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EDUCATION

2012

University of Texas Austin / School of Architecture

M.I.D., Master of Interior Design

Thesis: "Guidelines and Considerations for Biophilic Interior Design in Healthcare Environments"

2006

University of Nebraska Lincoln / College of Architecture

B.S.D., Bachelor of Science in Design

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

2025 - current

State of Nebraska - Registered Interior Designer (RID) #027

2008 - current

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners - Registered Interior Designer (RID) in Texas #10794

2008 - current

National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) #024452

2008 - current

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP)

Building Design and Construction specialty

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2019 - current

University of Nebraska Lincoln / College of Architecture

Interior Design Department

Tenure Track Assistant Professor

2020 - 2026

Merle & Trula Bachman Professorship in Health Care Design

2015 - 2018

Texas State University / School of Family and Consumer Science

Interior Design Department

Tenure Track Assistant Professor

2012 - 2015*

Kansas State University / College of Architecture, Planning, and Design

Interior Architecture and Product Design Department

Tenure Track Assistant Professor

**Remote appointment 2013-2015*

2011 - 2012

University of Texas Austin / School of Architecture

Lab Instructor; Research and Teaching Assistant

2011

University of Nebraska Lincoln / College of Architecture

Interior Design Department

Adjunct Instructor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2019

Perkins + Will (formerly Lauckgroup) / Dallas & Austin, Texas

Senior Interior Designer, Associate

2013 - 2015

Gensler / Austin, Texas

Interior Designer

2012

Glass and Dangel / Austin, Texas

Freelance Interior Designer

2011

Rhode Partners / Austin, Texas

Freelance Interior Designer

2006 - 2011

CallisonRTKL (formerly RTKL Associates) / Dallas, Texas & Los Angeles, California

Interior Designer

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS

2025 - 2028	IDCEC National Board of Directors / Treasurer
2024 - 2027	ASID National Board of Directors / Director at Large
2019 - 2025	IDEC Foundation Board / Treasurer, Director at Large

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2017 - 2018; 2020 - current	American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) #2005421 / Professional Member
2012 - 2015; 2019 - current	Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) #51867 / Member
2006 - 2015; 2021 - current	International Interior Design Association (IIDA) #378187 / Professional Member

AWARDS & HONORS

2020 - 2022	American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Ones to Watch / Award Winner and Scholar
2012	Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) Foundation Graduate Scholars Grant / Recipient
2011	John S. Chase Endowed Presidential Scholarship, University of Texas Austin / Recipient
2011	Lake/ Flato Endowed Scholarship, University of Texas Austin, School of Architecture / Recipient
2011	ASID Foundation Legacy Scholarship for Graduate Students / Recipient
2010	Student Project Finalist Award, Hospitality Design Magazine / Award Winner
2010	University of Texas School of Architecture Design Excellence Award, Fall / Award Winner
2010	IIDA TX/OK Chapter Tuition Reimbursement Grant / Recipient

TEACHING

COURSES PREPARED & CURRICULUM DEVELOPED

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA LINCOLN

SP 25	IDES 220 - Graphics & Representation
SU 23; SU 24	IDES 395 - Professional Internship
SP 23; SP 24	IDES 486/886 - Evolving Issues
SU 20; SU 21; SU 22	IDES 491/891 - Contract Furniture
SP 20; SP 21; SP 22; SP 23; SP 24; SP 25	IDES 411 - Capstone Studio
FA 19; FA 20; FA 21; FA 22; FA 23; FA 24	IDES 300 - Interior Design Materials
FA 19; FA 20; FA 21; FA 22; FA 23; FA 24	IDES 310 - Studio III
SP 11	IDES 458/858 - The Changing Workplace

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

FA 17; SP 18	ID 3320 - Design Graphics 2 + Portfolio Design
SP 16; FA 17	ID 3322 - Studio I - Residential Design
FA 16; SP 17	ID 4120 - Portfolio Design
FA 15; SP 16; FA 16	ID 4323 - Studio IV - Contemporary Issues in Design

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

SU 15	IAPD 406/830 - Sustainable Design
SP 15; SU 15	IAPD 644/664 & IAPD 645/665 - Internship & Internship Report
SP 13; SP 15	IAPD 628 - Building Construction Systems in Interior Architecture
FA 14	IAPD 815 - Advanced Studio Programming
SU 13	IAPD 406/IMSE 602, MNGT 440 - Innovation Bootcamp
FA 12; FA 14	IAPD 406 - Digital Hybrid Drawing Techniques
FA 12	IAPD 801 - Design Studio V: Workplace Interiors

