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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)

THESIS COMMITTEES and MENTOR

- 2018** MS candidate: Emily Quandt
- 2017** MS candidate: Paul Ahn
- 2016** MFA candidate: Marilyn Cervantes
- 2014** MS candidate: Krista Crum
- 2012** MFA candidate: Lynda Dykstra
MFA 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 Ebola – 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:

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| Fall 2018 | DS 341 Design Thinking for Transformation
DS 699 Independent Study (four students)
DS 601 Internship |
| Summer 2017 | DS 252 Design Leadership Symposium
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 Abigail 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