# LESLEY HAYMAN SAGER CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **EDUCATION:**

## Certified Professional Interior Designer NCIDQ #29306 since April 2013

**Master of Science** – Design Studies Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison Major Field: Interior Design, **Graduated**: **May 2001** 

Bachelor of Arts - Social Work Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major Field: Social Work, Graduated: May 1985

**Partial Fulfillment of Bachelor of Arts –** Art Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque Major Field: Photography and Art History, **Transferred to UW: September 1982** 

#### **POSITIONS HELD:**

# ACADEMIC – UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

2017 - present	Director of the Design Thinking Initiative at SoHE
2012 - present	Interior Architecture Program Coordinator – Design Studies Department
2010 - present	Faculty Associate – Design Studies Department SoHE
2009 - 2010	Lecturer – Design Studies Department SoHE
2001 - 2004	Lecturer – Environment, Textiles, and Design Department SoHE
1999 - 2001	Teaching Assistant – Environment, Textiles, and Design Department

#### PROFESSIONAL:

#### 2015 - Present President and Founder of Merry-Go-Strong 501(c)(3)

Madison, Wi

Manage and run MGS which supports and nurtures sustainable grassroots development in Kenya through
collaborative community initiatives that foster social and economic well-being for women and girls. Current
projects range from working with individual women and families to community building in order to
strengthen collaboration.

#### 2009 - Present Interior Designer, Sager Designs

Madison, WI

- Handle all aspects of the design process, from client information gathering, to developing strong design solutions to producing construction documents and managing sub-contractors.
- Emphasis on historic renovations and barrier free design.
- Expert in computer generated three-dimensional drawings.

### 2005-2009 Project Designer, Architectural Building Arts

Madison, WI

- Responsible for all aspects of the design process, from client information gathering, to developing strong design solutions that suit their budget and needs, to assisting them in material selections.
- Responsible for producing buildable, permit ready plans along with maintaining a strong and supportive stance with client and production during the entire design-build process.
- Proficient in Chief Architect, a working knowledge in AUTO-CAD and design related software.
- Lead designer for multiple projects shown during the NARI remodeled home tours (2007-2009)

2003-2005 Interior Designer, Lesley Sager Interiors

Madison, WI

- Handled all aspects of residential design with an emphasis on color consultation.
- Worked towards establishing a strong reputation for consistent and timeless design.

2001-2004 Interior Designer, Spirals

Madison, WI

• Responsible for customer relations, retail sales, and residential installation services.

1999-2000 Facilities Planner, Department of Natural Resources

Madison, WI

Facilities space planning along with updating floor plans and material selection for the JEF2 building.

1994-1996 General Manager, Bluephies Restaurant

Madison, WI

Handled licensing and permits, budget, equipment and supply purchases, hiring staff and graphic design. Worked closely with architect and contractor during the building process. Upon completion, daily responsibilities included quality control, budgets, inventory, along with hiring, training and firing staff.

# **OUTREACH AND SERVICE**

2016 - present	<b>DESIGN FOR A DIFFERENCE™</b> Work with students to support local make overs for charities. Projects include The Rainbow Project, Centro Hispano, and the Eastside Community Center.
2016 - present	<b>Co-Founder of the Global Artisan Initiative.</b> GAI strives to empower artisans and their families through the promotion of their handcrafts, which support community well-being and strengthens cultural heritage.
2015 - present	Founder of Merry-Go-Strong (MGS) 501 (c)(3) a non-profit that strives to nurture sustainable grassroots development through collaborative community initiatives that foster social and economic well-being.
2015 - present	Wingra School Board Member (three year commitment)
2014	<b>Co-founded a Technology Education Program</b> at the Mission School in Bura Tana Kenya
2010 - present	Site Visitor for Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) Chairperson (since 2012). Evaluated over sixteen different colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada.

#### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:**

2018 - present	Improving Outcomes for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children Through Enhanced Jail Visits (2020 grant)
2018 - present	4W Leadership Circle for Women, Wellbeing, Wisconsin, the World
2018 - present	University International Travel Committee (UITC)
2017 - present	Gender Neutral Bathroom Committee
2017 - present	Design Thinking Initiative Committee (Director)
2016 - present	Design Gallery Task Force
2015 - Present	Design Gallery Committee
2015 - present	<b>Multiple Search Committees</b> for the Assistant Director of TREO, Interior Architecture Faculty Associate, Gallery Curator
2015 - Present	Career and Leadership Development Task Force
2015 - Present	Alumni-Student Engagement Sub-Committee
2011 - 2015	Outreach Planning Council (OPC)
2010 - 2012	Academic Staff Council
2010 - 2011	Center for Integrative Design
2015 - present 2015 - Present 2015 - Present 2011 - 2015 2010 - 2012	Multiple Search Committees for the Assistant Director of TREO, Interior Architecture Faculty Associate, Gallery Curator  Career and Leadership Development Task Force  Alumni-Student Engagement Sub-Committee  Outreach Planning Council (OPC)  Academic Staff Council

#### THESIS COMMITTEES and MENTOR

2018 MS candidate: Emily Quandt2017 MS candidate: Paul Ahn

2016 MFA candidate: Marilyn Cervantes

2014 MS candidate: Krista Crum2012 MFA candidate: Lynda DykstraMFA candidate: Kung Wei Chen

2010 MFA candidate: Dave Richter-O'Connell

#### **GUEST LECTURER AND PRESENTER:**

2018 Office of Strategic Consulting Brown Bag "The Transformative Design Approach to Problem-Solving"

Office of Strategic Consulting Showcase "Transformative Design"

SoHE Board of Visitors "The Design Thinking Initiative"

SoHE Lunch and Learn "Design your Life"

Keynote speaker for Campus Compact "Transformative Design"

Brava Workshop: Design Thinking for Business Innovation

Poster Presenter for Showcase 2018 – Office of Quality Improvement – Transformative Design

Coding for Social Good: Design Thinking workshop

**2017** Workshop presenter for SoHE Alumni Day – "Living the Good Life"

Presenter for EcoU course - Design Thinking

Presenter for the Personal Finance Advisory Board – Design Thinking for Financial Wellbeing

Presenter for the Career Leadership Team - Design Thinking for Social Good

Better by Design Conference – Pecha Kucha "I am a Bag Lady – design promotion for a cause"

**2016** Presenter for the Wright Lecture Series – "I am a Bag Lady – design promotion for a cause"

Presenter for Day in Africa – African Studies Program

Presenter for Showcase 2016 - Office of Quality Improvement - Design Thinking - Local to Global

Presenter for Showcase 2016 - Office of Quality Improvement - Flash Talk - Kenya

Poster Presenter for Showcase 2016 – Office of Quality Improvement – Design Thinking – Global Poster Presenter for Showcase 2016 – Office of Quality Improvement – Design Thinking – Local

2015 Presenter for Africa after Ibola – A Campus in Kenya

Poster Presenter for Showcase 2015 – Office of Quality Improvement – Design Thinking in Action

2014 Guest presenter for the Board of Visitors

Presenter for the HDFS brown bag - Kenya

Presenter for the Winter SoHE Retreat - Design Thinking - In Action - Kenya

2012 Guest presenter for Beverly Gordon's sustainable design course - Topic: Design Thinking

**2010** Guest presenter for the Board of Visitors luncheon

Repeat guest lecturer for Design: Fundamentals I - Topic: History of Interior Design

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

**2018** Teaching and Learning Studio – Stanford d.school

2016 IDEC National Conference in Portland

Blend@UW Fellowship Program

On-Line Courses taken through: Hanley Woods University:

- A Planning Guide for Accessible Restrooms
- Color and Light
- Interior Lighting Strategies

**2015** IDEC Regional Conference in Toronto

Design Kit: The Course for Human Centered Design offered through +Acumen

Blend@UW Fellowship Program

Blended Learning Course Design

NEOCON - Chicago

On-Line Courses taken through: Hanley Woods University:

- Advancing Sustainability Through Product Performance and Transparency
- Universal Design and Meeting the Needs of an Aging Population
- Luxury Kitchen Specification For Aging in Place, Forward-Thinking Options for the Mature Client
- 2014 IDEC National Conference in Portland

