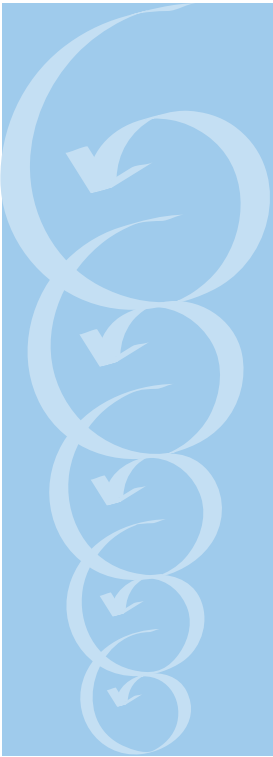


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Education

The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Ph.D. in Architecture, 2008

(Area of Emphasis: Environment-Behavior Studies & Organizational Development)

School of Architecture and Urban Planning

Dissertation: Creating Innovative Places: Organizational and Architectural Case Studies of the Culture Change Movement in Long Term Care

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Master of Arts in Gerontology, 1998

Master's Thesis: The Effect of Nurse Station Placement upon Nursing Home Staff Work Patterns, A Research Methodology.

Bachelor of Architecture, 1994

Architectural Thesis: Extending Living Arrangements of the Noninstitutionalized U. S. Elderly: Increasing the Longevity of Home-Stay for the Partially Dependent Elderly.

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Sociology, (Minor in Sociology & Philosophy) 1993

Academic Employment

Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA 2010 - Present

Professor of Interior Design, Graduate Program Coordinator for Interior Design SCAD Atlanta, Univ. Faculty Development Council (Chair), Univ. Leadership Council (Member), CIDA Preparation Council

Courses taught include - ARCH 101: Intro to Architecture, INDS 101: Intro to Interior Design, INDS 210: UG Studio II Retail, INDS 350: UG Studio III Design for Aging, INDS 470: UG Capstone I, INDS 480: UG Capstone II, INDS 504: Foundational Graduate Studio, INDS 702 Graduate Interior Design Seminar, INDS 706 : Graduate Theory and Criticism, INDS 709 Research Methods for Interior Design, INDS 721: Emerging Materials, INDS 726 / 322: Human Response to the Built Environment, INDS 740: Cont Issues, INDS 734: Research for Thesis Prep, INDS 744: Biophilic Design, INDS 749 M.A. Final Project, INDS 751: Graduate Studio IV Design for Aging, INDS 764/4040: Healthcare Design Studio, INDS 791 MFA Thesis One, INDS 792 Thesis Two

Art Institute of Atlanta, 2008 - 2009

Adjunct Faculty, Interior Design Program. Courses taught include: INT 377 Problems in Residential Design / Design for Seniors, INT 258 Foundations of Interior Materials, INT120 Introduction to Interior Design

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, 2000 - 2008

Researcher, Institute on Aging and Environment , 2000 - 2003
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2000 - Spring 2003

University of North Carolina at Charlotte – Charlotte, North Carolina 2009, 2004, 1995–1999

Graduate Faculty, College of Architecture, 2009
Adjunct Faculty, Gerontology Program, (GRNT 4050 G / UG) Summer 1999, Summer 2004, Summer 2009

Architectural Employment

FreemanWhite, Inc. Senior Living Division, Charlotte, NC

Architectural Designer/Gerontologist 1996–1999

Responsibilities – educating co-workers on current gerontology research, site selection, master planning, schematic design, design development, design for accessibility, design for dementia, interior design, project organization/coordination, and client relations.

- River Landing at Sandy Ridge, Continuing Care Retirement Community, Highpoint NC
- Courtland Terrace, Eden Alternative Dementia Wing, Gaston Hospital, Gastonia NC
- Lakeview Terrace, Certificate of Need Package, Thomasville, NC
- TidePointe, Independent Adult Apartments, Hilton Head, SC
- Covenant Village, Computer Simulation Study, Gastonia, NC

Heery International, Charlotte, NC Architectural Intern/Interior Designer 1996

Responsibilities - development of an interior finishes library. Project responsibilities – composing planning and phasing diagrams, interior finish schemes, field measurements, schematic design, design development, construction documents, and discipline coordination.

