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ROBIN BRADFORD
DALTILE

Robin Bradford is the Architectural Representative for Daltilo in Indiana. Having received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design and Marketing from Ball State University in 1999, she has been in the design industry for over 20 years. Past experiences include role of designer, project manager and sales, as well as past ASID board member. After a long stint specifically in the flooring industry, an opportunity came up in 2019 to become the Architectural Rep at Daltilo. She is celebrating 3 years with Daltilo this month. Having been in various roles within design, she values the importance of the relationship between designer and rep. Robin grew up on the north side of Indianapolis and has resided in Fishers for the last 19 years. In her free time, she enjoys traveling with her husband, going to concerts, working on her own house, and always looking for the best local coffee shop to support.



KARI FUNSTON
ARCDESIGN

Kari joined arcDESIGN in 2009 as the firm's first interior designer and went on to develop their current robust and growing interior design studio. She is now a Principal at the firm and works on a broad range of healthcare, higher-ed, community, and corporate projects. Kari is originally from Metro Detroit but, prior to moving to Indianapolis, she lived in Naples, Florida for two years. She has a strong interest in sustainable design, is a WELL AP, and values building strong client relationships.

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JAE PARK
INTERFACE

Jae Park is an Account Executive for Interface, Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of commercial modular flooring products. A graduate of Indiana University Bloomington with a Bachelors Degree in Interior Design, Jae kicked off his design career working in the IU Architects Office. His design and marketing career includes positions with Business Furniture Corporation, Mitsch Design, Office Works, and in advertising and marketing agencies. Jae's greatest strengths are his creativity, drive and client relations. Over 23 years later, Jae is still passionate about the interior design industry and sustainability in all its dimensions. Jae was named the recipient of Ray C. Anderson Sustainability Award United States in 2015.

He is a passionate person who cares about the community he lives in and the people he encounters. A few of his community involvement activities include Indy Reads, Indy Hub, IU Cares program, IYG, IIDA, IDCI and Zero Landfill. Served on the Board of Interior Design Coalition of Indiana (IDCI) as a VP of Membership. Jae is currently serving as Indiana University Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Interior Design Advisory Board Member.



JOHN STRACHAN
GREAT APG

John joined Great APG in May 2018 and launched the organization's A & D program. He is an accredited CEU facilitator and designer with a passion for assisting individuals to improve their skills and develop solutions to problems by involving the human perspective.

Before joining Great APG, John has worked in sales and design in Indianapolis. John got his start in the industry at Indianapolis-based Kittles Furniture, where he served as Visual Merchandise Director and Accessory Buyer.

John has actively served on the Design Arts Society Board for the Indianapolis Museum of Art and as board President of the Ransburg YMCA.

John hails from Ohio, grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has a bachelor's degree in interior design and a master's degree in visual communication design.

INSTRUCTORS



BARB YOUNG
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Barb Young, RID, LEED AP, is an NCIDQ certified Interior Designer, registered in the State of Indiana, and LEED Accredited Professional with practice experience in commercial and education environments. Barb is an educator dedicated to instilling the positive impact that interior design contributes to people and places through evidence-based, socially responsible, process. She is dedicated to the advancement of the profession through her continued service as a site visitor for the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and active memberships in the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) and International Interior Design Association (IIDA).



EMILY MCLAUGHLIN
IUPUI

Emily McLaughlin serves as the Program Chair. McLaughlin's experience includes extensive commercial design and project management of office, educational and healthcare facilities. Areas of interest, include life safety in commercial structures, building codes, and building safety and security. McLaughlin holds both a BA and MA in Interior Design from Purdue University, a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management from IUPUI, and an MS in Public Safety at IUPUI. McLaughlin is an NCIDQ certified interior designer.



SUING DING
PURDUE FORT WAYNE

Suining Ding is a Professor of Interior Design and the director of the Interior Design Program at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Dr. Ding is an NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer. She holds Evidence-based Design Accreditation and Certificate (EDAC) and earned a Ph.D. in Architectural Studies/Human Environmental Sciences from the University of Missouri-Columbia. During her professional practice career, Dr. Ding participated in the design of many large-scale commercial projects. She is a member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the Interior Design Educator's Council (IDEC).