

Thea Ellenberg

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Education

Cornell University Master of Arts: Interior Design and Environmental Analysis Ithaca, NY, USA	1994
Syracuse University Bachelor of Science: Environmental Design (Interiors) Syracuse, NY, USA	1988
Syracuse University Semester Abroad: Architecture Florence, Italy	1986

Thesis

The Italian Piazza as "Room": Design History and Analysis

This thesis describes social interactions in the Italian piazza and applies interior design spacial theories to a larger environmental scale.

Fellowships and Awards

Foreign Language and Area Fellowship (FLAS) in Italian at Cornell: Took 300 level Italian classes to aid thesis research. Provided full tuition plus stipend
Thesis Research Travel Grant: Provided funds for summer research traveling through five cities in Italy including: Rome, Siena, Florence, Venice, and Milan
Graduate Research Grant
Graduate Assistantship

Work Experience in Education

University of Georgia Furnishings and Interiors Lecturer Athens, GA Taught TXMI 2360 Residential Interior Design Core Studio, TXMI 2380 Studio II Presentation Methods and Media, TXMI 3320 Residential Building Construction and Materials, TXMI 3330 Computer-Aided Residential Design, TXMI 3370 Residential Building Systems and Lighting Design, TXMI 3380 Studio III: Kitchen and Bath Design, TXMI 3390 Studio IV: Universal and Sustainable Residential Design, and TXMI 2010 Creativity and the Design Process.	January 2017 – Current Aug. 1993 to May 2003
Athens Technical College Program Chair Athens, GA Proposed and initiated Athens Technical College's first ever Interior Design program. Created and taught all classes such as: History of Architecture, Color Theory, Business of Interior Design, Lighting, Materials and Resources, Elements and Principles of Design, 20/20, as well as studio classes of all levels. Hired and managed adjuncts, organized student designer show <u>houses</u> and participated on committees.	July 2007 to May 2012
Athens Technical College Study Abroad Program Director/Leader/Instructor Italy (Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Florence, Venice, Levanto, Milan)	May 2009 to May 2011

Proposed, initiated, organized, and lead Athens Technical College's first ever study abroad program as a two-week study tour through Italy for three years in a row. Served as tour leader and guide providing walking tour through seven Italian cities. Handled all logistics, finances, and reservations for all participants.

University of Georgia

Aug. 1993 to May 2003

Furnishings and Interiors Lecturer

Athens, GA

Taught all studio classes offered as well as Business of Interior Design, Lighting, Materials and Resources, and AutoCAD. Served on various committees.

University of Georgia

Summers 1994 - 1999

Study Abroad Instructor

Taught 7-week Interior Design courses in Verona, Italy for five summers with the UGA Globis program. Taught senior studio project as well as architectural sketching in Verona and on fieldtrips to surrounding cities.

L'Istituto Americano

Aug. 1990 to Jan. 1992

English Language Instructor in Italy

Florence, Italy

Taught English to Italian students in one of Italy's premier institutes for American English.

Other Work History

Bitsy Baby Portraits

Feb. 2012 to current

Owner/Maternity, Newborn and Family Photographer

Winterville, GA

Bella Baby Photography

Feb. 2012 to Mar. 2017

In-Hospital Newborn Photographer

Athens, GA

Design Inspirations

Oct. 2001 to Current

Owner/Interior Designer

Winterville, GA

Provide residential interior design services to the greater Athens area including, space planning, color selections, kitchen and bath remodeling, additions and renovations, accessorizing, and home staging for resale.

Weissman Tours

May 1993 to June 1993

Tour Guide through six European Countries

Ardsley, NY

Served as a tour guide for a 5-week tour through Italy, France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England, and Austria.

Studio Benvenuti

Jan. 1991 to August 1992

Architectural Draftsperson

Florence, Italy

Worked as an architectural draftsperson and renderer for architect Massimo Benvenuti. Served as translator for meetings with English speaking clients.

Swanke Hayden Connell

Dec. 1988 to August 1989

Designer

Manhattan, NY

Served as a designer for renowned architecture firm. Worked on multi-million dollar project for the Dreyfus Corporation on Park Avenue. Provided architectural renderings for the Metropolitan Opera House.

Classic Kitchen and Bath

June 1988 – Dec. 1988

Kitchen and Bath Designer

Roslyn Heights, NY

Designed high-end kitchens and baths by creating hand-drafted floorplans, elevations, and perspectives.

Computer Skills

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, AutoCAD, 20-20 Cabinetry Software, SketchUp, Photoshop CC, Lightroom Classic.

Certifications

NCIDQ Certified (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) Certification #016002.

Languages

Fluent in Italian with dual Italian/American citizenship.