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Katelyn Bell
CWA GROUP

DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN
RCID, NCIDQ, IIDA, WELL AP, FITWEL
AMBASSADOR



MARKET SECTOR:
*education, athletics, civil,
commercial*

LOCATION:
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Katelyn is the Director of Interior Design with CWA Group in Norman. She is NCIDQ Certified, WELL AP Certified and a Fitwel Ambassador. Katelyn graduated from the University of Oklahoma where she received her Bachelor of Interior Design and a minor in Architecture. She is serving as VP of Advocacy Oklahoma for the IIDA Texas Oklahoma Chapter and IIDA Member at Large for the Oklahoma Interior Design Coalition. She is also a member of Leadership Norman's 41st Class and was named one of Norman NEXT's under 40 in 2022. In addition, she serves on the Professional Advisory Board for the Division of Interior Design at the University of Oklahoma's College of Architecture.

Whenever Katelyn isn't in the office, you can find her traveling or playing with her twin boys and husband.



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Kristin Check
GUERNSEY

REGISTERED COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNER
RCID, NCIDQ, IIDA, LEED AP, WELL AP



MARKET SECTOR:

*corporate, aviation, government,
municipal*

LOCATION:

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Kristin is an experienced Interior Designer and has been practicing in Oklahoma City since 2011. From a small bluegrass town in Kansas and a graduate of Oklahoma State University, the beginning of her career was in healthcare design, and has transformed through a variety of sectors of design including facilities management, corporate, government, higher education, and aviation. Kristin has a passion for sustainable design and for facilities that value the health and wellness of the users. Kristin was the first Interior Designer in the state of Oklahoma to receive the prestigious credential of WELL AP, which demonstrates her expertise and passion for creating healthy and holistic environments.

Kristin is a mom to two littles, a girl and a boy and lives in Edmond with her husband Dan. She enjoys sewing in her free time and is an award-winning quilter and needleworker.



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Andrea Durbin
MA+ ARCHITECTURE

DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN
RCID, NCIDQ, IIDA, ALEP



MARKET SECTOR:

education, corporate, religious

LOCATION:

Oklahoma City, OK

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From a small town Alva, Oklahoma, Andrea is a UCO graduate and the Director of Interior Design here at MA+. At the University of Central Oklahoma, she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interior Design with a minor in Art History. She has passed her NCIDQ examination and is a Registered Interior Designer in the State of Oklahoma. Most recently, Andrea completed the Advanced Academy with the Association for Learning Environments, and became one of 6 Accredited Learning Environment Planners in the state of Oklahoma. Andrea has nearly 2 decades of interior design and furniture selection experience including performing arts, athletic, K-12, higher education, and faith-based projects. Andrea has served on the Council for the IIDA City Center, as well as the OIIC Board of Directors. She has become a national speaker on interior design trends and volunteers on the Fine Arts Institute of Edmond's Board of Directors. She is a graduate of the Edmond Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Edmond Class of XXXV. Andrea has received the honor of being recognized as one of the Journal Records 40 Under 40 in 2020.

Andrea enjoys spending time with her family. Her husband, Drew, and her daughter Brooklyn, spend much of their time at the barn and attending horse shows. In her free time, Andrea loves to create and collect art, visit antique stores, and travel with her family.



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Jacob Gerber

ESSENTIAL LIGHT DESIGN STUDIO

PARTNER & SENIOR LIGHTING DESIGNER
IALD & CLD



MARKET SECTOR:

*civic, healthcare, hospitality,
residential, commercial,
historical, education, liturgical*

LOCATION:

Dallas, TX

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I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design in 2003. Once out of college, I began working as a lighting designer at a firm specializing in high-end residential and boutique hotel projects. In 2007, I moved to Lang Lighting Design, where I spent almost 10 years designing lighting for high-end resorts and hotels with upwards of 1000 rooms. Everything from Ritz Carlton and Four Seasons hotels to convention centre hotels stateside. In 2015, I joined the Essential Light Design Studio team and became a partner in 2019. In 2020, I was honoured with the international recognition of being in the top 40 lighting designers under 40 years old.

When I'm not doing lighting design, I'm enjoying learning, reading and viewing art as well as spending time with my husband and four kitty cats.



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Angel Gonzales

GENSLER

RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Gensler

MARKET SECTOR:

*workplace & commercial
hospitality*

LOCATION:

Dallas, TX

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As the Resource Director at Gensler Dallas, Angel Gonzales consults with designers on various projects, from workplace to hospitality, to retail and food + beverage. While it is a relationship-oriented role, Angel stresses that his priority is materials curation and filtering the best choice for the Designers and ultimately, the client. As a connector, he bridges gaps, linking designers with resources, contacts, or materials they need, and is trusted to consult on the quality of a product. With over ten years as a Resource Librarian, he enjoys the innovative nature of Gensler, who allows him to push the envelope of design and material application.



