Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger has named Carol Becker as the new dean of the School of the Arts. Becker is currently dean of faculty and senior vice-president for academic affairs at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Before joining the School of the Art Institute as an assistant professor nearly three decades ago, Carol taught at the University of California, San Diego; San Diego State University; Northeastern Illinois University; and Ionian University in Corfu. She earned her B.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo and her Ph.D. in English and American literature from University of California, San Diego. She is the recipient of many awards.

With research interests that range from feminist theory, American cultural history, and the education of artists, to South African art and politics, she has published numerous articles and books including: *The Invisible Drama: Women and the Anxiety of Change* (translated into seven languages); *The Subversive Imagination: Artists, Society, and Social Responsibility; Zones of Contention: Essays on Art, Institutions, and Gender*; and *Surpassing the Spectacle: Global Transformations and the Changing Politics of Art*. 