

## **Bryan D. Orthel, PhD, FIDEC, NCIDQ, NCARB**

Bryan D. Orthel, PhD, is an associate professor and director of the Interior Design Program in the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design at Indiana University Bloomington. Dr. Orthel has made significant contributions to IDEC and the interior design body of knowledge, as well as continuous and meaningful positive impacts to interior design education. He has held numerous IDEC leadership positions, including as a member of the *IDEC Exchange* editorial team (2015-2019), IDEC Foundation's Board of Directors (2016-2022), the *Journal of Interior Design's* Board of Directors (*JID*, 2019-2024), and the IDEC Board of Directors (2024-present). His contributions have been collaborative, consistent, and visionary.

Dr. Orthel began his service to IDEC as an abstract reviewer for conferences in 2013. In the last decade, he has held prestigious and crucial positions with IDEC—specifically chair of the *JID* Board of Directors; president, executive vice president, and secretary of the IDEC Foundation Board of Directors; president-elect of IDEC; and editor-in-chief and associate editor of the *IDEC Exchange*. He has also been a reviewer for *JID* since 2017. Dr. Orthel's tenure as chair of the *JID* Board highlights his commitment to the advancement of the interior design body of knowledge as he strategized and guided *JID* through its transition to Sage Journals. His efforts to ensure *JID* was financially stable and positioned to grow as the publishing world changed were crucial to *JID's* success. Moreover, he often held more than one demanding service role within IDEC at a time, all while still contributing as a reviewer for *JID* and IDEC conference abstracts.

Dr. Orthel has authored or co-authored 30 peer- and editor-reviewed essays and articles exploring questions about heritage, the built environment, interior design education, and design thinking. Across his career, he has received more than \$163,000 in grants and awards. He has 50 conference presentations focused on heritage and design research and teaching-and-learning-based scholarship. Dr. Orthel has often participated as a conference panelist. Outside the university, Dr. Orthel taught design to high school students through the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program for 15 summers. He has supported undergraduate and graduate student research projects at Goucher College, Kansas State University, and Indiana University Bloomington. Under his guidance, 15 students have won awards or otherwise been recognized for quality design and research over the last ten years.

Dr. Orthel's dedication to interior design education includes the academic leadership workshops he co-chaired at the 2023 and 2024 IDEC conferences. He subsequently hosted virtual monthly calls to discuss issues related to higher education, leadership, and interior design with interested interior design program chairs and leaders.

Dr. Orthel's impact to the interior design profession through education, mentoring, service, and scholarship is evident through the students he has guided, the articles that he has published, the discourses he has led, the colleagues he has mentored, and the leadership roles he has held. His efforts in support of IDEC and the interior design profession have been sustained, significant, and meaningful in their effect on the lives of his students, peers, and colleagues.