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SU 2020	UGEP 291 - The COVID-19 Pandemic: Effects on Industries, People, and Society University of Nebraska - Lincoln Week 4 Topic Instructor: Social Distancing and Its Impact on Outdoor Spaces and the Built Environment Co-developed week content with Prof. Dan Piatkowski
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SP 2014	ARI 530T – Design Studio VI Interiors - Coworking University of Texas Austin School of Architecture Gensler Studio Collaborator and Guest Critic Prof. Tamie Glass
SP 2012	ARI 434K – Construction II: Interior Materials and Assemblies University of Texas School of Architecture Lab Instructor Prof. Tamie Glass
SP 2011; SP 2012	ARI 530T – Design Studio VI Interiors University of Texas Austin School of Architecture Teaching Assistant/ Revit Instructor Prof. Carl Matthews; Prof. Tamie Glass
SP 2011	ARI 434K – Construction II: Interior Materials and Assemblies University of Texas Austin School of Architecture Meadows Grant Research Assistant; Teaching Assistant Prof. Tamie Glass
THESIS & DIRECTED STUDENT LEARNING	
FA 22; SP 23	Co-Mentor, M.Arch Thesis, “Beyond Dualities of Place” Master of Architecture, College of Architecture, University of Nebraska- Lincoln Student: Keleigh Ketelhut, M.ARCH
SP 22	Independent Study, MSID Thesis Preparation Interior Design Program, College of Architecture, University of Nebraska- Lincoln Student: Anna Headlee, Dual Graduate, M.S.I.D + M.S.C.R.P
SP 21	Member, Honors Capstone, “Education, Ecology, Empathy: Spaces for Youth to Connect to Nature” Department of Landscape Architecture, Fay Jones School of Architecture, University of Arkansas Student: Joshua Braden, B.LAR
SP 14	Member, Master’s Thesis, “Transforming Abandoned Schools into Community Life Centers” Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, Kansas State University. Student: Amanda Barker, Graduate, M.I.A.P.D.
SP 13	Member, Master’s Thesis, “Home Recycling Center: Revolve” Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, Kansas State University. Student: Audrey George, Graduate, M.I.A.P.D.
SP 13	Member, Master’s Thesis, “Free-Standing Birth Center Design” Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, Kansas State University. Student: Jessica Motz, Graduate, M.I.A.P.D.
SP 13	Member, Master’s Thesis, “Holistic Center for Weight Management and Control” Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, Kansas State University. Student: Nadia Aguayo, Graduate, M.I.A.P.D.
SP 13	Member, Master’s Thesis, “Adaptive Reuse in Rural Kansas” Department of Interior Architecture and Product Design, College of Architecture, Planning, and Design, Kansas State University. Student: Whitney Dunn, Graduate, M.I.A.P.D.

INVITED LECTURER, CRITIC OR JUROR

2025	Invited Critic, Final Advanced Design Reviews (Architecture and Interior Design) University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture + Design Instructor: Lisa Skiles, AIA
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2024	Invited Critic, Final Interior Design Reviews Kent State University - College of Architecture & Environmental Design 4th year student reviews
2024	Invited Juror, Biodesign Challenge Final Reviews University of Nebraska Lincoln - Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts Instructor: Ash Eliza Smith
2022	Invited Critic, Final Interior Design Reviews University of Tennessee Knoxville - College of Architecture 2nd year, 3rd year, and 4th year student reviews
2022	Invited Critic, Final Interior Design Reviews University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture 2nd year, 3rd year, and MSID student reviews
2022	Guest Lecturer, Biophilic Design + Equity Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta Instructor: Kia Weatherspoon
2022	Guest Lecturer, Interior Design Professional Practice University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Instructor: Lysa Janssen
2021	Guest Panelist, The Ultimate Inclusive Sustainability + Wellness Discussion Fellow Panelists: Angie Scott - WELL Building Institute; Leila Behjat - Parsons Healthy Materials Lab Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta Instructor: Kia Weatherspoon
2021	Guest Lecturer, Innovation Studio I: Emergent Strategies for Regenerative Futures University of Nebraska - Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts Prof. Jesse Fleming
2020	Guest Critic, Professional Practice PGID 5320 (Portfolio Reviews) Parsons School of Design The New School Lecturer Anjali Bhalodia
2018, 2020	Guest Critic, Design IV (Studio) University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Prof. Tamie Glass
2017; 2018	Guest Lecturer, Value of Licensing: Legal Recognition in Professional Fields Interior Architecture and Product Design Department - Kansas State University Prof. Katrina Lewis
2016	Guest Critic, Advance London Urban Design Studio Clapham Central: A New London Place University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Dr. Edna Ledsma
2015	Guest Lecturer, Design Representation University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Prof. Tamie Glass
2013, 2014, 2015	Guest Critic, Design III (Studio) University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Prof. Tamie Glass
2011	Guest Lecturer, Healthcare Interior Design University of Texas Austin - School of Architecture Dr. Nancy Kwallek

