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### **DiverseWorks ArtSpace announces Rachel Cook as new Assistant Curator**

**(Houston, TX, July 30, 2012)** –DiverseWorks ArtSpace is pleased to announce the appointment of Rachel Cook to the newly-created post of Assistant Curator. Cook will coordinate the production of exhibitions, performances, and public programs and work closely with a reinvigorated Artist Board.

DiverseWorks Executive Director Elizabeth Dunbar states: “With her wealth of curatorial experience, enthusiasm for working with artists, and commitment to testing new ideas in the public arena, Rachel will be a tremendous asset to Houston and the DiverseWorks team. I am thrilled to welcome her back to Texas, and to DiverseWorks, where she started her curatorial career.”

A Houston native, Cook is a curator and writer. As a guest curator, she organized “*Now that I am by myself,*” she says, “*I’m not by myself, which is good,*” for DiverseWorks in 2009. Recent curatorial projects include *Undetectable* (Visual AIDS, La Mama Galleria, NYC), *Not-Not-Not Images-Objects* (Meulenstein, NYC), and *Three Evidentiary Claims* (CCS Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson). She has previously worked for dOCUMENTA (13)’s publication team, and most recently as a summer fellow for the International Studio & Curatorial Program. Prior to her time in the northeast, Cook was Editor of *Glasstire*; External Affairs Manager for *Art Lies*, a contemporary art quarterly; and a Public Relations Consultant for the Visual Arts Center (VAC) and the Department of Art and Art History at The University of Texas at Austin. Cook holds a MA from the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College and a BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute.

She begins her position at DiverseWorks on August 20, 2012.

#### **About DiverseWorks ArtSpace**

DiverseWorks is a non-profit art center in Houston, Texas dedicated to presenting new visual, performing, and literary art. DiverseWorks is a place where the process of creating art is valued and where artists can test new ideas in the public arena. By encouraging the investigation of current artistic, cultural and social issues, DiverseWorks builds, educates, and sustains audiences for contemporary art.

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