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Alison Hafar
SPACES, INC.

PRINCIPAL/PRESIDENT
NCIDQ, IIDA, ASID



MARKET SECTOR:
commercial

LOCATION:
Oklahoma City, OK

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Alison is NCIDQ certified, with a degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1982. She has 40 years of experience in commercial interior design. She formed Spaces Inc. alongside her partner, Don Henke, in 1999.

Spaces is a MillerKnoll office furniture dealership, specializing in commercial, GSA, healthcare and hospitality design.



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Christina Harris
GH2 ARCHITECTS

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, INTERIOR DESIGNER



MARKET SECTOR:

*education, hospitality, equine,
historic preservation, religious,
non-profit, government*

LOCATION:

Tulsa, OK

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With 11 years of experience at GH2 Architects, Christina has worked on many projects of varying project types! She brings a fresh perspective to each project while working closely with our architects in creating a cohesive design that meets our clients' needs.

Christina has a passion for design and strives to create meaningful and functional spaces for all of our clients.



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Khôi Hoàng
GENSLER

DESIGN DIRECTOR
ASID



MARKET SECTOR:
workplace, campus, civic, EDG

LOCATION:
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Khôi focuses on the North Star of a design brief, infusing every project with dynamic energy while guiding the design team through the process of capturing the client's vision. His work reflects a relentless dedication to evoking and celebrating the character and essence of the client and weaving the design narrative through every aspect of the project. He translates this philosophy through a wide variety of market sectors, including product design, furniture, and consultation on concept development and materiality.

Working at the intersection of workplace and hospitality, Khôi is known to be endlessly curious, constantly seeking new experiences and interdisciplinary inspiration from the world and sharing it across teams. Intentional at every scale, each project and element in Khôi's portfolio of work is carefully curated and edited to express a powerful story.



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Sara Hooker
FURNITURE MARKETING GROUP

ACCOUNT DIRECTOR
RID, LEED AP ID+C, IIDA



MARKET SECTOR:
*corporate, government,
education, life science*

LOCATION:
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I am an Account Director for Furniture Marketing group, and work on a wide range of project types including Corporate, Government, and Life Sciences and beyond. Having worked as a Registered Interior Designer in DFW for 11 years, prior to moving to sales, I now focus on A&D relationships in our region and bring a unique perspective and approach to our projects.



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Nida Hyder
INVENTURE

INTERIOR DESIGNER
IIDA, OI DC



MARKET SECTOR:

healthcare, workplace,
education, retail, hospitality,
industrial

LOCATION:

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Born and raised in Tulsa, OK, Nida has been working in the Tulsa industry for 6 years. She has gained knowledge from a variety of projects including Native work, Education, Healthcare, Workplace, Retail, Restaurant, Hospitality, and even Spiritual work. She is heavily involved in the industry volunteering her time to IIDA and OI DC.

Why does she do what she does?

To lead with passion & purpose so that others are influenced to come together to achieve their goals through support & appreciation of one another. As a designer, Nida believes we should use the power of knowledge we obtain to give back to the community. She enjoys volunteering for all types of relief efforts for her local community, traveling to enrich her mind, & planning events to create a sense of community. She prides herself on my ability to stay positive, make sure everything is organized, keep up the energy in the workplace, and create a sense of optimism around her.



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Sara Ketabi
MA+ ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNER



MARKET SECTOR:
commercial

LOCATION:
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As the Project Interior Designer, I am involved in all phases of the project and work to transition the design vision and concept to a reality. Further into the process, I am responsible for refining the overall design aesthetic alongside the client decision makers and project team.

I work fluidly with the Project Architects to ensure the development of the project documents meets the specified design aesthetic. I maintain the design vocabulary including overall layout, color palette, finishes, and other specified user requirements, such as custom or sustainable design features



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Kat Kim

KIRKSEY ARCHITECTURE

ASSOCIATE INTERIOR DESIGNER
IIDA, RID



MARKET SECTOR:

*commercial, corporate, capitol
improvements*

LOCATION:

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I graduated from OU with a degree in Interior Design and a minor in Architecture. After graduation, I moved to Houston, TX, and began working for a commercial architecture firm on their workplace interiors team. A few years later, I moved to Kirksey Architecture, where I continue to focus on projects for large corporate clients and enjoy making concepts into reality. In addition to my work, I'm also heavily involved in IIDA and am the current director of the Houston City Center Council.

