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2026 Virtual Symposium - Celebrating Teaching Excellence

DAY 1 – Wednesday, November 4, 2026

9:45 am - 10:00 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Signature Session**

Preparing for an Evolving Industry [1.0 CEUs]

Keynote Speaker: Laura Constantin, NCIDQ, CID, CHID, NIHD, IIDA | Healthcare Client Leader | CannonDesign

11:05 am – 12:05 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 – Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations (Breakout Room 1)

1. Graduate Interior Design Studio: An Exploration of Animal Care Facility Design (11:05-11:35) [0.5 CEUs]
Jason Shields, MID - Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba
2. From the Design Challenge to the Design Concept: The Application of Designer Centric AI in Projects (11:35-12:05) [0.5 CEUs]
Daniel Ronderos, M. Arch - Instructor, The University of Alabama

Session 2 - Spark Presentations (Breakout Room 2)

1. Crates, Charrettes, and Chatbots: AI as Scaffold in Civic Studio (11:05-11:35) [0.5 CEUs]
Anna Gitelman, MDS, M. Arch - Associate Professor, Suffolk University
2. Sensing Empathy: Biometric-AI Feedback in VR Design Studios (11:35-12:05) [0.5 CEUs]
Lucy Trimarco, MS - Assistant Professor, Columbia College Chicago

12:05 pm – 12:25 pm **Lunch**

12:25 pm – 1:25 pm **Roundtable**

Perspectives in Practice and Academia [1.0 CEUs]

Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D., MS-CRM, RN - Nursing Institute for Healthcare Design, Assistant Professor, Montana State University
Sara Bayramzadeh, Ph.D. - Associate Professor, Coordinator/Elliott Professor, Health Care Design Program, Kent State University
Stephanie Fallon, MS, IIDA, CHID - American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers, Senior Interior Designer, The Beck Group
Moderated by: Laura Constantin, NCIDQ, CID, CHID, NIHD, IIDA Healthcare Client Leader, CannonDesign

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 3 – Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations (Breakout Room 1)

1. Augmented Reality: A Wood Joint Assignment (1:30-2:00) [0.5 CEUs]
Hoa Vo, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor, Indiana University Bloomington
2. From Food to Furniture to Full Interior (2:00-2:30) [0.5 CEUs]
Jessica Bonness, Associate Professor and Program Director, Interior Architecture + Design, Marymount University

Session 4 – Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations (Breakout Room 2)

1. The Environment Makes the Sound (1:30-2:00) [0.5 CEUs]

Erin Speck, M. Arch - Assistant Professor, George Washington University

2. Empathy in Interdisciplinary Service (2:00-2:30) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Beth McGee, Ph.D. – Associate Professor, Georgia Southern University

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Interactive Session

The Power of Space **[1.0 CEUs]**
Gerald Brown, Senior Consultant, Sales - Steelcase Learning

3:45 pm - 4:30pm Teaching Excellence Presentation

Beyond Biophilia: Expanding the Studio Toward Nature-Centered Design **[1.0 CEUs]**
Kendra Locklear Ordia, NCIDQ, ASID, IIDA, MID- Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2024 ASID Educator of the Year
2023 IDEC Teaching Excellence Award

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm Happy Hour Intermission

Take a short break and prepare to join us for a virtual happy hour. Bring your favorite beverage and get ready to connect and celebrate with colleagues!

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Introduction to Communities and Knowledge Networks

Welcome Message from the IDEC Director of Communities
Dana Vaux, Ph.D. - Associate Professor, University of Nebraska Kearney

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Community & Knowledge Network Happy Hour Breakout

Attend any session(s) from the list below

- Knowledge Network: Lighting – Hosted by *Stephanie McGoldrick*
- Knowledge Network: Residential Design – Hosted by *Denise McAllister*
- Knowledge Network: Technology & Emerging Tech – Hosted by *Daniel Ronderos*
- Southwest Region: Hosted by *Roxann O'Rourke*
- South Region: Hosted by *Laura Kimball*

Session Wrap-Up from the Knowledge Network Chair
Amy Huber, Ph.D. - Professor, Florida State University

6:00 pm Day 1 Closing Announcements

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DAY 2 – Thursday, November 5, 2026