- Charlotte Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates, Interior Architectural Upfit, Charlotte, NC
- Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department, ADA Upfit, Charlotte, NC

TBA², Interior Architecture Department, Architectural Intern/Artist 1994–1996

Responsibilities – computer presentations, planning and phasing documentation, interior finish selection, color board production, Master Plan schemes, renderings for projects, and the design and production of marketing materials.

- Breazeale Hall, Dorm Renovation Study, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
- Springs Industries, Executive Office Building Renovation and Addition, Fort Mill, SC
- Crestar, Riverview Center Corporate Headquarters
- Birkdale Master Plan, Concord, NC

Professional Certifications

- EDAC Certification (forthcoming 2014)
- Mythic Imagination Institute, Fellowship granted 2008
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (Council Record #7119, NCARB Intern Development Program completed 2000, Examination forthcoming)
- SEED (Social Economic Environmental Design) (2013)

Research / Consulting Experience

- Steelcase / SCAD-ATL (2014) *Epstein School, Mobile Furnishing and Classroom Engagement* (Behavior Mapping)
- Points of Light / SCAD-ATL (2011-2012) *Organizational Design / Existing Conditions Study / Renovation Charette*
- Chapin (2005) *Case Study: A Timeline of Culture Change at Evergreen Retirement Community*
- Chapin (2004) *The Social and Architectural History of Long Term Care: Exploring the Hidden Program and the Roots of Crisis in Long Term Care*
- Chapin (2004) *The Impact of Positive Distractions among Long Term Care Nursing Staff.* (UWM PhD Program Intermediate Research Project)
- Chapin (2003) *Using a Model of Place to Define Long Term Care.* (UWM PhD Area of Concentration Paper)
- Chapin, Cohen, Grant & Weisman (2002- 2003) *The Brummett Report Series*
- Swanson, Glenn, Brentrup, Chapin, & Williams (1994) *The Development of a Typology for the Evaluation and Design of Long Term Care Environments for Older Adults.* University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.
- Post Occupancy Evaluations (2000 - 2003): *Attic Angels Place, Madison Wisconsin, Covenant Village, Gastonia, North Carolina, Courtland Terrace, Gastonia North Carolina*

Publications

- Diaz Moore, Bissell and Chapin (2009) *EDRA40: The Ethical Design of Places. Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, Kansas City Kansas.* Environmental Design Research Association, Edmonton, OK.
- Rodriguez and Chapin (2008) *EDRA39: Linking Differences / Defining Actions. Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, Veracruz Mexico.* Environmental Design Research Association, Edmonton, OK.
- Chapin and Greenberg (2006) *EDRA37: Beyond Conflict. Proceedings of the 37th Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association, Atlanta Georgia.* Environmental Design Research Association, Edmonton, OK.
- Chapin (2006) Book Review: *Building Type Basics for Senior Living* by Bradford Perkins, with J. David Hoglund, Douglas King, and Eric Cohen; Stephen A. Kliment, Series Founder and Editor. To be published in the *Journal of Housing for the Elderly* 2006.
- Chapin (2005) *A Case Study of Culture Change in Long Term Care: Evergreen Retirement Community.* (Lee Award Winner Poster Abstract) In Bettina Schmind (Ed.) *Aging in Time and Place: Monograph of. The 16th Annual Student Mentoring Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics, Lexington Kentucky.* University of Georgia Gerontology Center, Athens, GA, p. 53–34.
- Chapin, Cohen, Grant & Weisman (2003) *The Continuum of Housing and Care for Aging: Hospice.* The Brummett Report Series. Institute on Aging and the Environment, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.
- Chapin, Cohen, Grant & Weisman (2003) *The Continuum of Housing and Care for Aging: "Recycling" Traditional Nursing Homes.* The Brummett Report. Institute on Aging and the Environment, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.
- Chapin, Cohen, Grant & Weisman (2003) *The Continuum of Housing and Care for Aging: Innovations in Assisted Living.* The Brummett Report Series. Institute on Aging and the Environment, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.
- Chapin, (2002) *Wisconsin Affordable Assisted Living Project, Milwaukee WI.* Web-based articles: *Affordable Assisted Living Checklists, Shady Characters: The Role of Planting in Energy Usage Reduction, Aging Sense and the Environment, Improving CNA Retention, Facts about Assisted Living, Ten Assumptions Influencing Affordability, The Benefits of Using Dining Carts, A Review of a Financial Feasibility Model, A Short Guide for Policy Makers.* www.wiaffordableassistedliving.org
- Chapin, Cohen, Grant & Weisman (2002) *The Continuum of Housing and Care for Aging: Current and Emerging Trends.* The Brummett Report Series. Institute on Aging and the Environment, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.
- Bradley, D. B.; Peacock, J.R.; Shenk, D. and Chapin, M. (2002) *Developing Gerontology Educators Through a Graduate Teaching Practicum.* *Educational Gerontology*, 28, 45–47.