Outside of work and volunteering, I spend most of my time with my partner and corgi, Loaf.



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Karla Love
MILES ARCHITECTURE

INTERIOR DESIGNER | PROJECT MANAGER
RCID, NCIDQ, CAPM



MARKET SECTOR:
*laboratory, healthcare,
academic, corporate*

LOCATION:
Oklahoma City, OK

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Karla is an Interior Designer and Project Manager at MILES Architecture in Oklahoma City. She is NCIDQ Certified and Registered Commercial Interior Designer in the state of Oklahoma, as well as a Certified Associate in Project Management. Karla graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2015, and has since worked for a general contractor, a large A/E firm, and now a specialized design firm. When not at the office, Karla and her husband can be found traveling or playing board games.



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Joseph Namyst IV
DAVIS FURNITURE

CREATIVE DIRECTOR



MARKET SECTOR:

contract furniture manufacturing

LOCATION:

High Point, NC

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Joseph Namyst is a creative director, publicist and multidisciplinary designer with over a decade of practicing strategic branding, public relations, marketing and interior design. Joseph graduated magna cum-laude in Interior Design from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2009, in which he also received the program's award for Academic Excellence. After graduation, Joseph began his career in New York City at the multidisciplinary agency, The Moderns. While at the agency, he developed his interests in cross-disciplinary collaboration, design methodology, experiential branding, culture building and environmental innovation under the mentorship of brand culture visionary Janine James. Having worked with international brands such as Bernhardt Furniture Company, Knoll Textiles, Shaw Industries, TOTO USA and BeOriginal Americas, Joseph is currently the Creative Director of Davis Furniture Industries. In this role, he leads his team through creative direction, storytelling, photography, graphic design, UX design, web design, marketing, advertising and PR strategy for the brand. In his role as the Creative Director, Joseph has been recently recognized as an industry leader and trendsetter in color and materiality, which is best represented through his unique style of product photography for Davis. Alongside the hundreds of products he has helped launch throughout his career, Joseph has enjoyed working on exhibitions at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair, New York Design Week, Wanted Design, London Design Festival, Boutique Design New York and NeoCon. Working closely alongside Lauren Rottet and Rottet Studio, Joseph played a key role in the design and construction management of Bernhardt Design's flagship showroom on Madison Avenue in New York City. The interior was featured in multiple publications and was subsequently awarded Contract Magazine's Showroom of the Year. Joseph has produced work featured in multiple publications, including Interior Design, Wallpaper, Surface, Metropolis, Azure, Architectural Record, Icon, Elle Decor, Contract, Boutique Design, Interiors + Sources, i+D, and Variety Magazine. Additionally, he has had assets featured in The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Fast Company and CNN.



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Maddy Nolan
BENHAM DESIGN

INTERIOR DESIGNER
NCIDQ, IIDA



MARKET SECTOR:
government, healthcare

LOCATION:
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I graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2017 with my Bachelor of Interior Design. Upon graduation I started working at Benham Design, an architecture and engineering firm, specializing in government design. I received my NCIDQ accreditation in the fall of 2020 and I have been working as a registered commercial interior designer ever since.



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Melissa Park
DEVON ENERGY

**FACILITIES & REAL ESTATE DESIGN
PROJECT MANAGER**
RCID, NCIDQ, IIDA, WELL AP



MARKET SECTOR:

*facilities mgmt, corporate,
education, healthcare*

LOCATION:

Oklahoma City, OK

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Melissa Park, RCID, IIDA, WELL AP is the Facilities & Real Estate Design Project Manager at Devon Energy in Oklahoma City. Prior to her time at Devon, Melissa earned her Bachelors of Interior Design at the University of Oklahoma in 2015 where she also interned at Facilities Management. She then spent the majority of her professional career at architectural firms specializing in Education and Healthcare design. Within the industry Melissa volunteers as the President of the IIDA Texas/Oklahoma Chapter and the University of Oklahoma Interior Design Professional Advisory Board Chair. This year, she will take on an additional role as the instructor for the WELL AP Exam course for the new OU Online MS in Sustainable Architecture.

When not at the office, Melissa and her husband are embracing being new parents to their son Grayson. They enjoy kayaking, golfing, and walking their three dogs when they have free time.