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9:45 am - 10:00 am **Welcome to Day 2**

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Signature Session**

Excellence in Design Education: Adaptive Reuse and Historic Preservation [1.0 CEUs]

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Tucker, Ph.D., FIDEC, FASID, FIIDA, AIA, WELL AP, LEED-AP BD+C | Professor & Director of the Center for Historic Preservation, Virginia Tech

11:05 am – 12:05 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 5 - Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations (Breakout Room 1)

1. Sites of Learning (11:05-11:35) [0.5 CEUs]
Keena Suh, M. Arch – Professor, Pratt Institute
2. Construction Detailing: Field Trip (11:35-12:05) [0.5 CEUs]
Mengni Zhang, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Session 6 - Spark Presentations (Breakout Room 2)

1. Clear Paths, Complex Plans: Rethinking Space Planning Pedagogy (11:05-11:35) [0.5 CEUs]
Sarah Hathcock, MID - Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Chattanooga
2. Generating Beyond Data: Breaking AI Uniformity with Humanized Manipulation (11:35-12:05) [0.5 CEUs]
Randy Fernando – Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology

12:05 pm – 12:25 pm **Lunch**

12:25 pm – 1:25 pm **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

(Breakout Room 1)

Collaborative Trauma-Informed School Design as Studio Pedagogy
[1.0 CEUs]

Mia Kile, MFA- Associate Professor, The University of Oklahoma

Katelyn Bell – Licensed Interior Designer, MA+ Architecture

Adrea Edwards – Lecturer, The University of Oklahoma

Gary Armbruster – Principal Architect/Partner, MA+ Architecture

(Breakout Room 2)

Designing the Academic Career: Perspectives on Becoming an Interior Design Professor Across Institutional Types
[1.0 CEUs]

Tony Purvis, MFA – Professor and Associate Chair, SCAD

Lori Guerrero, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Auburn University

Moderated by: LaShaunda Calahan, D.S.L. – Assistant Professor, Abilene Christian University

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 7 – Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations (Breakout Room 1)

1. Hands on Exercises for Understanding of Five Human Factors in Interior Design (1:30-2:00) [0.5 CEUs]

Yongyeon Cho, MFA, MIA - Associate Professor, Iowa State University

2. Mapping Hostile Design (2:00-2:30) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Solmaz Kive, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor, University of Oregon

Session 8 – Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations [(Breakout Room 2)

1. Material Performance Report (1:30-2:00) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Stephanie Sickler, MFA - Associate Professor, Florida State University
2. Understanding Interdisciplinary Collaboration (2:00 -2:30) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Gloria Stafford, Ph.D. - Associate Professor, University of Northern Iowa

2:30 pm - 2:45pm Break

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 9 - Innovative Teaching Idea Presentations [(Breakout Room 1)

1. Sensory Learning Landscapes (2:45-3:15) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Tina Patel, MFA – Associate Professor, Kent State University
2. Abstraction from Nature (3:15-3:45) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Lauren Pillote, MA – Lecturer II, Central Michigan University

Session 10 - Spark Presentations (Breakout Room 2)

1. A Sensory Chair: Prompts for Adaptive Design (2:45-3:15) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Barbara Weinreich, M. Arch - Assistant Professor, Fashion Institute of Technology
2. Beyond the Pretty Room: Teaching Interior Design Through Story (3:15-3:45) **[0.5 CEUs]**
Sarah Hathcock, MID - Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Teaching Excellence Presentation

ASSIST: Collaborating for Rural Futures | Students, Communities, and Values-Driven Design [1.0 CEUs]
Nate Bicak, M. Arch- Associate Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2026 IDEC Teaching Excellence Award

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Welcome Message from the IDEC Communities Coordinator
Laura Morthland, MIA - Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

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- Knowledge Network - Creative Scholarship – Hosted by *Rina Naik & Anna Ruth Gatlin*
- East Region – Hosted by *Tania Branquinho*
- Midwest Region – Hosted by *Joan Kaufman*
- Pacific West Region - Hosted by Communities Coordinator *Laura Morthland*

Session Wrap-Up from the Knowledge Network Chair
Amy Huber, Ph.D. - Professor, Florida State University

6:00 pm

Symposium Closing