

Susan Ray-Degges – Profile

Professor/Interior Design Program Coordinator

Education

- Doctorate of Philosophy. University of Missouri, Human Environmental Sciences. Specialization in Environmental Design and Gerontology. Doctoral Dissertation: "Privacy - The Experiences of Thirteen Nursing Home Residents," 1995
- Masters of Science. University of Missouri, Housing and Interior Design. Specialization in design for the handicapped and elderly. Master's Thesis: "Preliminary Evaluation of ERHAP (Elderly Resident Home Assessment Program)," 1987
- Bachelor of Science. Cum Laude. Missouri State University [formerly Southwest Missouri State University], Home Economics. Specialization in Housing and Interior Design. Minor in Art, emphasis in historical art; 1984

Courses Taught

- ADHM 315/316 History of Interiors I/II
- ADHM 450 Research and Project Development in Interior Design
- ADHM 452 Comprehensive Interior Design Project
- ADHM 460 Career Development and Professional Practice
- ADHM 465/665 Aging and the Environment
- ADHM 491 Inclusive Design Seminar

Teaching Experience

- Associate Professor, Interior Design, North Dakota State University, 2000-present
- Assistant Professor, Interior Design, North Dakota State University, 1992-99
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Environmental Design, University of Missouri, 1992
- Instructor, Interior Design, University of Central Arkansas, 1988-92
- Part-Time Faculty Member, Interior Design, Missouri State University [formerly Southwest Missouri State University], 1987-88
- Part-Time Faculty Member, Summer Semester, Interior Design, Missouri State University [formerly Southwest Missouri State University], 1986
- Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Housing and Interior Design, University of Missouri, 1985-86

Research Emphasis

- Aging and the Environment
- Historical Interiors
- Interior Design Assessment Processes

Selected Publications, Recent Research and Presentations

- Ray-Degges, S. (2013). "Designing across the lifespan: Innovation for all." Extension Education Packet. State-wide Distribution. North Dakota Cooperative Extension Service.
- Ray-Degges, S. (Winter 2000-Summer 2010) "Designing for the Mature Market." American Society of Interior Designers. Nationally distributed Continuing Education Unit (CEU).

Professional Honors

- Director – Regions, Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), 2012 – present
- IDEC Board of Directors (Regions), 2011-2012
- IDEC Midwest Regional Chair, 2009-2011
- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Board of Directors - Professional Member, Minnesota Chapter, 2001-2002
- STEP Committee Chair (Co-Chair '99), ASID Minnesota Chapter, 1996-2002
- Secretary, ASID Minnesota Chapter, 1999-2001
- Professional Member to the Nominating Committee, ASID Minnesota Chapter, 1997-1998
- NCIDQ Chair, Out-of-State Liaison, ASID Minnesota Chapter
- Board of Directors, Professional Member, ASID Minnesota Chapter, 1995-1998

Licenses & Registrations

- Certified Interior Designer, State of Minnesota; Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design, Certificate #C00122 (1994-present)
- National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ), Certificate # 9663 (1991-present)

Professional Memberships & Associations

- American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Professional Member
- Environmental Interior Design Association (EDRA), Member
- Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), Professional Member
- North Dakota Interior Designers (NDID), Professional Member