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Abbie Seay
CRONAN & ASSOCIATES

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Cronan & Associates



MARKET SECTOR:

*commercial, healthcare,
government*

LOCATION:

Norman, OK

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Based in the heart of Oklahoma, Abbie represents the C&A organization across the entire Oklahoma and Wichita Falls markets. She joined the C&A team in 2014, having started her career in the commercial furniture industry in 2007 and expertise in the corporate healthcare furniture market. Abbie calls on dealers, A&D firms, and end-users throughout her territory, with a wide range of clients and teammates relying on her interior design expertise.

Abbie is also an amazing mother to two boys, who both keep her on her toes and help her stay active with their weekend football and soccer games.



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Hayden Shallcross

ENTOS DESIGN

PROJECT MANAGER

IIDA



MARKET SECTOR:

*tenant design, corporate,
capital design*

LOCATION:

Dallas, TX

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In 2018 I Graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Interior Design and a Minor in Architecture. After graduation, I found my deepest passion for corporate design and a goal to find the best opportunities. I moved to Dallas in search of my first job and landed at SmithGroup which gave me a couple of treasured years of learning the ins and outs of corporate, higher education, government, healthcare and civil design. I grew a ton at this firm thanks to my mentors and it gave me the confidence to try something new once the pandemic slowed things down. This lead me to branching out into multi-tenant and residential design, though fun, I quickly realized this was not my calling! I eagerly made the transition back to corporate, finding myself where I am today, ENTOS Design in Dallas. Here I am currently a Project Manager and am living my best life as a designer and taking on a leadership role. I am actively involved in culture committees, OU Alumni work, IIDA Mentorship and industry community events.

My personal life is spent with my beautiful growing family, great friends, small side businesses, home cooking, community involvement and as active members of our church. I plan to continue my career here at ENTOS and look forward to all of the opportunities to come.



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Avery Smith
STUDIO FLOW

DESIGNER



MARKET SECTOR:
*hospitality, residential,
commercial workplace*

LOCATION:
Philadelphia, PA

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Avery Smith is currently an interior designer at Studio Plow, a small architectural studio based in Santa Rosa, California. Her background is in commercial interiors, though she now works on a wide range of project types including residential and hospitality.

Avery is also a photographer. She believes in creative flexibility and diversity, and hopes to help other young creatives tap into several talents to help their future studios. She currently resides in Philadelphia, working remotely. Avery is an alumni of the University of Oklahoma Gibbs College of Architecture and graduated with her degree in interior design in 2018.



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Emma Smith
DALTILE

ARCHITECTURAL REPRESENTATIVE
RID, IIDA, WELL AP



daltile®

MARKET SECTOR:
all commercial

LOCATION:
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Based in Dallas, TX, Emma is an Architectural Representative to the A&D community in DFW and East, TX. She joined DalTile in 2023 after spending four years as an Interior Designer. Her background includes all aspects of Commercial Design and FF&E. She now works with designers hand in hand to help meet their project needs and design intents and help follow the design through construction. Emma is heavily involved in IIDA and the SHIFT Student Conference each year.

She spends her off time with her dachshund, enjoying the outdoors when possible and the occasional OU Football game.



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Amber Wernick

PERKINS+WILL

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IIDA



MARKET SECTOR:
workplace

LOCATION:
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Since graduating from OU in 2009, Amber Wernick has collaborated with some of the world's most creative companies to transform their workplace experiences. Grounded in a human-centric approach, she has honed the ability to translate each client's vision and unique culture into design solutions that resonate. After many years in Los Angeles working with Clive Wilkinson Architects and lululemon, Amber is back in Dallas at Perkins+Will. In her new role, she's a leader in the Interiors studio, fostering collaboration and developing new business.



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Lauren Whitney

CORGAN

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
RID, LEED AP ID+C, WELL AP



MARKET SECTOR:
workplace interiors

LOCATION:
Dallas, TX

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In 2004, Lauren graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Interior Design and started a career in her hometown of Oklahoma City before relocating to Corgan in Dallas for the last 16 years. As a leader in Corgan's Interiors Studio, Lauren guides her team in designing complex corporate campuses. She navigates workplace transformations by supporting both the office environment and the employees who use them through a focus on strategy, wellness, embodied carbon impacts, and sustainability. Some of her most notable clients to date are TIAA, Toyota, Keurig Dr Pepper, Nissan, and NBC. Continually driven by curiosity and the impacts of leadership in the workplace, Lauren completed her Masters in Management, Strategy, and Leadership in 2022 at Michigan State University, where she graduated with honors, Chickasha Holitoplich, from her tribe, the Chickasaw Nation.

In addition to work, Lauren volunteers at her church, plays tennis, attends musicals, and road-trips to national parks. She currently resides in Dallas, TX, with her husband, Blake, and two daughters.



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