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Department of Engineering Technology  
Industrial Design Program

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MFA 1985 University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

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1991 - 2006

Curriculum  
Vitae

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**Present-1991 Western Washington University** Currently employed as a tenured, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Industrial Design in the Engineering Technology Department. Responsibilities include teaching, curriculum development, student advisement, program promotion, budget, space allocation, and adjunct faculty coordination.



**Present-1999 Recycled Garbage Art** Art studio established in 1999 based on creating art and products from recycled, reused, and reclaimed materials. Work is currently sold at Terzian Galleries, Park City, UT and shown at juried art shows throughout the US including Portland, OR; Salt Lake City, UT; Jackson Hole, WY; Sun Valley, ID; and Bellevue, WA.



**1991-1990 Brigham Young University** Employed for one year as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Industrial Design. Taught a total of ten materials courses. Teaching emphasis on design methodology, creative problem solving and a holistic design approach.



**1990-1985 Haworth, Inc.** Designed office systems furniture, seating, and related products for five years. Worked 2 years on the Advanced Concept Team designing the next generation office system and 3 years with the Venture Group working on long range projects such as computer integration with furniture, researching office work, special customer requests, and some showroom design.



**Present-1988 WOW design** Consulting studio established January 1988 with my wife who is a 1981 Product Design graduate from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. Projects include a gourmet apple juice processor, line of indoor electric vehicles, livestock feeding apparatus, industrial sludge drier, vacuum belt press, and a variety of corporate identities, museum exhibits, and signage.



**1990-1989 Kendall College of Art & Design** Taught as an evening adjunct instructor for a period of one year. Courses include sophomore level toasters, lighting, products for the human eye, and computer based products targeted for the design competitions.



**1985-1983 University of Illinois MFA** Graduated in 1985 with a Master's degree (MFA) in Industrial Design. Projects include medical equipment, backpack tent, and joint projects with Stryker Medical and AMF Bowling Division. Student member of the Human Factors Society. As a graduate assistant I taught Modelmaking and Marker Rendering for a total of four semesters.



**1984 Baxter Travenol Internship** Summer internship as a human factors specialist while a graduate student. Wrote a proposal to stand in line to the research findings. Became familiar with the defects of injection molded parts, lighting, and quality control.



**1982-1980 Spain** Served two years in the Barcelona, Spain Mission. Responsibilities included teaching and the building up of local churches. Some time was also spent teaching English classes. Also worked as an assistant to the mission president which included the training of 150 missionaries throughout Spain. Speak Spanish fluently and welcome opportunities to use it.



**1980-1979 Space Management Programs, Inc.** My first 'design job' out of college. I worked as a space planner, interior designer, and a draftsman for this medium sized, Chicago architectural firm. The accounts dealt primarily with financial institutions such as the Chicago Board of Trade, as well as with several advertising agencies such as J. Walter Thompson and Leo Burnett.



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

**1979-1976 Montana State University BFA** Graduated in 1979 with a BFA in Professional Design. Projects include several commercial projects. Courses outside of design include building construction, environmental controls, anthropometrics, and photography.



**Awards, Societies, and Interests** Served on the IDSA National Education Committee and as IDSA Western District Education representative. US design patents for an apple juice maker, a line of industrial electric vehicles, and a computer integrated desk. Interests include serigraphy, alpine skiing, sail boarding, mountain biking, snorkeling expeditions, and working with Boy Scouts.

