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Mari Ansera, CID, IIDA, NOMA is a Senior Interior Designer at HGA, where she leads interior projects for workplace, education, cultural, and healthcare markets. With more than 13 years professional experience, she approaches the design process with curiosity, leaning in to develop a deep understanding of each client’s strengths. She believes interior design is about envisioning beautiful and functional space that bring human dignity and equity to the built environment.

Her award-winning work includes the corporate headquarters for Dropbox in San Francisco, which won the IIDA Northland FAB and IIDA Northern California awards; and Gustavus Adolphus College Anderson Hall for the Education Department in St. Peter, Minnesota, which also won an IIDA Fab award.

Mari actively promotes professional development, mentorship, and equity within HGA and the design industry. She is national co-chair HGA’s Equity group, and currently serves on the national IIDA Equity Council. She most recently served as President of IIDA Northland from 2019 – 2021. She was named an ASID Ones to Watch Scholar and an IIDA Member of the Year in 2021 in recognition for her contributions to the profession and achievements to cultivate a diverse design field.

She has spoken at regional and national design programs, including Dunwoody College of Technology Design Expo in 2021, 2022 IIDA Equity Roundtable, and has juried awards program, including the 2019 IIDA/Contract Magazine Showroom & Booth Competition at NEOCON and 2022 HD Expo Product Design Awards.