Presentations

* denotes abstract published in corresponding conference proceedings

- *Mobile Furnishing and Classroom Engagement*. Epstein School 2014, Marietta GA,
- *Giving Students Voice: Podcasting in the Classroom*. IDEC South 2013, Peachtree City, GA.
- *Compendium - A multi-layered approach for exploring environmental experience and emotional aspects of design*. (Presenters Chapin and Robinson). IDEC South 2013, Peachtree City, GA.
- *Supportive Design for Aging*. Georgia Gerontology Society Annual Conference 2013, Augusta GA.
- *Exploring Adult Day Care Design for Elders from India*. (Presentation and Poster Session), Georgia Gerontology Society Annual Conference 2013, Augusta GA.
- **Supportive Design for Aging 101*. Pre-Conference Intensive. Environments for Aging 2013, New Orleans, LA.
- **Social Justice Projects as a Means of Connection: Bringing together students, faculty, alumni and professionals*. (Presented by Chapin and Robinson). Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, 2012, Tallahassee, FL.
- *Healthcare Architects Panel Discussion*. (Presented by Chapin, McMurray, Smith, Thompson). AIA Georgia Design Conference 2011, Athens GA.
- **Tools and Actions Used to Facilitate Culture Change in Long-Term Care Communities*. Pioneer Network Annual Conference 2009, Little Rock Arkansas.
- *The Client's Approach to Culture Change: Tools and Processes for Culture Change in Long-term Care*. Continuing Education Presentation to THW Design, 2009
- **Culture Change and the Physical Environment: Design as an agent of change* Symposium by Diaz Moore, Calkins, Chapin, Geboy, & Kaup, Gerontological Society of America 2008 Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD.
- **Seeking a Definition of Culture Change in Long-term Care*. Poster Presentation Southern Gerontological Society 29th Annual Meeting - Gerontology at the Cutting Edge 2008, Atlanta, GA.
- **Tools and Processes for Culture Change in Long-term Care*. Paper Presentation EDRA38: Building Sustainable Communities, Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference 2007, Sacramento, CA.
- **Almost Home: Exploring Culture Change in Long Term Care Facilities*. Pre-conference intensive EDRA37, Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference 2006, Atlanta, GA.
- **Making Innovative Places: Case Studies of Culture Change Facilities in Long Term Care*. Presentation Southern Gerontological Society Conference, April 2006, Lexington, KY.
- **Arthur N. Tuttle Graduate Fellowship Presentation in Health Care Design – Making Innovative Places: Case Studies of Culture Change Facilities in Long Term Care*, American Institute of Architects / Academy of Architecture for Health Annual Conference 2005, Los Angeles, CA.
- **A Case Study of Culture Change in Long Term Care: The Story of Evergreen Retirement Community*. Poster Presentation. 16th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics, 2005, Tybee Island, SC
- **Influence of Nursing Care Models upon Various Aspects of Model of Place within Long Term Care Facilities*. Poster Presentation. EDRA 35, Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference, June 2004, Savannah GA.
- **The Impact of Positive Distractions among Long Term Care Nursing Staff*. Poster Presentation. EDRA 35, Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference, June 2004, Albuquerque, NM.
- **Exploring the Hidden Program and the Roots of Crisis in Long Term Care: Almshouses, Hospitals, Prisons, and Institutions*. Poster Presentation. EDRA 35, Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference, June 2004, Albuquerque, NM.
- **Exploring the Hidden Program and the Roots of Crisis in Long Term Care: Almshouses, Hospitals, Prisons, and Institutions*. Poster Presentation. 15th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics, 2004, Atlanta, GA.
- **The Impact of Positive Distractions among Long Term Care Nursing Staff*. Paper Presentation. Southern Gerontological Society Annual Conference, April 2004, Atlanta, GA.
- **SAGE Day Post-Occupancy Evaluation of Attic Angel Place, Madison WI*. Poster Presentation National Council on Aging /American Society on Aging "Crossing the Great Divide" National Conference April 2002, Denver, CO.
- **A Study of Post Occupancy Design Evaluation of Long Term Care Nursing Facilities*. Poster Presentation. Southern Regional Student Convention in Gerontology and Geriatrics 1998, Atlanta GA.

