School of Design and Community Development

Nature of the School

The majors in the School of Design and Community Development focus on improving the quality of life of individuals and groups by designing interactions, educational programs, and services between people and their environments to better address the needs and desires of communities and their residents. We imagine, educate, evaluate, plan, and produce experiences, products, settings and services that have the potential to transform lives. Given the range of our programs and the portability of skills taught in them, outcomes for students vary.

Our graduates find employment in professional design settings and interdisciplinary firms; in communities as teachers, as extension agents, and community development specialists. Graduates create careers as entrepreneurs and in traditional design, business and retail settings. And others find placement in a wide spectrum of innovative organizations that use design and design thinking as a way to fully understand and engage with their clients and markets. Study abroad is strongly encouraged in all of our programs, and is required in Interior Architecture.

Accreditation

The agricultural and extension education program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The fashion, dress and merchandising program is an affiliate member of the Textile and Apparel Programs Accreditation Commission (TAPAC). The interior architecture program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). The landscape architecture program is accredited by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

FACULTY

DIRECTOR

• Peter Butler - M.L.A. (Iowa State)
  Landscape Architecture - Cultural landscape planning and interpretation, Community design processes, Design pedagogy

PROFESSORS

• Michael J. Dougherty - Ph.D. (Virginia Technical)
  Landscape Architecture - Environmental design and planning

• Judith Wassertman - MLA MRP (Cornell University)
  Designing healthy places, Urban Design, Historic landscape architecture preservation planning, Modernist landscapes, Cultural meaning and place-making

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

• Jessica Blythe - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
  Agricultural & Extension Education - Agricultural education, STEM education, Teaching methods, Effective teacher professional development, Quantitative and qualitative research methods

• Ronald Dulaney Jr. - M. Arch. (Virginia Tech)
  Interior Design - Architectural design, Design and culture, Design media, Material and fabrication processes, Poetics of construction

• Hodjat Ghadimi - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
  Design Studies - Intelligent build environment, Innovation economics, Energy-environment-economy interaction modeling, Sustainable development planning, GeoDesign

• Vaike Haas - M.L. (University of Michigan)
  Landscape Architecture - Native species, Stormwater management, Regional greenspace

• J. Chris Haddox - M.S. (West Virginia University)
  Design Studies - LEED AP, Green Advantage Certified, Sustainable design and Construction, Green building theory and practice

• Michael Hasenmyer - M.L.A. (North Carolina State University)
  Landscape Architecture - Virtual simulation, Design education

• Katie Baker Jones - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
  Fashion, Dress & Merchandising Media, Fashion studies, Sustainable fashion, Fashion as material culture

• Colleen Moretz - M.F.A. (Marywood University)
  Fashion Design - Transformative and sustainable practices, Design process, Experimental couture, and market-oriented, Teaching methods - traditional and digital approaches

• Lee Mullett - M.S. (West Virginia University)
  Interior Design - Teaching, Design

• Craig Nelson - M.I.D. (North Carolina State)
  Design Studies - Designing consumer products, Industrial design, Prototyping, Brand identity
• Lisa Orr - M.L.A. (University of California at Berkeley)
  Landscape Architecture-Vernacular and cultural landscape analysis and theory, Landscape architectural graphics and representation
• Stephanie Staniscia - Ph.D. (IUAV University of Venezia, IT)
  Landscape Architecture-Landscape Design with focus on brownfields and energy landscape

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
• Stacey Bowers - M. Arch (University of Illinois at Chicago)
  Interior Architecture - Teaching, Architecture and Design
• Debanjan Das - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
  Omni Channel Retailing, Global Issues and Fashion, Sustainability Issues in Fashion, Fashion Promotion and Merchandise Planning and Control
• Aaron Giorgi - Ph.D. (The Ohio State University)
  Quality Teaching Pedagogy, Statistical Analysis, Quantitative and Qualitative Research, First-Generation College Student Success
• Danielle Grant - MS (West Virginia University)
  Agricultural & Extension Education - State FFA Executive Secretary
• Rachel Hendrix - Ph.D. (Mississippi State)
  Agricultural education, Agricultural communications, STEM education, Teacher education, Teaching methods
• Nicole Kreidler - Ph.D. (Auburn University)
  Interior Architecture - Identifying Impact + Access for Healthy and Sustainable Materials, Sustainable Consumption
• Sunidhi Mehta - Ph.D. (Punjab Agricultural University)
  Fashion, Dress, & Merchandising - Textiles
• Emily Perdue - Ph.D. (Texas A&M University)
  Agricultural & Extension Education - Extension Education, Leadership Development, Community Engagement, P-20 Education
• Haley Rosson - Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University)
  Agricultural and Extension Education - Extension education, leadership, 4-H and youth development, ATV and shooting sports safety
• Elizabeth Shorrock - MS (Rhode Island School of Design)
  Sustainable fashion, Design research and inspiration, Textiles, Farm to Fashion, Textile surface manipulation
• Angela Uriyo - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
  Fashion, Dress & Merchandising - Fashion Design and Community Development
• Lianne (Lulu) Williamson - Ph.D. (University of Alaska, Fairbanks)
  Design Thinking, design ethics, applied learning and capstone

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
• Vincenzo Cribari - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
• Elijah Pollard - M.F.A. (SUNY)
  Fashion, Dress & Merchandising-Fine Arts, Design

FACULTY EMERITI
• Donald R. Armstrong
• Stacy Gartin
• William H. Hagerty
• Mary Rose Jones
• Layle D. Lawrence
• Marian B. Liddell
• George W. Longenecker
• Nora MacDonald
• Janice I. Yeager
• Charles Yuill