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Education

Master of Science (M.S.) Major in Construction Management

Texas State University – San Marcos, TX

Fall 2024

(expected graduation)

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences (B.S.F.C.S.), Interior Design

2007

Texas State University – San Marcos, TX

Dean's List 2005-2006

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Minor in Kinesiology

2001

University of Texas – Austin, TX

Accreditations

LEED AP | Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional

2008

Registered Interior Designer

2010

National Council for Interior Design Qualifications (NCIDQ) Certified Interior Designer

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, TBAE Registered Interior Designer

Continued Health Safety Welfare Education of 12 hrs. per year for licensure

IIDA Professional Member

2007-2015

- Sustainability Chair 2013-2015
- Startup team member for the IIDA Zerolandfill Program

Academic Professional Experience

Texas State University

08.2018 – present

Experience in teaching Freshman to graduating senior level design students at Texas State University

Fall 2018 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3322: Residential Interior Design Studio

Spring 2019 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID1310: Introduction to Interior Design

Fall 2019 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1

Spring 2020 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3322 Studio I: Residential Interior Design
- ID 4324 Studio IV: Contemporary Design Issues | Capstone Course



Fall 2020 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3322 Studio I: Residential Interior Design

Spring 2021 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 4323 Studio III: Research & Advanced Commercial Interior Design

Fall 2021 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3322 Studio I: Residential Interior Design

Spring 2022 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3323 Studio II: Commercial Interior Design

Fall 2022 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3323 Studio II: Commercial Interior Design

Spring 2023 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3322 Studio I: Residential Interior Design
- ID 3323 Studio II: Commercial Interior Design

Fall 2023 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1

Spring 2024 classes taught include:

- ID 4324 Studio IV: Contemporary Design Issues | Capstone Course
- ID 3323 Studio II: Commercial Interior Design

Fall 2024 classes taught include:

- ID 1320: Design Graphics 1
- ID 3323 Studio II: Commercial Interior Design

Curriculum Development Highlights include:

Graphics | ID1320

- Lead faculty, supporting and mentoring new faculty.
- Lead for curriculum change in Fall 2024, organizing and mentoring 5 faculty members through the updates.

Studio 1 | Residential Interior Design Studio

- Coordination of site visit and access to as-built drawings for Residential Studio project: Parking Garage Conversion at the Perry Brooks Building in Austin Texas.



- Curriculum creation including the following projects Habitat for Humanity project; adaptable reuse project for Perry Brooks Building and Parking Garage in Austin, TX; Multigenerational housing in Austin, TX with WeeHouse Modules by Alchemy Architects; Renovation Project in Austin, TX; Family Compound/Aging in Place housing in San Marcos, TX with the WeeHouse Modules by Alchemy Architects.
- Design Experience including Round Top Antiques Market.

Studio 2 | Commercial Interior Design Studio

- Development and creation of Design Program to include a non-profit community restaurant with Social Justice Art component. Collaboration with Nutrition department and the Business College Curriculum creation.

Studio 3 | Research & Advanced Commercial Interior Design Studio

- Development and creation of semester long project at Waterloo Central Building in Austin, TX. Students collaborated with the base building and interior architects, Runa Workshop, FMG and Regional Haworth Representatives for new FMG Furniture Dealer Showroom and choice of (2) full floor tenants.
- Coordination of Student Interview with Jean Pierre Trou with Runa Workshop.
- Coordination of Commercial Furniture 101 with Caro Wilbanks/Haworth.
- Student work was reviewed by professionals, FMG and Haworth. A select group of students were asked to interview with FMG for an internship.

Studio 4 | Contemporary Design Issues

- Development and co-creation of Social Justice Center project in Austin, TX. The Social Justice center utilized AISD Pease Elementary as the site for this project.
- Coordination of Interview with Gensler New York to discuss the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice
- Lead Instructor: Development of LGBTQI+ Mixed Use with Senior Living Facility
- Lead Instructor: Coordination of Interviews with experts and site tour of historic preservation for LGBTQI+ Mixed Use
- Lead Instructor: Organize Tour of Austin History Center to conduct Archival Research

Texas State University Service includes:

- Fall 2020-present | Interior Design Student Organization (1988) Faculty Advisor; coordinate and assist student leaders with successful events such as Design Like a Pro, Professional Organizations IIDA and ASID communication, and mentorship for valued guest lecturers and events.
- Fall 2024 | Bobcat Day Interior Design Faculty Representative
- Spring 2024 | Bobcat Day Interior Design Faculty Representative
- Spring 2024 | FCS Committee Member for Faculty Evaluation updates
- Spring 2024 | IIDA Shift Student Conference Attendance
- Fall 2024 | Interior Design Course Curriculum Committee for new technology course development
- Fall 2019 | Women in Leadership Program | assisted with development and allocation of funds from key donors.
- Fall 2019-present | Development of continued education opportunities with vendor provided lunch for faculty and students.
- Fall 2019 – present | Student scholarship opportunities, review of student scholarship opportunities and mentor for UCREW Scholarship opportunity.
- Spring 2020 | Scandinavian Spaces student design competition | creation of design competition and curriculum for student design award for (2) students to win an internship and opportunity to design and attend a trade show booth at ICFF. Covid modifications lead to virtual showroom student design for ICFF and Neocon.



- Fall 2019 & Fall 2020 | Internship panel coordination and organization with managing principles of large design firms.
- Fall 2018 – present | Student proficiency and portfolio review exam implementation and faculty reviews.
- Fall 2021 | Attendance at IDEC and key faculty member with CIDA accreditation process.
- Fall 2021 | Study-In-America Grant.
- Spring 2024 | Faculty Advisor for 1988 student organization at IIDA Shift conference.
- Fall 2019-present | Portfolio and resume review of students.

University Engagements

The Art Institute of Austin

- Served as a Juror for student work, 2016

The University of Texas at Austin

- Career Fair Gensler Austin Representative for Interior Design Professionals, 2017
- Design Chats, Introduction to Gensler as a firm and recruiting opportunities, 2018

Texas State University

- Guest Lecturer for Texas State University's Interior Design Professional Practice Class, 2017
- Guest Lecturer for Texas State University's Interior Design Studio III Class, 2018

Served as a Juror for student work, 2015-2016

Professional Experience

Gensler

08.2014 – 12.2018

Design Manager; Client Relationship Manager

- Promoted to Associate 2015
- Promoted to Studio Operations Director 2016
- Business Development to include maintaining current local and global client relationships
- Develop and maintain relationships with real estate brokers and end users
- Supervisor for 25 interior design team members
- Collaborate with office wide management for 130 person staff including project alignment, promotions, and development of goals for the office holistically
- Design Manager on the following projects:
 - Yeti Headquarters, ~175,000 USF, build out of \$75/SF
 - NSS Labs, ~30,000 USF, build out of \$45/SF
 - Amherst Holdings, ~15,000 USF, build out of \$120/SF
 - 515 Congress Coffee Bar and Exterior Canopy, ~10,000 USF
 - Everi Games, ~20,000 USF, build out of \$50/SF
 - University of Texas Perry-Castaneda Library, ~8,000 USF
 - SXSW, 2 -3 full floor fit out of new building, ~42,000 USF, construction complete in June 2019



- Visa, renovation of full building, ~135,000 GSF, design start date February 2018
- IBM, multiple projects varying in scale, fee and construction cost

Sixthriver Architects
Interior Designer/Project Manager

03.2013 – 08.2014

- Develop and maintain relationships with real estate brokers and end users
- Lead Interior Designer on the following projects:
 - Saint Elizabeth's Catholic School
 - FSG Energy including FF&E
- Project Manager on the following projects:
 - Austin Title Stonebridge including FF&E
 - Chaotic Moon
 - Nature Conservancy including FF&E
 - Sage Recovery and Wellness Center at Los Arboles
 - Meritage Homes including FF&E

Parsons (Formerly 3D/I)
Intern/ Interior Designer

06.2006 – 03.2013

- Interior Designer on the following projects:
 - U.T. Austin Biomedical Engineering Building, LEED NC – Involved in Design Development, Construction Documentation and Contract Administration phases of design. Generated construction documents, coordination of consultant drawings, finish and lighting selections for the lobby, FF&E package and Wayfinding Package.
 - U.T. Austin Utopia Theater, School of Social Work Interior Renovation – Lead Interior Designer: Selected finishes and custom light fixtures.
 - Lone Star College Nursing School, New Construction – Involved in all phases of design including FF&E package and lighting design. Developed Wayfinding Bid Package.
 - City of Houston Mounted Patrol Facility, LEED NC – Assisted with Finish Selections, Consultant Coordination, LEED credit interpretations and calculations.
 - UT Administration Building – Assisted with FF&E package as well as the interior wayfinding.
 - DC Tillman Multipurpose and Office Building – Design concept team member, Project Interior Designer, LEED coordinator and building occupancy and code reviewer.

The University of Texas System Administration
Interior Designer/ Project Manager

09.2007 – 03.2013

- Contract employee with the Facilities Management department through Parsons. Communicate and worked daily with the client on site.
- General Duties – Project Manager and Owners Representative for several in house projects. FF&E specifications, space planning and office build out consultant. Generated and updated project schedules and budgets.
- U. T. System Administration New Building Pre-Programming Project – Assistant Project Manager and integral U. T. System team member for pre-programming phase. Documented and created program reports that were utilized for Board of Regent Approval.



- Managed Historic Restoration Projects for O. Henry Hall (constructed between 1887-1881) and Claudia Taylor Johnson Building (constructed between 1912-1914). Generated Contract Documents, which were presented to the Texas Historical Commission.
- Assisted Owner with a Miscellaneous Architectural Service Agreement IDIQ RFP. Aided with the selection process, interview questions, interviews and scoring.
- Created and implemented a filing system for all of UT System A&E drawing files and specifications.
- Assisted owners' representative with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) reports.

Presentations/Peer Reviewer/Awards/Publications

- Austin Energy Green Build (AEGB) Seminar Presenter: Parking Garage to Office Space Case Study, 2017
- IDEC Awards of Excellence Peer Reviewer, 2019
- Concrete Symposium Presenter: Design Responsibility in Sustainability, 2019
- Interior Sources Magazine Publication: Chaotic Moon Project
- IIDA Design Award: Yeti Headquarters