Awards

- The Everett and Anne Lee Student Gerontology Award, 16th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics, 2005
- American Institute of Architects / Academy of Architecture for Health Arthur N. Tuttle Graduate Fellowship in Health Care Design, 2004–2005
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Dissertation Fellowship, 2004–2005
- Southern Gerontological Society Student Paper Award, 2004 for *The Social and Architectural History of Long Term Care: Exploring the Hidden Program and the Roots of Crisis in Long Term Care*
- Montgomery Poster Award, The 15th Annual Student Mentoring Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics, 2004
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Graduate Student Chancellor's Award, 2003–2004
- College of Architecture Award for Excellence in Architectural Research for Bachelor of Architecture Thesis "Extending Living Arrangements of the Noninstitutionalized U. S. Elderly: Increasing the Longevity of Home-Stay for the Partially Dependent Elderly." University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1995

Student Awards

- Jessica Anderson, Thesis Advisee, SCAD Atlanta Out to Launch, Best in Show 2013
- SCAD Atlanta Interior Design iDO Student Organization, SCAD Atlanta Best Program Award 2013 for the Tactical Urbanism Charette
- Jillian Paul, MFA, 2013 ASID Georgia Design Excellence Award, Best Design Concept Commercial Individual
- Gunjan Sharma, MFA, 2012 SCAD Thesis Award Nominee
- Gunjan Sharma, MFA, EDRA43 Student Design Award Nominee

Professional Associations

- Alliance for a New Humanity, 2006 - Present (VIP Guest Liaison, Human Forum in Puerto Rico, 2006)
- EDRA (Environmental Design Research Association), 2002 - Present (Conference Program Advisory Committee 2008 -2009, Board of Directors Ex-Officio 2005–2007, Annual Conference Organizer 2006, Student Board Representative 2003–2005)
- Mythic Imagination Institute, 2005 - Present (Fellow Awarded 2008, Mythic Journeys Conference VIP Liaison 2006–2008)
- Sigma Phi Omega, Upsilon Chapter, National Gerontology Honor Society, 1998 - Present
- Peer Reviewer: Dementia Journal, Journal of Housing and the Elderly, Environment-Behavior (application in process), Journal of Interior Design (application in process)

