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Education

Doctoral Candidate (ABD), Consumer and Design Sciences, Auburn University

M.S. Consumer and Design Sciences, Auburn University, 2013

B.S. Interior Design, Auburn University, 2007

Summary

Kelly Martin is an Interior Design Lecturer and doctoral candidate at Auburn University with a variety of professional experience in residential and commercial interior design. She has lived and worked in Auburn, Birmingham, New York, and San Francisco, with experience ranging from work at a Top 20 Interior Design Giant in Healthcare Design to starting her own small business in residential interior design. She has university experience in teaching and advising interior design students, coordinating student services, and recruiting for human sciences majors. Her doctoral research investigates the impact of residential interior design features on maternal mental health in the postpartum time period. She has taken graduate coursework in consumer psychology, research methodology, survey design, data analysis, branding, environmental design theory, and health disparities.

Teaching

Kelly has taught a variety of courses in the Interior Design program including CADS 5407: Honors Healthcare Interior Design, CADS 5400: Interior Design for Health and Wellness, CADS 3100: Lighting, Mechanical, and Environmental Systems, CADS 2100: Interior Design Studio: Space Planning and Process, CADS 1100: Technical Design of Interior Design, and CADS 1000: Introduction to Interior Design. She also has experience teaching the UNIV 1000 learning community course for first-year students. In teaching interior design lecture and studio courses, Kelly focuses on the skills students need to succeed professionally in the field as well as a broader focus on how interior designers can make a positive impact on human health and wellbeing. She enjoys interdisciplinary collaboration and often brings guest speakers from areas outside of the department into the classroom, for example having nutrition and health equity experts provide an introduction to broader societal issues that impact interior design. Kelly also collaborates with outside firms for studios in order to bring a current professional perspective and additional mentoring to students. She enjoys high impact teaching practices such as getting students out of the classroom on field trips to visit design firms, participate in student career development events, and visit inspiring buildings and construction sites in progress.

Research

Kelly's doctoral research investigates the potential impact of interior design features of the home on the mental health and wellbeing of mothers in the postpartum period, with a focus on maternal morbidity (injury or illness related to pregnancy or postpartum), health equity, and accessible design. Her dissertation has been accepted for a stand-up presentation at the 2023 Interior Design Educators Council National Conference. Research from her Master's thesis focused on the impact of hospital healing gardens on satisfaction and behavioral intentions toward the hospital among visitors to a surgical center at a major Southeastern hospital. She has also contributed to SOTL research in interior design.

Selected Publications (Academic):

- **Martin, K.**, Nanu, L., Kwon, W. S., & Martin, D. (2021). Small garden, big impact: Emotional and behavioral responses of visitors to a rooftop atrium in a major hospital. *HERD: Health Environments Research & Design Journal*, 14(3), 274-287.
- Gale, A., Martin, D., **Martin, K.**, & Duffey, M. (2014). The burnout phenomenon: A comparative study of student attitudes towards collaborative learning and sustainability. *Journal of Interior Design*, 39(1), 17-31.

Selected Publications (Trade):

- **Martin, K.** (Winter 2022). Diverse and Equitable Historic Preservation in Alabama. *ALDesign.online. The e-magazine for interior design in Alabama*, Published by ASID. Retrieved from <https://aldesign.online/historic-preservation/>
- **Martin, K.** (August 2021). A Call to Action Regarding Accessible Home Design. *ALDesign.online. The e-magazine for interior design in Alabama*, Published by ASID. Retrieved from <https://aldesign.online/a-call-to-action/>
- **Martin, K.** (March 2021). Health Equity through Interior Design. *ALDesign.online. The e-magazine for interior design in Alabama*, Published by ASID. Retrieved from <https://aldesign.online/elementor-712/>
- **Martin, K.** (May 2021). Travel, Interior Design, and Anthony Tucci. *ALDesign.online. The e-magazine for interior design in Alabama*, Published by ASID. Retrieved from aldesign.online/travel_and_interior_design/

Professional Memberships: IDEC, ASID, IIDA, ADDA, USGBC

Selected Honors and Awards Since 2016: Design Intelligence 25 Most Admired Educators, national award honoring excellence in architecture and design education (2018); Excellence in Teaching Award, Mortar Board Honor Society, Auburn University chapter (2018)