



MEIRAV GOLDHOUR, Ed.D

Professor of Interior Design

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Education

Ed.D, Converse University, 2024, Professional Leadership

H.P. The University of Georgia, 2017, Historic Preservation Graduate Studies Certificate.

M.F.A., The University of Georgia, 2017, Interior Design.

B. Design (Int.) School of Design and Innovation, Collage of Management, 2011, Interior Design.

Summary

Dr. Meirav Goldhour has had various experiences throughout her interior design career, nationally and internationally. She gained experience in residential design, commercial design, adaptive reuse, historic preservations, community outreach, and commercial furniture. Goldhour served for two years in the Israel Defense Force (IDF) as a Physical Trainer-Combat Support in an elite paratroopers' unit, where she met her husband Dotan, a fellow soldier. Following her military service, Goldhour pursued her undergraduate degree in interior design. Shortly after, she completed her MFA in interior design from the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia (UGA). While working part-time for Archway Partnership in adaptive reuse for commercial historic buildings, Goldhour advanced her education by pursuing a professional certificate in Historic Preservations through the College of Environment and Design at UGA.

For five years, Dr. Goldhour was an interior design professor and program coordinator at Converse University, Spartanburg, SC. While at Converse, Goldhour initiated collaborations between students and the industry, providing interior design undergraduates with real-world experience. Some of the projects included a renovation for a prefabricated building hosting a Bruery in Las Vegas, Nevada, The Chabad Jewish Center of Greenville, SC, two dormitories and lobby space on Converse University's campus, the Spartanburg Area of Mental Health Clinic, and a poster presentation at a summit in Greenville Memorial Hospital, SC, where Goldhour performed collaborative research at the time with the behavioral health professionals. During her career at Converse University, Goldhour integrated sophisticated design software, such as virtual reality and video editing, into the curriculum to improve students' presentations and create an immersive experience. She has furthered her education and completed an Ed.D in Professional Leadership while researching the impact of interior design on emotional and cognitive well-being in higher education. The topic of well-being in the design environment is an area of interest she plans to develop for further research. This year, Goldhour has been appointed to serve as a Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) reviewer and assist in accrediting and reaccrediting interior design programs.

In addition, Dr. Goldhour enjoys architectural illustrations and watercolor painting. She developed short-term classes with illustrations and watercolor techniques to pass along this hobby and skills to her students.

Awards:

Rise Symposium Best Research Poster Award, 2024

Doctoral and graduate research

Art and Design Pilot Grant Award, 2022

Virtual Reality Technology for Immersive Education in Interior Design.

Carrie Cathcart Owings '33 Professor of Interior Design, 2021

Endowment award: <https://www.converse.edu/faculty/2021/12/endowed-professorships-in-fine-arts/>

Research Experience Enrichment Program (REEP), 2018

Faculty Leader Award

Featured projects:

Improving Quality of Life Through Design, Converse University Magazine, Fall 2019 Issue.

Dynamic New Home for Converse Athletics Inaugural Esports Program, Converse University Magazine, Fall 2021 Issue.

Converse Students Redesigning Spartanburg Mental Health Center Lobby, The Herald Journal, 2019