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Katherine Darnstadt is the founder of Latent Design, a progressive architecture and urbanism firm leveraging civic innovation and social impact to design more equitable spaces and systems. Since founding her practice in 2010, Katherine and her firm have prototyped new urban design systems to advance urban agriculture, support small business, created spaces for youth makers, advanced building innovation, and created public space frameworks. As the founder of Boombox, Chicago's first micro retail popup in a shipping container, she supported over 150 small businesses and built new models of finance and policy to support micro retail in Chicago. As the co-founder of the recently launched Design Trust Chicago, she is seeking to re-establish a community design studio focused at the city scale. She and the firm have been published, exhibited and featured widely, most notably eighty feet in the air in Times Square for winning a Chicago Innovation Award, underwater at the International Venice Architecture Biennial, the first Architizer A+ Awards, Chicago Ideas Week, NPR, American Institute of Architects Young Architects Honor Award winner and Crain's Chicago 40 Under 40. She previously taught at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University.