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## **Induction of Amanda Gale into the IDEC Council of Fellows**

**CHICAGO, IL (February 1, 2026)**—Amanda Gale, Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina Greensboro's Department of Interior Architecture and Design, has been elected into the Council of Fellows of the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC). Dr. Gale has made sustained and significant contributions to IDEC, interior design education, and the profession of interior design. Her personal achievements, contributions to the body of knowledge, and the successes of her students embodies the excellence of a fellow.

Dr. Gale has achieved outstanding professional credentials, having earned qualifications through the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications and holding LEED and WELL accreditations. Academically, Dr. Gale has earned a Ph.D. with an emphasis in technology beyond her interior design degrees. Among a breadth and depth of peer reviewed scholarship, her commitment to sustainability is evident in the multiple awards for research presentations, publications, and funded investigations.

Her commitment to the interior design profession is observed through her sustained participation as an NCIDQ Exam Ambassador and Practicum Grader and her service on multiple task forces addressing emerging topics and seeking solutions. Dr. Gale has also held significant roles in the USGBC that include Regional Chair of Emerging Professionals among many other responsibilities. She has served IIDA and ASID regionally and nationally in leadership positions. Dr. Gale's particular interests in interior design organizations that are aligned with praxis focus on student opportunities to learn and later to transition into practicing interior designers.

As an educator, Dr. Gale has conducted research on the scholarship of teaching and learning and has worked to bridge the gap between the college campus and the workplace. She has received important funding to expand and deepen lighting curriculum, engaged students in professional travel, guided students to win both research and design awards regionally and nationally. Her graduate students have been recognized for the quality of their work. Dr. Gale's impact in the classroom and the studio reflect an exemplary design educator.

Regarding her study of the built environment and its impact on health and wellbeing, Dr. Gale (WELL AP) successfully addresses issues of significance, collaborates with peers across institutions, and mentors students through the research process. The foundation of her significant contributes are tied to the persistent issue of sustainability, particularly in

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assessing the impact of sustainability education and establishing an environmentally sensitive value system and associated habits in emerging designers. Her scholarship consistently receives conference awards, professional recognitions, and internal and external funding.

Particularly to her elected status as Fellow, Dr. Gale has demonstrated keen leadership within IDEC. An active member since 2011, Dr. Gale began her service as a regional conference reviewer and her impact grew through multiple task force appointments and through the coordination of national conference abstracts for five years. Her deep involvement led to two separate appointments on the Nominations Committee.

As her nominator states, “Dr. Amanda Gale is a dedicated teacher, keen observer of human and environmental relationships, and tireless volunteer regarding the quality of interior design education and practice. She has successfully and seamlessly integrated her interests in teaching and scholarship with service to professional organizations, and consistently disseminates her work to appropriate audiences.” Dr. Gale’s newly elected status as IDEC Fellow reflects a professional trajectory not at its end, but anticipates contributions and leadership yet to come.

## **About IDEC**

The Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) is a community of educators, researchers, and students of interior design committed to scholarship that shapes the future of the industry. IDEC’s mission is to enhance interior design by assisting educators with effective teaching resources and promoting research. For more information, visit [www.idec.org](http://www.idec.org).

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