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Education

Master of Fine Arts (MFA), The Florida State University, 2010, Interior Design

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Dillard University, 2005, International Business/Spanish Language

Summary

Professor Taneshia West Albert, MFA, IDEC, EDAC, NCIDQ, ASID, USGBC is an enthusiastic, award-winning educator and design practitioner. Her research and creative scholarship explores: cultural identity, meaning and trauma; diversity and inclusion; and methods to increase intercultural competency in design education and practice. Her design career is focused on design for healthcare environments, corporate interiors, and higher education spaces with a unique background in Medical Equipment Planning and Facilities Design and Construction. Her community service- both in and outside of the university in which she is employed- focuses on issues of inclusion, diversity, and equity within design education and the design profession of historically underrepresented group, specifically those: from marginalized ethnic groups; who are uniquely physical and cognitively abled; and who are lower socioeconomic groups.

Selected Publications:

- **Albert, T.W.** and Tan, L. (2021). Through the house of slaves: A memorial to the origins of the Black diaspora, *Art & the Public Sphere Journal* DOI 10(1), 17-37 https://doi.org/10.1386/aps_00046_1
- **Albert, T.W.** and Tan, L. (2020), The Slave House as Symbolic Artifact. *Journal of Interior Design*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/joid.12184>
- Albert, T. W., & Hong, M. (2017, April 5). Exploring the Designed Environment and Human Behavior Course to Enhance Student Competencies in Interior Design. Retrieved from <http://gauisus.weebly.com/westalbert-volume5.html>
- Tan, L., Hong, M., & **Albert, T. W.** (2017). Improving Student Commitment to Healthcare-Related Design Practice by Improving the Studio Learning Experience. *Health Environments Research & Design Journal (HERD)* (Sage Publications, Ltd.), 10(5), 127-142. doi:10.1177/1937586717713733

Selected Juried Design Exhibition OR Refereed Proceedings:

- **Albert, T.** & Gatlin, A.R. (2022). This is interior design. Juried by and exhibited at the Interior Design Educator's South Regional Conference, Spartanburg, SC.
- Albert, T. W., et al. (2019). Design as art- Packing the box to unpack sensory design. Interior Design Educators Council South Regional Conference, Auburn, AL.
- **Albert, T. W.**, and Tan, L. (2018, October) Community through Trauma. Interior Design Educators Council Midwest Regional Conference, Lexington, KY.
- **Albert, T. W.**, and Tan, L. (2018, September 28) The Door of No Return and Limitation into Freedom. Interior Design Educators Council South Regional Conference, Miami, FL.

Professional Practice Experience & Positions Held

- Albert/West Design Consulting, Owner, 2016-Present
- ARCH Design: Artwork & Framing, Design Director, 2014 – 2016
- Ochsner Health System, Equipment Planner/Interior Designer, 2012- 2014
- The Library of Congress, Interior Designer, 2010 – 2012
- Florida State University, Interior Designer- Contract Employee, 2010- 2010

Professional Certifications: NCIDQ, EDAC, CQ

Professional Memberships: CDIQ, IDEC, ASID, USGBC

Selected Honors and Awards since 2016:

Ones to Watch Award and Scholar, American Society of Interior Design (2021); Presidential Award, Interior Design Educator Council (2021); Service Award, Interior Design Educator Council (2021); Best Presentation, Culture Through Trauma, IDEC Midwest Conference. 1st place winner (2018)