# teaching

Course	Title	Cr	Qtr.	Year(s)
ETEC 110	Engineering Design Graphics	4	Spr	'99, '00
ETEC 214	Sophomore Industrial Design I	5	Win	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
ETEC 215	History of Industrial Design	3	Spr	'00, '01, '02, '03, '05, '06
ETEC 216	Sophomore Industrial Design II	5	Spr	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04
ETEC 305	CAD Animation	4	Spr	'01, '02
ETEC 311	Perspective & Rendering I (2 sections)	4	Fall	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
ETEC 314a	Junior Industrial Design I	5	Fall	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
ETEC 314b	Junior Industrial Design II	5	Win	'99, '00, '02, '03, '04
ETEC 314c	Junior Industrial Design III	5	Spr	'99, '04, '05, '06
ETEC 411/315	Perspective & Rendering II	4	Win	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
ETEC 300	Directed Independent Study	1-4	F/W/S	'99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06
ESTU 415	Planning for Sustainable Communities	4	S	'05, '06

## Student shows

IDSA Junior Show in Seattle 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005  
 2004 Scholar's Week presentation WWU  
 2002 Bellingham Business Forum, Bellingham, WA  
 2002 Junior ID Show at the IDSA Western District Conference Portland (invited)  
 2001 Junior ID Show at the IDSA Western District Conference Seattle (invited)

## Industry projects

iPod protective cases project for Brenthaven/Apple (\$2,000) 2005  
 Whatcom Museum Entrepreneurial Recycled Products Show 2004-05  
 Craig Vetter Scooter Project for Whatcom Museum Motorcycle Show 2005  
 Whatcom County Building Industry Association / Trade Show Booth ideas - Soph ID class 2004  
 PMI (Pacific Marketing International) Lunch carrier project for Alladin (\$3,000) 2004  
 Dana Designs (K2) Backpack concept development (gear for students) 2004  
 Radica Innovations toy project (\$4,000) 2002  
 Time Capsule Project for Bellingham 2000 and Mayor's Award for 3 ID students 2000  
 YMCA Ironwork project collaboration with welding students, PET program, and the community 2000  
 Elope Hats industry sponsored project designing point of purchase displays for hats & sunglasses 1999  
 Cascade Designs Therm-A-Rest sleeping pad graphic project 1999  
 Cascade Designs sponsored junior ID project for the SweetWater filter pump (\$1,000) 1999  
 Cascade Designs sponsored junior ID project for the Platypus collapsible water bottle (\$1,000) 1999  
 Quatro Composites sponsored sophomore ID project for seeing eye dog harness handle 1998  
 Flight Exhibit for the Whatcom Children's Museum 1998

## University projects

Water Purification and Waterbook project for Procter & Gamble/IDSA grant (\$40,000) 2005  
 Sustainable Architecture Show, Western Gallery for Western Washington University 2005  
 Bicycle Shelter design for Western Washington University 2003  
 Discovery Channel pilot project competing with Pratt Institute of Design 2002  
 Information Booth design for Western Washington University 2002  
 Collaborative Project with California College of Arts & Crafts entitled "From Trash to Cash" 2002

## Competitions

1st place student winner IDSA Western District Competition "PSU Skylight" Julia Carlson 2004  
 Braun International Design Competition 1st place Kristin Will for "Breathe" 2003  
 9 ID students received awards in the International Design Resource Competition 2000-02  
 "Design in the Fast Lane" Kristin Will chosen nationally for design team at RKS Design in LA 2001  
 Samsung Camera Design Competition 2nd place Julie Ko (trip to Seoul & CES/Las Vegas) 2000  
 National Housewares Manufacturer's Association Competition (2 student Honorable Mentions) 1999

## New courses taught

ETec 215 History of Industrial Design (transitioned all materials from 35mm slides to digital format)  
ETec 110 Engineering Graphics I (Rhino CAD software)  
ETec 305 CAD Animation (3D Studio Max animation software)  
ETec 397d Industrial Design CAD Skills (Rhino CAD software, Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator)

## Field trips

Chicago field trip (28 students) visiting design firms & schools 2005  
New York City field trip (30 students) visiting design firms & schools 2003  
San Francisco field trip (26 students) visiting design firms & schools 2002  
Berlin/Stuttgart field trip (24 students) visiting design firms & schools 2001  
New York City field trip (20 students) visiting design firms & schools 2000  
San Francisco field trip (30 students) visiting design firms & schools 1999

