

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 705 Environment and Aging
- ADHM 491 Inclusive Design Seminar

Teaching Experience

- Professor, Interior Design, North Dakota State University, 2016 - present
- Associate Professor, Interior Design, North Dakota State University, 2000-2016
- 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

- Hadjiyanni, T., Ray-Degges, S., & Faris, F. (2021, January 25-February 25). *When Places Speak. Exhibition*, [Memorial Union Gallery](#). This exhibition examines how design can disrupt sex trafficking, protect local communities from recruitment and support victims transitioning out of slavery.
- Ray-Degges, S. (Author & Presenter), Alsolami, A., Randall, S., & Routledge, J. (2020, October

2). *Museum as interactive spaces: Generating unique experiences for all*. IDEC Virtual Fall Symposium.

- Danielson, R. (Presenter), & Ray-Degges, S. (2020). *Aging in place among older adults with traumatic personal experiences: A scoping review*. GSA 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting [Poster Presentation]
- Fisher, E. & Ray-Degges, S. (2020, May). An artful stay: Thoughts on how to unit your design team during unusual circumstances. *Interiors and Sources*, 36(4), 52.
- Ray-Degges, S. (2020, Spring). Evidence based design: Past, present, and future *IDEC Exchange*, 1, 3-4. Retrieved from https://www.idec.org/files/public/IDEC_Exchange_2020_spring.pdf
- Ray-Degges, S. (2019, Fall). Message from the President. *IDEC Exchange*, 2, 3. Retrieved from https://www.idec.org/files/public/IDEC_Exchange_2019_Fall.pdf
- Ray-Degges, S. (Presenter), Strommen, J. (Author), Brown, L. (Author). (2019, October 24). "We have a problem: We are Educating the Wrong People," IDEC, Forging Ahead - 2019 Midwest Regional Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Brown, L.E., Strommen, J., & Ray-Degges, S. (2019). *Housing across the lifespan: Consumer knowledge, preference, and barriers*. South Dakota and NDSU Extension
- Ray-Degges, S., Trzruc, S., Degges, R., & McDaniel, S. (2018, March). *Unleashing student voices on a college campus: A post-occupancy evaluation for a STEM building in higher education*. Boston 2018: Human Centered Design, Interior Design Educators Council Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Professional Honors

- Interior Design Most Admired Educator, Design Intelligence, 2019
- ASID Fellow, 2019
- President (2019), Past President (2020), President-Elect (2018), Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC)
- Director – Regions, Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), 2012 – 2016
- 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, 1996-1998
- 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/Fellow
- Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), Professional Member
- North Dakota Interior Designers (NDID), Professional Member