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#### **Education**

Bachelor of Design Interior Design, University of Florida

> 1995 Magna Cum Laude (School of Architecture)

Certifications Evidence-based Design Accreditation and Certification 2010

> Interior Design Certification (CA) 2008 LEED 2.0 Accredited Professional 2004

**NCIDQ 1997** 

**Proficiencies** AutoCAD 2012; Revit Architecture 2012; Microsoft Office software;

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, In Design

#### **Work Experience**

# References upon request

Contract Interior Design services

Project management; staffing management; design and coordination; field coordination; construction documentation; FF&E documentation

Perkins Eastman 5/2012 - present

Marin General Hospital 3/2012 - present11/2011 – 12/2011 Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill

3/2011 – 9/2011 Cannon Design (previously Millican Jones)

(name withheld; residential work) 1/2011 – 11/2011

### Sr. Designer / Project Manager

# **Stantec (previously Anshen + Allen)** (Healthcare focus)

2006 - 2/2011Associate 2008 San Francisco

In-house interiors expert in sustainable design and healthcare interior design. Lead unique traveling demonstration exhibit of sustainable- and evidence-based design in a complete mock up of an acute care recovery room. Speak at trade conferences and webinars. Secure Owner approvals for interior scope of work at risk of being removed from contract (two different clients). Create firm-wide tool for tracking and selecting green materials and furniture. Develop and facilitate 50+ person visioning session with Owner and design team. Develop Request For Proposal for \$5mil FF&E project, and evaluate proposals (public bid). Link to publications: Treehugger Sept 2008, click here for video interview

#### Sr. Designer / Project Manager 1999 - 2006

# **Perkins & Will** (Corporate and Healthcare focus)

Develop and implement design featured on cover of Jain Malkin's book "A Visual Reference for Evidence Based Design." Lead interiors team in construction documentation and coordination with MEP consultants. Develop and implement lighting concepts. Secure approval from Alabama state official for custom through-wall millwork in an ICU unit. Reduce and resolve outstanding contractor change orders, as related to a publicly funded project. Commercial project published in Facility

Design Magazine.

#### Sr. Designer / Project Manager 1997 - 1999

# **Leo A Daly** (Corporate focus)

Atlanta

Atlanta

Use pictorial programming method with Owner to develop build-to-suit commercial building. Utilize Owner's typicals and building-required standards. Expedite permit drawings.

# Designer

#### **Design Continuum, Inc.** (Hospitality focus)

1995 - 1997Atlanta

Emphasis on hand drafting and CAD skills. Produce presentation boards, develop design concepts, design custom furniture and carpet, select and specify FF&E.

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Other

**Re: Think** Founder, Author

Green Advisor; author of forthcoming book; public speaking

2006 - Present

International Institute for Bau-Biologie® & Ecology

EcoDwell newsletter, circulation 5,000; monthly

Editor 2011

**University of Berkeley Extension** 

Lecturer

Art and Design program; undergraduate healthcare design studio

2011 summer term

Academy of Art University

Interior Architecture and Design Program; Graduate level retail design studio, Undergraduate sustainable design lecture

Lecturer, Graduate Advisor

2007 - 2011

San Francisco State University

Interior Design CFS/D program, undergraduate

Guest Lecturer 2007, 2010

**Georgia State University** 

Interior Design Program;

Adjunct Professor

2004 - 2005

Undergraduate design studio, various project types

I believe in a holistic, interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to design. Design integration that taps into everyone's expertise promotes innovation and enhances the overall project with true added value.

**Design Statement** 

The successful design finds balance in the myriad priorities and blends all not into a meager compromise but into a true solution that is larger than its parts.

I whole-heartedly agree with Sandra Mendler, principal with Mithun, who has said that as a society, and as a nation, we are "misusing our affluence." As a designer I am in a position to educate our clients, educate our consultants, and educate my colleagues and the public about why environmental design is responsible design. I am deeply moved toward this end, to actively search out what is truly the best solution (material, product, system, process) for the design problem at hand.

My creative process is a circling of ideas, spiraling in toward that unknown but imminent spark that drives the engine of the design industry. After the initial shuffling of thoughts, drawing and redrawing, the design emerges as a flag. Making the parti known and supported by the team is the real challenge. As a creative person, I tend toward the less-explored avenues of design; as a team-builder and natural mediator, I tend toward the practical. These tendencies of mine are often at odds; it is my personal challenge to allow my instincts to be heard; to make my ideas understandable to others; not to compromise too quickly.

To maintain my interest, motivation, and enthusiasm I strive to surround myself with other creative thinkers while being actively involved in challenging projects, always learning. Regular exposure to new ideas and other ways of looking at issues satisfies my constant curiosity about the world, while making me a better designer.