



Kelly Prendergast

Interior Design Adjunct Professor

Interior designer and educator with adjunct teaching experience at the University of New Haven since 2021, specializing in studio instruction and curriculum development. Proven ability to enhance and restructure courses to improve student engagement and learning outcomes. Holds a master's degree in Interactive Media and Communications, bringing a multidisciplinary approach that integrates design, technology, and visual communication. Combines real-world experience in interior design, marketing, and graphic design with a strong commitment to student mentorship and academic growth.

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skills

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
STUDENT MENTORING
CREATIVE MINDSET
ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE
MICROSOFT OFFICE 365
CANVAS
AUTOCAD
REVIT
WORDPRESS
SQUARESPACE
FIGMA

reference

Stephen Smith (203) 927-4986
University of New Haven

professional experience

University of New Haven

West Haven, CT

2021 - Present

Interior Design Adjunct Professor

- » Teach Visual Communications and Materials & Specifications courses in an interior design program
- » Instruct students in hand rendering techniques through structured exercises and visual communication methods
- » Introduce students to digital tools including SketchUp, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign
- » Guide students in effectively presenting and communicating design concepts through visual media
- » Deliver weekly lectures on material categories, applications, and industry standards
- » Teach development of finish plans and specification packages, including proper documentation and notation
- » Facilitate industry engagement by coordinating guest presentations from material and product representatives
- » Continuously update and restructure course curriculum to improve student learning outcomes

education

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT

2025 - 2026

MA in Interactive Media & Communications

- » Developed expertise in human-centered design, applying user-focused strategies to solve creative, technical, and business challenges
- » Designed and produced cross-media content, including web, digital, and interactive platforms, with an emphasis on visual storytelling
- » Gained proficiency in UX/UI design, social media analytics, and multimedia production
- » Capstone development of a comprehensive digital portfolio showcasing interdisciplinary design work

University of New Haven

West Haven, CT

2014 - 2019

BFA in Interior Design

- » Developed a strong foundation in interior design principles, including space planning, color theory, materials, lighting, and environmental factors
- » Applied design concepts to create functional, user-centered residential and commercial spaces with consideration for sustainability and universal design
- » Gained proficiency in CAD, 3D modeling, and rendering to effectively communicate design solutions
- » Completed a CIDA-accredited program aligned with professional standards and eligibility for the NCIDQ examination