## Other educational opportunities

Junior ID Lakewood Challenge Course 1991-2005

# scholarly activity

## Published Papers/Presentations (refereed)

**“Zero Waste: Sustainable Product Design”**  
PNWIS Air & Waste Mgt. Assoc. Annual Conference 2005  
**“Eat Your Leftovers, Don’t Pee in the Pool, and Get Life Insurance!”**  
ICSID International Conference, Hanover, Germany September 2003  
**“Doing More With Less: Sustainable Product Design”**  
IDSA First Joint US/China Industrial Design Educator Conference Beijing, China May 2002  
**“Elusive Aesthetics; Can Taste Be Taught?”**  
IDSA National Educator’s Conference, New Orleans, LA August 2000  
**“In Search of Soul”**  
IDSA National Educator’s Conference Long Beach, CA September 1998

## Presentations (invited)

**“Waterbook”** IDSA National Conference Washington D.C. (presented w/ Ethan Smith) 2005  
**“Waterbook”** IDSA National Education Conference Alexandria, VA (presented w/ Ethan Smith) 2005  
**“Zero Waste”** Turning Points Faculty Lecture Series Western Washington University 2004  
**“Sustainable Design in the U.S.”** Tokyo Big Site 2002  
**“Sustainable Solutions”** Eco-Expo, Tokyo 2002  
**“Designs for the Human Mind”** Nakama XIV Conference at Whatcom Community College 2002  
**“Mind Mapping”** Huxley College of the Environment Fall retreat presentation 2002  
**“Using Both Sides of the Brain”** Food Marketing Institute Conference-Miami Beach, FL 2002  
**“Exhibit Design for Museums”** Washington Association of Museums Conf., Bellingham, WA 2002  
**“Mind Mapping”** Washington Association of Museums 2001  
**“Beyond Brainstorming”** Northwest Design Association, Whatcom/Skagit County 2001  
**“Feng Shui”** Northwest Design Association, Allied Arts, Bellingham, WA 2000

## Published Articles

**“New School Thinking”** Innovation article (IDSA Quarterly Magazine) 2005  
Various IDSA NW Chapter newsletter articles published 1991-02

## Grants

**“Water Purification Concepts and Waterbook”** for Procter & Gamble/IDSA grant (\$40,000) 2005  
**“IDRA sustainable design collection”** acquisition of over 200 products 2005  
**“Presidential Workstation Grant”** Western Washington University 2003  
**“Sustainable Product Design”** WWU Teaching Grant for Summer 2002  
**“Computer-Aided Design Animation”** WWU Faculty Development Grant for Summer 2000

## Design/Consulting Work

<b>"Spine Exhibit"</b> Muncie Children's Museum, IN	2002
<b>"Senses Exhibit"</b> Muncie Children's Museum, IN	2001
<b>"Century of Automobiles Exhibit"</b> Whatcom Museum of History & Art, Bellingham	2000
<b>"Power Supply Redesign"</b> Alpha Technologies, Bellingham	2000
<b>"Mass Transit Information Kiosks"</b> Three Sixty Productions, Bellingham	2000
<b>"Trade Show Booth"</b> Bicycle Show/Las Vegas for Reynolds Bicycle Tubing, San Diego	1998

## Competition Juror

<b>"6th International Design Resource Awards Competition"</b> Kanagawa, Japan	2002
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## Shows/Exhibitions

<b>"Bellevue Art Museum Fair"</b> Bellevue, WA; recycled metal baskets	2000-05
<b>"Art in the Pearl"</b> Portland, OR: found object masks/recycled metal baskets/graffiti art	2005
<b>"Utah Arts Festival"</b> Salt Lake City, UT: found object masks/recycled metal baskets	2005
<b>"Craig Vetter Scooter Project"</b> for Whatcom Museum Motorcycle Show	2005
<b>"Mountain Artist's Rendezvous"</b> Jackson Hole, Wyoming; found object masks/metal baskets	2004
<b>"Kimball Arts Festival"</b> Park City, UT; found object masks and recycled metal baskets	2004
<b>"Sun Valley Arts &amp; Crafts Fair"</b> Garbage Art: recycled metal baskets and resin bowls	2003-04
<b>"Design With Memory"</b> Recycled baskets exhibition (Belfast, Tokyo, Sapporo, Osaka, NY)	2001-02
<b>"Allied Arts"</b> Invited Artist's from Whatcom County	2002
<b>"Whatcom Museum of History &amp; Art"</b> Bellingham, WA; gallery/store	2002-04
<b>"Whatcom Artist's Studio Tour"</b> Bellingham, WA; Garbage Art: recycled metal baskets	2000-01

## Galleries

<b>"Terzian Galleries"</b> Park City, UT	2005-06
<b>"Mindport Gallery"</b> Bellingham, WA Graffiti Art	2005
<b>"Wild Rose Gallery"</b> Santa Rosa, CA	2001
<b>"IDEE"</b> store/gallery Tokyo, Japan	1999

## Awards

<b>"Mayor's Art Award"</b> City of Bellingham, WA	2005
<b>"Bellevue Art Museum Fair"</b> Bellevue, WA Best Booth Award	2001
<b>"International Design Resource Awards"</b> 1st Place Award baskets/recycled metal banding	2001
<b>"Bellevue Art Museum Fair"</b> Bellevue, WA Best of Show and Best Booth Award	2000
<b>"International Design Resource Awards"</b> 2nd Place Award for woven recycled metal baskets	1998

## Conferences

IDSA National Conference Washington D.C.	2005
IDSA National Educator's Conference, Alexandria, VA	2005
IDSA Western District Conference Vancouver, B.C. Canada	2005
IDSA Western District Conference San Francisco	2004
IDSA Western District Conference Pasadena, CA	2003
IDSA First Joint US/China Industrial Design Educator Conference in Beijing, China	2002
IDSA Western District Conference Portland, OR	2002
IDSA National Educator's Conference, New Orleans, LA	2002
Bellingham Business Forum, Bellingham, WA	2002
IDSA Western District Conference Seattle, WA	2001
International Symposium on Ecologically Sustainable Design, Seattle, WA	2001
Washington Museum Association Annual Conference, Bellingham, WA	2001
IDSA Western District Conference Paso Robles, CA	1999
IDSA National Educator's Conference Long Beach, CA	1998

# service

## University Committees/Service

Academic Standing Committee

Western Preview panelist/presenter

Discovery Day regular panelist throughout year

1999-06

## Departmental Committees

Engineering Technology Scholarship Committee

Engineering Technology Curriculum Committee

Engineering Technology Facilities Committee

Engineering Technology Search Committee

## Program Service

NASAD Accreditation (first accreditation of our program)

2001

Completed new industrial design web page with student collaboration

2001-03

Industrial Design Program Academic Adviser (100+ students)

1991-03

IDSA Student Chapter Adviser

1991-06

New course: ETec 312 Industrial Design CAD Skills

2002

## Community Service

**"Mind Mapping"** presentation (ACUI Region 14 Conference) September

2003

**"Industrial Design at Western Washington University"** Career Fair-Anacortes High School

2003-04

**"Industrial Design: a Profession"** presentation at Sehome High School

2002

**"Industrial Design: a Profession"** presentation at Art class at Ferndale High School

2002

**"Industrial Design as a Career"** presentation at Career Fair at Ferndale H.S.

2002

**"Careers for Artists"** presentation at Career Day Whatcom Museum of History & Art

2000-01

**"Engineering Technology & Industrial Design"** presentation at Everett Community College

2001

**"Mind Mapping"** presentation at Bellingham Rotary Club (WWU Speaker's Bureau)

2001

**"Friday Forum"** speaker WWU-LDS Institute of Religion

2000-01

**"Mind Mapping"** presentation at Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (WWU Speaker's Bureau)

1999

**"Invention"** presentation at Custer Middle School Invention Fair

1999

**"Harmony Elementary Invention Fair"** presenter and judge

1998-99

**"Assistant Scout Master"** Troop #3

1998-06