate program in historic preservation since 1987. He holds a bachelor's degree in art history, magna cum laude, from Columbia University.

Prior to joining the NPS, he spent 17 years with the firm John Milner Associates Inc. of West Chester, Pa., and Philadelphia, where he was responsible for the historic preservation components of such rehabilitation projects as Lit Brothers Department Store and the Wanamaker Building.

Hollenberg has been active in numerous professional and civic associations in the greater Philadelphia region, including nine years of service on the Philadelphia Historical Commission, where he chaired the Architectural Review Committee for seven years. He is currently a member of the boards of both the Eastern State Penitentiary and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, where he serves as vice president.

He is a 16-year member of the Carpenters’ Company of the City and County of Philadelphia and served 10 years on the advisory board of the Historic Religious Properties Program of the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corp.
In 2002, he was honored with a Superior Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior.