



## **BFA INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET**

The BFA Interior Design Department at SVA prepares students to create environments with “wow” factor that also aim to change the world. Taught by award-winning designers, architects and artists, students learn to integrate the latest technology and materials with time-tested processes and principles of design. The faculty and curriculum are guided by a commitment to sustainability, the interplay between art and design, and the responsibility of design to address social issues.

Working in an environment akin to a professional design studio, students are encouraged to think like architects and engineers as much as designers, take creative risks and flex with changes in our culture. With 24/7 access to a 3D AutoCAD lab, students are encouraged to explore the power of both pencil and computer. Because good design begins with good thinking, required coursework deals with the humanities and sciences as well as the history of interiors and architecture.

The Department is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

### **2009 - 2010 student population**

63 matriculated students

### **Department chair**

Jane Smith, AIA, IIDA

### **Some notable faculty members**

Rick Ekstrom, AIA, studio leader, Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (SOM); Anthony Lee, project designer, Gary Lee Partners; Murray Levi; Neville Lewis, ASID, FIIDA, consultant; Mihai Radu, AIA, principal, Mihai Radu Architects, and architect of record, United Nations; Ronnette Riley, principal, Ronnette Riley Architect.

**SVA alumni are employed by:** Gensler and Associates; SOM; Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK); Mancini Duffy; MTV Networks; Cannon Design; Polo Ralph Lauren; Beyer Blinder Belle.

### **Student exhibitions**

Graduating seniors present their thesis projects each spring in a gallery exhibition.

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