Blend@UW Fellowship Program

NEOCON - Chicago

**2013** IDEC Regional Conference in Toronto

Design Kit: The Course for Human Centered Design offered through +Acumen

Blend@UW Fellowship Program

Blended Learning Course Design

KBIS - Chicago

2012 Teachers of Lighting Workshop sponsored by Illuminating Engineering Society

NEOCON - Chicago

2011 IDEC National Conference in Denver CO

NEOCON - Chicago

2010 IDEC National Conference in Portland OR

ASID STEP course

**2009** LEED Green Associate Course – LEED Teacher – Sustainable Design Consultants

Interior Codes – on-line course – Red vector

Strategic Planning, Project Management & Financial Welfare Seminar sponsored by IDCW.

Teaching Triage - Design Instruction Solutions NOW - on-line course - IDEC

#### **AFFILIATIONS and ACCREDITATIONS:**

- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate Accredited 2009
- National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) Accredited 2013
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Faculty Liaison
- International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Faculty Liaison
- Interior Design Education Council (IDEC) presenter and participant
- Interior Design Coalition of Wisconsin (IDCW) Member
- Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) Member
- Chazen Museum of Art Member

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS:**

- 2017 Recipient of the Wade and Bev Fetzer Fund for Excellence award to the faculty members at SoHE
- 2015 Blended Learning Fellowship representing the School of Human Ecology \$2,500 Stipend
- 2014 Meta Schroeder Beckner Homemaker Fund \$9700 Engaging Youth in Community Development: Tharaka Women's Welfare Program
- 2012 Illuminating Engineering Society Scholarship to attend week long Teachers of Lighting Workshop Meta Schroeder Beckner Homemaker Fund \$1000 Outreach and Engagement funding for : Calm After the Storm MMoCA Museum installation

#### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

2010 NARI COTI award – Residential Bath over \$60,000
 2009 NARI COTI award – Residential Interior over \$100,000
 NARI COTI award – Residential Interior Specialty

**2008** NARI COTI award – kitchens \$100,000 and over

Qualified Remodeler – Master Design - Gold Award for Kitchens \$50,000 - \$100,000

**2007** ASID first place – Residential Kitchens Category (2007) Wolf Sub-Zero – Regional Award Winner (2006-07)

# ACADEMIC PRESS - NEWS, TV, and Radio:

**WBEZ 91.5 Chicago**: *The Samburu Girls Foundation* – rescuing girls from child marriage and FGM 2018 **CapTimes**: Madison pediatrician, Hip Hop architect, UW professor team up for Kenyan girls fleeing abuse 2018

Channel 27 News: May 2018 – Step One: Water

Isthmus: Kenya Connection May 2018

Brava Magazine: Interview June 2018 publication

College of Engineering News: Vest is best: Students design water-carrying device for rural Kenyans 2018

National Public Radio: Central Time August 2018 University of Wisconsin: Professors Piece 2017

CapTimes: Bright Ideas 2018: Design lights for women in Kenya 2017

National Public Radio: Central Time August 2017

Wisconsin Engineer: The Makerspace: Crafting a Future for Kenya - Fall 2014

**Wisconsin State Journal**: *UW-Madison student-designed shelter marries art and function* May 2012 **Isthmus**: *Spring Gallery Night 2012: UW interior design students create livable cardboard home* 

Isthmus: UW-Madison Students to Present Adaptive Reuse of White School

Channel 3000: "Live at Five" interview May 2012

Channel 27 News May 2012 Disaster Relief Shelter out of Cardboard

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRESS:**

Women's Day Magazine "Zen Palette" 2008 Fine Home Building Magazine "Green Design" 2008 Kitchen and Bath Design Magazine 2008 Madison Magazine 2009 Qualified Remodeler Magazine 2009 Isthmus Daily Page 2009

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Fall 2018 DS 341 Design Thinking for Transformation

DS 699 Independent Study (four students)