TEACHING AWARDS

2024	Ordia, Kendra Locklear. University of Nebraska Lincoln ASID Educator of the Year Award (National); Student Nomination
2023	Ordia, Kendra Locklear. University of Nebraska Lincoln IDEC Teaching Excellence Award (International); Director Nomination

TEACHING GRANTS & CONTRACTS

- 2016 **Ordia, Kendra Locklear. Large Format Flatbed Scanner**
TX/OK IIDA Special Initiatives Grant – Educational Tools
\$1,500.00. (External)
- 2014 **Ordia, Kendra Locklear. Sustainable Design**
Kansas State Division of Continuing Education, Institutional (Higher Ed),
\$5,000.00. (Internal Funding: January 2014 - December 2014)

TEACHING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- 2015 - 2016 **The Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**
Texas State University
New faculty year-long program
- 2013 **Peer Review of Teaching**
Kansas State University.
Selected for semester-long program

FUNDED STUDENT RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY

- 2024 Albusharif, Zeniab; Bigelow, Eden; Hummel, Jordan; Le, Angela; Miller, Abigail; Pinkall, Lily; Rawlings, Ella; **Lincoln Calling VIP Cabanas**
Lincoln Arts Council Lincoln Calling Art Installations, May 2-4, 2024.
Sponsored, full scale installations, **\$5040 (in kind for installation costs)**
Faculty Advisor: Kendra Ordia
- 2022 Ninete, Makena, & Shearman, Collin, **Till r.+u.: Housing Structure Prototypes**
UCARE: Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience at Nebraska
Academic Year: 2022 - 2023; funding in form of undergrad student research support
University of Nebraska Sponsored Undergraduate Research Award, **\$4800**
Faculty Advisor: Kendra Ordia

STUDENT AWARDS

- 2023 **Steelcase NEXT Student Design Competition - Top 2% Student Recognition**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Lindsey Sawyer, Undergraduate, BSD.
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*
- 2023 **UNL College of Architecture Harry F. Cunningham Bronze Medal - Finalist**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Master of Architecture Thesis Student: Keleigh Ketelhut, M.ARCH
- 2023 **Student Research Days - College of Architecture Award Winner**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Students: Makena Ninete and Collin Shearman, Undergraduate, BSD.
"Biophilic Design and Interior Materiality" completed as part of funded UCARE research
- 2023 **IIDA Great Plains Chapter IDEA Award Winner - Student Project**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Katie Williams, Undergraduate, BSD
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*
- 2022 **IIDA Great Plains Chapter IDEA Award Winner - Student Project**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Makena Ninete, Undergraduate, BSD
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*
- 2022 **ASID NE / IA 3rd Year Student Scholarship**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Collin Shearman, Undergraduate, BSD
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*
- 2021 **IIDA Great Plains Chapter IDEA Award Winner - Student Project**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Lauren Shaul, Undergraduate, BSD
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*
- 2021 **ASID NE / IA 3rd Year Student Scholarship**
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Lyndsey Ehmen, Undergraduate, BSD
**Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III*

2020	ASID NE/IA Chapter Gold Award - Student Project University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Keleigh Ketelhut, Undergraduate, BSD <i>*Project completed in IDES 410 - Capstone Studio</i>
2020	IIDA Great Plains Chapter IDEA Award Winner - Student Project University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Alex Reiger, Undergraduate, BSD <i>*Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III</i>
2020	ASID NE / IA 3rd Year Student Scholarship University of Nebraska Lincoln, Student: Ashlynn Engelhard, Undergraduate, BSD <i>*Project completed in IDES 310 - Studio III</i>
2019 - 2020	BIG 10 Student Design Challenge - Finalist Herman Miller Headquarters, Zeeland, MI UNL ID Students: Eliza Woodside, Ari Osten; UNL Arch Student: Weston Ellerbrake; UNL Business Student: Daniel Kruger <i>*Co-faculty advisor with Nate Bicak</i>
2017	Residential Design Award - Burke Renovation 2017 ASID TX Student Symposium, Austin, TX Texas State University, Student: Cody Powell, Undergraduate, BSFCS <i>*Project completed in ID 3322 Studio I - Residential</i>
2017	2017 IIDA Student of the Year NeoCon, Chicago, IL. Texas State University, Student: Lindzey Duval, Undergraduate, BCFCS. <i>*Resume and Portfolio for submission created in ID 4120; Wrote (1) of (2) letters of recommendation from educator</i>

SCHOLARLY RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN DOUBLE-BLIND PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

2026*	Ordia, K. L., "Communal Creativity: A Design Justice Focus in Studio" <i>Journal of Interior Design; Special Issue: "Leading by Design: Evolving Practices to Face the Challenges of our Times."</i> <i>*Submitted, Under review</i>
2025*	Ordia, K. L., "Liminal Nature: Micro-Ecologies in the Margins" <i>Streetnotes 31: Urban Habits; e-ISSN: 2159-2926</i>
2024	Ordia, K. L., "Growing Interiors – Cultivating Urban Biophilic Environments" <i>Interiors: Design + Art + Culture; Special Issue: Ecologies of the Interior</i> DOI: 10.1080/20419112.2024.2333143
2023	Ordia, K. L., "Nature-Centered Interiority as an Urban Social-Spatial Ecology" <i>Interiors: Design + Art + Culture; Special Issue: Openness</i> DOI: 10.1080/20419112.2023.2177047

PAPERS IN REFERRED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2022	Ordia, K. L., Nature Integration, Biophilic Design, and Equity in the Urban Interior Environmental Design Research Association Conference (EDRA53 Greenville) Greenville, South Carolina / June 1-4, 2022
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ABSTRACTS IN DOUBLE-BLIND PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2025	Ordia, K.L., <i>Ethnobotany as an Exploration for Place-Based Biophilic Interiors</i> Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference Chicago, IL / March 16-19, 2025 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Acceptance Rate: 65% (152/233)
2025	Ordia, K.L., <i>Communal Creativity: A Design Justice Focus in Studio</i> Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference Chicago, IL / March 16-19, 2025 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Acceptance Rate: 65% (152/233)

- 2024 Patel, T., Meakins, J. Chugh, A. **Ordia, K.L.**, & Millhouse, R.J., ***Teaching for Justice and Equity: What Does it Mean***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) Virtual Symposium
Virtual / October 30-31, 2024
- 2024 Mick, M. & **Ordia, K.L.**, ***Rewilding Interiors: Biodiversity from the Inside Out***
Environmental Design Research Association Conference (EDRA55 Portland)
Portland, OR / June 19-22, 2024
- 2024 **Ordia, K.L.**, ***Human-Nature Value-Based Approach to Biophilic Design***
London Livable Cities - AMPS (Architecture, Media, Politics, Society)
London, England / June 26-28, 2024
- 2023 **Ordia, K. L.**, ***The Future of Nature Integration in The Urban Interior: Education, Growth, and Food Resiliency***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Vancouver, BC / March 8-11, 2023
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Acceptance Rate: 52% (87/167)
- 2023 **Ordia, K. L., Bicak, N., Andrews, J. BioMateriality and the Interior Built Environment**
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Vancouver, BC / March 8-11, 2023
Creative Scholarship
Acceptance Rate: 56% (14/25)
- 2023 Karle, S., **Ordia, K.L.**, Coniglio, J. ***The Use of Post-Occupancy Evaluations to Measure Landscape Performance Related to Greenspace in Early Childhood Settings: A Systematic Literature Review***
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) National Conference
San Antonio, TX / March 15-18, 2023
- 2022 **Ordia, K. L.**, ***Biophilic Interior Spatial Ecologies***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Virtual due to Covid-19 / March 1-4, 2022
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Acceptance Rate: 52% (102/195)
- 2021 **Ordia, K. L.**, ***DE-SCRIPTION: Framing Urban Biophilic Interiors Through Design Ethics***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Virtual due to Covid-19 / March 1-4, 2021
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Acceptance Rate: 51% (29/59)
- 2020 **Ordia, K. L.**, ***Spatial Narrative in Biophilic Interior Design***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Tulsa, OK / March 4-7, 2020
Scholarship of Design Research
Acceptance Rate: 57% (Poster)
- 2018 Matthews, C., Hill, C., & **Ordia, K. L.**, ***The Impact of ID Student Educational Experiences on Cultural Intelligence***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Boston, MA / March 7-10, 2018
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- 2017 **Ordia, K. L.**, ***Till.r+u.***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Chicago, IL / March 8-12, 2017
Creative Scholarship - Design as Idea Presentation
Acceptance Rate: 47% (17/36)
- 2017 **Ordia, K. L. & Bhalodia, A. K. Spatial Ecologies for Interior Design Educators**
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Chicago, IL / March 8-12, 2017

- 2016 **Ordia, K. L. *Builder Digs: An Office Space for a Construction Company***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Portland, Oregon / March 9-13, 2016
Creative Scholarship - Design as Interiors Presentation
Acceptance Rate: 45% (22/49)
- 2016 **Ordia, K. L. *Visualizing the Program: Graphically Communicating Design Research***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Portland, Oregon / March 9-13, 2016
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- 2015 **Ordia, K. L. *Natural to Synthetic: Biophilic Pattern Language Formalization Prototype***
Florida International University Interior Architecture Symposium
Poster Presentation
Miami, Florida / April 10, 2015
- 2014 **Ordia, K. L., Glass, T., Siddiqui, I. *Mas Moss: A Living Curtain***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana / March 6-8, 2014
Acceptance Rate: 44.4%
- 2013 Orthel, B., Hicks, T., **Ordia, K. L.**, Peck, J., Smith, K., ***iDO: Interior Design Optimism About the Future Among Emerging Educators***
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Indianapolis, IN / February 17-19, 2013
- 2013 **Ordia, K. L., *Guidelines and Considerations for Biophilic Interior Design in Healthcare Environments***
Environmental Design Research Association Conference (EDRA44 Providence)
Providence, RI / May 29 - June 1, 2013
- 2013 **Ordia, K. L. *Austin | Madrid: A Case Study for Compact Green Family Living in American Cities***
Florida International University Interior Architecture Symposium
Poster Presentation
Miami, Florida / April 29, 2013

PUBLICATIONS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2024 **"Rewild." Public Interiority: Exploring Interiors in the Public Realm**
Ed. Liz Teston.
Routledge. Print. ISBN: 9781032797144
- 2014 **"Mas Moss: A Living Curtain." Center 19: CURTAINS.**
Ed. Michael Benedikt. Austin: Center for American Architecture and Design, 2014.
96-99. Print. ISBN: 978-0-934951-20-3

JURIED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Brager, G., Mick, M., **Ordia, K.L.**, Puttock, R. ***Teaching Biophilic Design***
Biophilic Leadership Summit
Serenbe, GA / March 30 - April 1, 2025
- 2025 Mick, M. & **K.L.Ordia. *Rewilding Human Habitat: Liminal Space in the Built Environment.***
Biophilia: Designing for Animals Symposium
Penn State University, University Park, PA / March 2-3, 2025
- 2022 **Ordia, K.L., & Stoner, A. *Health and Equity Through Biophilic Design***
EdSpaces 2022
Portland, OR / Nov 2-4, 2022
- 2022 **Ordia, K.L., *Framing Urban Biophilic Interiors Through Design Ethics***
NeoCon 2022
Chicago, IL / June 13 - 15, 2022

JURIED CREATIVE ACTIVITY

- 2023 **Ordia, K.L., (re)wild**
Juried Exhibition: Public Interiority Exhibition and Symposium (International)
Knoxville, Tennessee / January 17 - February 18, 2023
Acceptance Rate: 43%
- 2013 **Ordia, K. L., Glass, T., Siddiqui, I., *Mas Moss***
Juried Exhibition: DesignLAB Next Nest Exhibition (International)
Santa Fe, New Mexico / November 2 to 29, 2013
Acceptance Rate: 14.78% (17/115)
- 2013 **Ordia, K. L., Glass, T., Siddiqui, I., *Mas Moss***
Juried Exhibition: Curtains: Center for American Architecture and Design Symposium (International)
Austin, TX / October 2013
Acceptance Rate: 12.5% (20/160)

INVITED BOOK REVIEW

- 2025* **Ordia, K.L., Reviewed Work: *Nature Inside: Plants and Flowers in the Modern Interiors* by Penny Sparke**
Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians
*Date Sept 2025, Vol. 84

RESEARCH AWARDS

- 2023 **Top 5 Abstract in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Category**
Abstract Presentation: The Future of Nature Integration in The Urban Interior: Education, Growth, and Food Resiliency
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Vancouver, BC / March 8-11, 2023
- 2022 **Members Choice Award**
Abstract Presentation: Biophilic Interior Spatial Ecologies
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
Virtual due to Covid-19 / March 1-4, 2022
- 2014 **Best in Category Design as Idea, Creative Scholarship**
Abstract Presentation: Mas Moss: A Living Curtain
Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) National Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana / March 6-8, 2014
- 2013 **Honorable Mention - Professional Category**
Juried Exhibition: Mass Moss
DesignLAB Next Nest Exhibition (International)
Santa Fe, New Mexico / November 2 to 29, 2013
- 2012 **Outstanding Thesis Award, University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture**
Thesis: "Guidelines and Considerations for Biophilic Interior Design in Healthcare Environments." Advisors: Carl Matthews & Mirka Benes

EXTERNAL FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2023 **Ordia, Kendra, Biophilic Leadership Summit & Workshop**
International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Great Plains Chapter
2023 Design Discovery Fund
Grant Funding Amount: **\$3500**
- 2016 **Ordia, Kendra, & Bhalodia, Anjali, Faculty Work Modes in the Academic Environment Research Report** / Ordia, K., Bhalodia, A., & Gierdowski, D. Faculty Work Modes in the Academic Environment. Herman Miller Research Group, May 15, 2019.
Herman Miller, Private / Foundation / Corporate, **\$20,000**
Submitted: November 13, 2015, Funded: January 1, 2016 - August 2018
Sponsored Research

March 2016 – May 2016:

- \$10,000.00 of in-kind support in the form of Herman Miller product for Faculty Suite Mockup (retail value: \$40,000)
- \$2,000.00 of in-kind support in the form of research consultation.

June 2016 – June 2017:

- \$5,000.00 in the form of a grant to support research and publication of findings
- \$3,000.00 of in-kind support in the form of research consultation.

INTERNAL FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

2022 - 2024 Schutte, A. Hubbard, N. (Co-PIs), Hatton-Bowers, H., Karle, S., Krause, K., **Ordia, K.***, Torquati, J. (Co-I).

Advancing Cutting-Edge Research and Practices to Increase Access and Use of Green Space and Outdoor Play in Early Childhood Settings

University of Nebraska - Grand Challenges Planning Grant

Grant Funding Amount: **\$148,769 total**

***Art and Design Core Team Lead**

2022 - 2024 Andrews, T., Chaidez, V., Kelley, M., Zuckerman, S. (PIs), Palmer-Wackerly, A., Springer, P., Wheeler, L. (Co-I), Burkheart Kriesel, C., Hamann, T., Herbert, M., Hobbs, A., Jenkins, J., Kirkpatrick, C., Krehbiel, M., Lindsley, D., Lingard, J., Nacke, B., Nixon, J., **Ordia, K.**, Rasmussen, J., Shenefeld, B., Viesca, K. (Team Members), Hoyt, D., Raikes, A. (Advisors)

Nebraska Community Action Research for Equity and Sustainability (NE CARES) Hub

University of Nebraska - Grand Challenges Planning Grant

Grant Funding Amount: **\$149,237 total**

2021-2023 **Ordia, Kendra & Bicak, Nate (Co-PIs), BioMateriality and the Interior Built Environment**
Pilot Project Seed Grant

University of Nebraska Lincoln Layman Award, **\$10,000**

2020 - 2026 **Ordia, Kendra, Merle & Trula Bachman Professorship in Health Care Design**
College of Architecture Professorship
Professorship Funding Amount: **\$10,000 annually**

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2024 **Biophilic Leadership Summit: Biophilic Placemaking**

The Biophilic Leadership Summit is the only multi-day conference entirely focused on biophilic projects, research & principles, bringing together top industry thought-leaders to network, build partnerships and learn from each other. Serenbe, GA. March, 24-26, 2024.

2019 - 2020 **University of Nebraska Research Development Fellows Program (RDFFP)**

Selected to participate in the University of Nebraska Lincoln's Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) initiative designed to provide full-time, pre-tenure faculty with the information, resources and approaches necessary to prepare competitive grant proposals.

QUOTES IN POPULAR PRESS

2023 Lutz, Amanda. "How to Create a Healing Space for Recovery Post Surgery," **Architectural Digest**. Nov 2, 2023 <https://www.architecturaldigest.com/reviews/home-improvement/recovery-post-surgery>

INVITED ENGAGEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025 **Invited Panelist, Design Leaders**

Virtual / January 24, 2025

ASID Ones to Watch - 2024 Award winners

Panelist: Denise Rush, Dean of Interior Architecture at the Boston Architectural College;
Kendra Ordia, Assistant Professor and ASID National Board Member

2024 **Invited Speaker, Biophilia + Bioutilization in Interior Design**

Kent State University, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Virtual / October 8, 2024

2024	Invited Panel Moderator, Building Your Brand Virtual + IDCEC CEU /April 19, 2024 Panelist: Jonny Bywater - Designer, MBH Architects; Abby Scott - Interior Design Principle, HDR.
2023	Invited Panel Moderator, Learning New IIDA Collective Design, Season 4, Episode 5 Virtual + IDCEC CEU / September 14, 2023 Panelist: Dr. Angelita Scott - Director, Community Concept and Health Equity Lead IWBI; Igor Siddiqui, Director of Interior Design and Associate Professor, UTSOA; Milagros Zingoni Phiellip, Associate Professor and Director of School of Interior Architecture, UT Knoxville.
2023	Invited Speaker, Biophilic Interior Design The Arbor Day Foundation Lincoln, NE / April 26, 2023
2022	Invited Thought Leader, Committee on Climate, Health, and Equity ASID Design Summit Sonoma, CA / November 15 - 17, 2022
2022	Invited Panelist, Women in Green USGBC Nebraska Lincoln, NE / October 13, 2022
2022	Invited Speaker, Career Path: Educator Gather 2022 - The National Conference by ASID Miami, FL / Sept 21 - 24, 2022
2022	Invited Speaker, Framing Urban Biophilic Interiors Through Design Ethics ASID NE/IA Annual Conference Omaha, NE / May 19, 2022
2021	Invited Panelist, School-to-Work Transition: Reality Check SCALE: The ASID National Student Summit, American Society of Interior Designers Washington DC / September 10 - 12, 2021 Fellow Panelist: Kelsey Davidson - SALT; Santiago Rivera - Gensler
2021	Invited Speaker, Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity (DEI) in Design SCALE: The ASID National Student Summit, American Society of Interior Designers Washington DC / September 10 - 12, 2021 Co-presenter: Taruan Mabry - ICrave
2020	Invited Speaker, Crafting Your Presentation IIDA Mid-America Brand U Student Symposium, Virtual due to Covid-19
2019	Invited Speaker, Portfolios 101 IIDA TX/OK Student Conference, International Interior Design Association, Dallas, TX
2017	Invited Speaker, Biophilic Design LG Design Monthly, Lauckgroup / Dallas, Houston, and Austin, TX
2017	Invited Speaker, Design your Future; Develop Your Portfolio SCALE: The ASID National Student Summit, American Society of Interior Designers Oklahoma City, OK / March 31 - April 2, 2017 Co-presenter: Tamie Glass
2017	Invited Speaker, Design your Future; Develop Your Portfolio ASID Texas Student Symposium, American Society of Interior Designers / Austin, TX. Co-presenter: Tamie Glass
2016	Invited Speaker, Career Development ASID Texas Student Symposium, American Society of Interior Designers / Austin, TX.

PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

2016 - 2019	Perkins + Will (formerly Lauckgroup) / Senior Designer CoverMyMeds Campus (Interiors) / Columbus OH Zelle / Dallas TX Roku / Austin TX
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	Enthought / Austin TX
	LogicMonitor / Austin TX & Changdu, China
	OwnLocal / Austin TX
	Cadence Design Systems / Austin TX
	World First / Austin TX
	Social Solutions / Austin TX
2015 - 2018	Freelance Interior Design
	Riley Cedar Fever Residence / Austin TX
	Deans For Impact Office & Lab / Austin TX
2013 - 2015	Gensler / Senior Designer
	U.S. General Services Administration Historic Austin Courthouse / Austin TX
	Balfour Beatty Construction Office / Austin TX
	Addie Roy/Cousteau Residence / Austin TX
	Sonesta Bee Cave Hotel / Austin TX
	Visa / Austin TX
	Deloitte University Greenhouse / Westlake TX
	PS Bar / Austin TX
	Andrews Kurth LLP / Austin TX
	Office of Milton Verret / Austin TX
	900 Congress Lobby Repositioning / Austin TX
	IBM MobileFirst Client Experience / Austin TX
	Research Park Plaza IV Lobby / Austin TX
2011; 2012	Rhode Partners & Glass & Dangel / Freelance Designer
	San Saba Drive Residence / Odessa TX
	Sun Down Residence / Austin TX
	Oohla Bean Inn / Driftwood TX
2006 - 2011	CallisonRTKL / Designer
	Baylor Medical Center / McKinney TX
	Children's Medical Center Tower IIIB / Dallas TX
	Community Hospital East Labor and Delivery Interiors Renovation / Indianapolis IN
	Community Hospital South Expansion / Indianapolis IN
	Community Hospital North Expansion / Indianapolis IN
	Health Alliance West Chester Medical Center / Cincinnati OH
	Tulane Regional Medical Center / Tulane CA
	University of California - San Diego Sulpizio Family Cardiovascular Center / La Jolla CA
	UT Southwestern Medical Center Soloman Advanced Diagnostic Center / Dallas TX

SOFTWARE

Revit / Adobe Photoshop / Adobe InDesign / AutoCAD

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY

2025	UNL Guzman Ethnic Studies Donor Classroom Renovation / Interior Design Faculty Advisor
2019 - 2020	UNL CoreNET Interdisciplinary Student Competition / Faculty Advisor
2017 - 2018	TX State Environmental Services Committee / Voting Member
2013	Kansas State University 2025 Sustainability Committee / Member

COLLEGE

2023	UNL College of Architecture New Building Addition Ad Hoc Furniture Committee / Chair
2022 - current	UNL College of Architecture Career Fair Committee / Interior Design Representative
2022	UNL College of Architecture Dean Search Committee / Member
2022	UNL College of Architecture Renovation - Furniture Design Support / Coordination
2019 - 2023	UNL College of Architecture Facilities & Resources Committee / Chair, Voting Member
2017	TX State Faculty Search Committee - Interior Design / Member

2017	TX State Faculty Search Committee - Nutrition / Member
2015 - 2018	TX State University FCS 132 & 216 Space Planning Efforts / Participant & Contact
2012 - 2013	Kansas State University College of Architecture, Planning, and Design Development and Communications Committee / Member
2012-2013	Kansas State University College of Architecture, Planning, and Design Mock Interview and Design Expo Portfolio Review / Reviewer
2012	Kansas State University College of Architecture, Planning, and Design Programming Committee / Member

DEPARTMENT/ SCHOOL

2024 - 2025	UNL ID Faculty Search Committee / Member
2023 - 2024	UNL ID Faculty Search Committee / Member
2020 - 2021	UNL ID Product Design Search Committee / Member
2020, 2024	UNL IIDA Student Design Competition / Faculty Mentor
2019 - 2024	UNL ASID/IIDA Student Chapter / Faculty Advisor
2019 - 2020	UNL ID Faculty Search Committee / Member
2019 - 2020	UNL BIG 10 Student Design Competition / Co-faculty Advisor w/Nate Bicak
2017 - 2018	TX State American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Student Chapter / Faculty Advisor
2017	TX State IIDA/ASID Salary Expectations and Negotiations Panel / Panelist
2016 - 2018	ID 3323 Studio II Reviews / Critic
2016	Wilsonart Factory Tour & Field Trip for Texas State ID Students / Co-leader w/ Anjali Bhalodia
2016	TX State University Donghia Scholarship Committee / Member
2016	ID 3324 - Professional Practice / Reviewer
2015 - 2018	ID Curriculum Committee / Member
2015	ID 2323 Design Development Review / Critic
2015	ID 4120 Portfolio Review / Critic
2015	ID 3323 Studio II Revit Workshop / Guest Lecturer
2015	Revit Workshop, ASID and IIDA Student Organizations / Guest Lecturer
2013	Kansas State Interior Architecture and Product Design Department Tenure-track Assistant Professor (Digital Focus) Search Committee / Member

PROFESSIONAL / ACADEMY

2025	IDEC National Conference Volunteer / Abstract Secret Reviewer
2024 - current	ASID Research and Development Committee / Board Liaison
2024 - current	ASID Continuing Education Committee / Board Liaison
2024	IDEC 2025 National Conference Creative Scholarship Reviewer / Referee
2024 - current	IDEC Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Belonging Committee / Member
2024	IDEC Virtual Symposium / Abstract Referee
2024	IDEC Teaching Excellence Award / Referee
2023	Routledge Book Proposal: <i>Design Insights: Evolving Strategies for Healthy Interior Environments</i> / Referee
2023	Legislative Working Sessions for LB 471 / Interior Design Representative (one of two)
2023	ASID Committee on Climate, Health, and Equity / Research Team Leader: Promote Holistic Health
2023	ASID Committee on Climate, Health, and Equity / Member; Knowledge and Learning Subcommittee
2023	IDEC Student Design Competition / Juror
2022	AIA South Dakota Awards / Juror
2022 - current*	IIDA Equity Council / Education Committee Subcommittee Member (*council currently on hold)
2021	ASID Student Portfolio Competition / Juror
2020 - current	State of Nebraska ASID/IIDA Advocacy / Volunteer + Legislative Testifier
2020 - 2022	IDEC Special Projects Grant Committee / Referee
2020	Routledge Book Proposal: <i>Programming for Tomorrow</i> / Referee
2020	ASID Virtual Summer Internship Program / Portfolio Reviewer
2019	ASID TX Chapter Scholarship Committee / Reviewer
2017 - 2018	ASID TX Chapter Board / Student Affairs Chair

2016; 2017	IDEC 2017 & 2018 National Conference - Design as Art Creative Scholarship / Referee
2016	IDEC 2016 Southwest Regional Conference Creative Scholarship Reviewer / Referee
2016	University of Texas Austin Donghia Scholarship Selection Committee / Reviewer
2015	IDEC Midwest Region Creative Scholarship / Coordinator
2014	IDEC 2015 National Conference Planning Committee / Member
2013 - 2015	Gensler Campus Champion and Intern Committee / Rep to K-state and University of Texas

COMMUNITY

2023 - current	City of Crete, Nebraska Historical Preservation Commission / Member
2023 - 2024	Haymarket Neighborhood Association / Co-President
2022 - current	Preservation Association of Lincoln / Member
2014	Inherit Austin Fehr House Docent, Preservation Austin 22nd Annual Homes Tour / Docent
2013; 2014	IIDA Austin City Center rEvolution rEdesign benefiting Social Design Alliance / Design Team Participant

SERVICE AWARDS & HONORS

2015	Interior Design Educators Council 2015 Service Award / National Conference Planning Committee
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