Program Development

Academic

- Savannah College of Art and Design - BFA CIDA review, Revision of on-line M.A. in Interior Design Program including rewriting on-line curriculum and developing new courses, First-professional graduate degree (program and new courses currently in development), MFA in Interior Design Thesis Preparation Class, INDS 744 Biophilic Design
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte - Gerontology Program: GRNT 2050/4050 (UG/G On-line Course) Environmental Gerontology: Supportive Environments and Aging, Summer 2009; GRNT 5050 (Graduate Classroom Lecture) Environments and Aging, Summer 2004; GRNT 4050 (Undergraduate/Graduate Classroom Lecture) Residential Environments for Elders, Summer 1999; GRNT 4050 (Undergraduate/Graduate Classroom Lecture) Institutional Environments for Elders, Summer 1999

Conference Organization / Experiential Programs

- EDRA (Environmental Design Research Association), Annual Conference Program Co-Chair, 2006. Conference Theme - Beyond Conflict, Atlanta GA.
- EDRA (Environmental Design Research Association), Annual Conference Liaison, 2008. Conference Theme - Linking Differences / Defining Actions, Veracruz, Mexico.

The Environmental Design Research Association is an international/interdisciplinary collaboration between academics, researchers, and practitioners focused upon bringing about research, understanding, and sustained change in the physical environment at all scales and dimensions. This conference focuses upon sharing research, networking and collaboration among architects, interior designers, environmental psychologists, urban planners, landscape architects and others who have a vested interest in how we shape our physical settings and how those settings in turn shape us as individuals and as a society. This four-day long conference covers a wide-array of topics and presents cutting edge research in the arena of environment-behavior studies. www.edra.org
Conference organization responsibilities included site arrangements, hotel negotiations, conference theme development, conference program development, review of proposals, schedule organization, special event planning, marketing and graphics, alliance building, fund-raising, production of press releases, newsletter reports and conference proceedings, as well as event management. Conference Liaison responsibilities included site selection, mentoring, international relations, conference submission review, conference program development, and event management.

- Southern Gerontological Society, Annual Conference Local Arrangements Co-Chair, 2007. Conference Theme - Gerontology at the Cutting Edge, Atlanta, GA.

The Southern Gerontological Society (SGS) is a network of the South's most respected gerontology professionals including educators, aging network personnel, researchers, health professionals, policy makers, and students. The Individuals of SGS strive to create a bridge between research and practice, by translating and applying existing and emergent knowledge in the field of aging. www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org
Conference organization responsibilities included site arrangements, special event planning, marketing and graphics, alliance building, fund-raising, production of press releases and newsletter reports, as well as event management.

- Mythic Imagination Institute, Conference Organization Committee 2006/2008, Mythic Journeys 2006, Atlanta GA.

The Mythic Imagination Institute (MII) and Mythic Journeys focuses upon creating experiences that awaken us to the power myth and stories can play in our lives, individually and collectively. Based on the work of Joseph Campbell, the events hosted by MII bring together individuals from diverse cultural and intellectual backgrounds to discover, experience and discuss narrative, metaphor and myth as a language of understanding each other and our own place and meaning in the world. It is simple, we believe that a story has the power to change the world. www.mythicjourneys.org

Conference organization responsibilities included program development, event planning, event management, hotel arrangements, speaker/presenter/performer travel, hotel, registration, and on-site guidance.

- Alliance for a New Humanity, VIP Guest Liaison, Human Forum - Faces of Courage, 2007, Puerto Rico.

The Alliance for a New Humanity is an international collaboration of people working together under the awareness of humanity's interconnectedness. The efforts undertaken by this alliance aim at creating critical mass in sharing the values of peace, social justice, human rights, and environmental sustainability in order to bring about conscious change in our world. www.anhglobal.com

Conference organization responsibilities included program development, event planning, event management, speaker/presenter/performer travel, hotel, registration, and on-site guidance, particular event support provided for Alliance Founders including Dr. Deepak Chopra.