DS 601 Internship

DS 252 Design Leadership Symposium

Summer 2017 DS 501 Study Abroad Program in Kenya- Service Learning

DS 341 Design Thinking for Transformation

DS 601 Internship

Spring 2017 DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 601 Internship

DS 699 Independent Study

DS 252 Design Leadership Symposium

Internship Supervisor

Fall 2017 DS 501 Design Thinking for Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation

DS 699 Independent Study (four students)

DS 601 Internship

DS 252 Design Leadership Symposium

**Summer 2017** DS 501 Design Thinking for Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation

DS 601 Internship

Spring 2017 DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 601 Internship

DS 699 Independent Study

DS 501 Study Abroad Program in Kenya- Service Learning

Summer 2016 DS 601 Internship

Spring 2016 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 601 Internship

DS 699 Independent Study (Emma Bukowski) MGS

DS 699 Independent Study (Robert Schaffer) Race to Zero Competition

Internship Supervisor for Robin Connors and the Office of the Registrar Project

Internship Supervisor for Taewee Kahrs and Abbigail Schaeffer for their work with Merry-

Go-Strong.

Fall 2015 DS 222 Interior Design I

DS 224 Interior Materials and Finishes

DS 501 Design Thinking for Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation

DS 699 Independent Study (Elizabeth Nguyen)

Summer 2015 DS 501 Design Thinking for Transformation (NEW COURSE)

Spring 2015 DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 501 Design Thinking for Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation

Fall 2014 DS 222 Interior Design I

DS 224 Interior Materials and Finishes (NEW COURSE)

DS 501 Design Thinking for Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation (NEW

COURSE)

Spring 2014 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 222 Interior Design I

Fall 2013 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 322 Interior Design II

Spring 2013 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 222 Interior Design I

Fall 2012 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 322 Interior Design II

**Spring 2012** DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 222 Interior Design

Fall 2011 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 699 Independent Study (ChengCheng Mei) DS 699 Independent Study (Kung Wei Chen)

Spring 2011 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 222 Interior Design I

Fall 2010 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 322 Interior Design II

DS 699 Independent Study (Dave Richter-O'Connell)

Spring 2010 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II

DS 222 Interior Design I

Fall 2009 DS 220 Design Fundamentals II
Spring 2004 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I
Fall 2003 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I
Spring 2003 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

Fall 2002 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

ETD 221 Interior Environments and Human Behavior

Spring 2002 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

Internship Coordinator

Fall 2001 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

ETD 220 Design Fundamentals II

**Spring 2001** ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

ETD 220 Design Fundamentals II

Fall 2001 ETD 120 Design Fundamentals I

ETD 323 AutoCAD

Spring 2001 ETD 221 Interior Environments and Human Behavior

**Teaching Assistant** 

Fall 2000 ETD 221 Interior Environments and Human Behavior

**Teaching Assistant** 

**Spring 2000** ETD 221 Interior Environments and Human Behavior

**Teaching Assistant** 

Fall 1999 ETD 221 Interior Environments and Human Behavior

**Teaching Assistant** 

# STUDENT AWARDS (under my direction-partial list):

2018 IIDA: All six awards offered were awarded to UW IA students.2017 IIDA: All six awards offered were awarded to UW IA students.

Sherwin Williams Annual Student Competition: \$2,500 Courtney Christensen

**2016** Department of Energy - Race to Zero – Second Place Robert Schaffer

IIDA Honorable Mention \$700 Grace Cervantes IIDA Residential Design \$1000 Sarah Treutel Annual Student Design Show: Grace Cervantes

2015 Sherwin Williams Annual Student Competition: Victoria Johnson

2014 IIDA Residential Design \$1000 Laura Schroeder

IIDA Best in Show \$1500 Eryn Kim

2012 IIDA Residential Design \$1000 Kung Wei Chen

IIDA Residential Design \$1000 Alicen Dunbar

Annual Student Design Show: Jennifer Moehring, Kurt Schmidt, Allison Tackett

2011 Annual Student Design Show: Mollie Gibson, Aleshia Schiller, Emily Johnson

The Brass Ring - Honorable Mention: Brittany O'Conner