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Chicago designers announced for 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale 09/12/17, by Blair Kamin

The Chicago-based curators for the U.S. Pavilion at the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale on Tuesday announced designers who will create material for the exhibition, including some from Chicago.

The Chicago designers will include Studio Gang, the architecture and planning firm headed by Jeanne Gang. Also participating will be Chicago visual artist Amanda Williams, best known for her culturally charged painting of soon-to-be-demolished South Side houses, and Andres Hernandez, an artist, designer and educator who co-founded the Revival Arts Collective, which seeks to use arts and culture to spur community redevelopment in Chicago.

In addition, the curators announced that Iker Gil, a School of the Art Institute faculty member, will serve as associate curator.

The American pavilion will be titled "Dimensions of Citizenship." Its curators, announced last week, are Niall Atkinson of the University of Chicago, Ann Lui of the School of the Art Institute and independent critic Mimi Zeiger.

Other exhibitors in the American pavilion will be Design Earth of Cambridge, Mass.; Diller Scofidio + Renfro of New York; Estudio Teddy Cruz + Fonna Forman of San Diego, Calif.; Keller Easterling of New Haven, Conn; and SCAPE of New York.