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### Education

Ph.D., Clemson University, 2014, Planning, Design, and the Built Environment

M.C.P., Auburn University, 2009, Master of Community Planning (Urban Design track)

B.S., Auburn University, 2007, Interior Design

### Teaching Summary

Dr. Duffey is passionate about linking the classroom to professional practice through real-world design projects through annual firm-studio partnerships. Primarily teaching in residential and hospitality design, Dr. Duffey has partnered with global offices such as, Meyer Davis, TSB Architecture, Champalimaud and Marriott International, in order to expose students to wide range of project types in various locations across the world. Students are exposed to project site visits, architecture and design firm office visits, and guest speakers across the disciplines of residential and hospitality design. Additionally, her courses focus on taking projects from Pre-Design to Design Development with an emphasis in concept development through a story telling narrative approach. She has also taught in the areas of technical drawing and computer aided design, Building Information Modeling (BIM) and history, theory and criticism of interior design. Her efforts in teaching have been recognized in at the university, state and national level through various organizations including: Auburn University, ASID Alabama Chapter, and Design Intelligence.

### Research Summary

Dr. Duffey scholarly interests are in users' perceptions of contemporary public space. This work has led to interests in various types of public spaces both indoor and outdoor; examining how public spaces have evolved and serve society as new types of technologies emerge. A few selected publications below showcase the work in various venues and national conferences. Creative scholarship endeavors have centered on interventions in public space – a public space seat with charging capabilities – and other digital visualization tools for interior design practice that examine the design of residential homes and connection to place.

### Selected Publications

- Gale, A., Duffey, M., Park-Gates, S., & Peek, P. (2017). Soft skills versus hard skills: Practitioners' perspectives on interior design interns. *Journal of Interior Design*, 42, 45-63. doi:[10.1111/joid.12105](https://doi.org/10.1111/joid.12105).
- Duffey, M. & Gale, A. (2015). Indoor or Outdoor: Free Wi-Fi and new patterns of behavior for privately owned public space. *Space and Communication*, 1(1), 69-78. doi: [10.15340/2148172511919](https://doi.org/10.15340/2148172511919).
- 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, 17-31. doi:[10.1111/joid.12022](https://doi.org/10.1111/joid.12022)

### Selected Juried Design Exhibition OR Refereed Proceedings

- Duffey, M. (2022). Contact with materials: A texture study. Juried and exhibited at IDEC Regional Conference, Spartanburg, SC.
- Duffey, M. (2022). Student success and placement: A look at student experiences during their internship pre and post pandemic. IDEC National Conference (virtual).
- Duffey, M. (2020). Space and society: The contemporary role of media in public space. EDRA National Conference (virtual)
- Duffey, M. (2017). Place-ness or place-less: Addressing place in private residence design. Juried by and exhibited at the Interior Design Education Council (IDEC) national conference, Chicago, IL. Retrievable at: <https://www.idec.org/files/2017%20Conference%20Proceedings.pdf>

**Professional Memberships:** IDEC, EDRA, ASID, IIDA, USGBC

### Selected Honors and Awards since 2016:

DesignIntelligence's 25 Most Admired Architecture & Design Educators (2017 & 2018); Dr. Mary Ann Potter Outstanding Educator Award, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Alabama State Chapter (2018); Auburn Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award (2018); National Student Chapter of the Year, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID): Student Chapter Winners (2018), Finalist (2020, 2019, 2017); Best Marketing and Design, Auburn University Involve: Winners (2019 & 2021), Finalist (2018, 2017); Interior Design Education Council (IDEC) Service Award, Service Collaborative Awards Co-Chair (2019-2022)