

New Department Chair for Interior Design

Harrington is pleased to welcome John Martin-Rutherford as our new Interior Design Chairperson. John comes to us with an extensive educational and experiential design background. John began his design journey as a young child painting and turned an innate interest in art into a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Art from The Centre College of Kentucky. From there, he continued his educational journey with a second Bachelor's Degree (professional) in Architecture and a Master's of Interior Design from University of Kentucky in Louisville where he also taught and worked at an architecture firm for several years. He then accompanied Dr. Charles Moore to Austin, TX to work with him at the University of Texas where he also attained a Master's Degree in Architecture. After working with Dr. Moore on several projects, John moved to San Francisco where he worked as the Director of Interior Design and architectural project manager for Leo A. Daly Co. He also pursued a PhD from Berkeley in Architecture, but ended up moving back to his home state of Kentucky to attend University of Louisville and obtain the last of his six degrees -- a PhD in Urban Design and direct the activities of the Urban Design Studio, a think tank cosponsored by two universities and the Metro Louisville Department of Planning and Design. He accomplished all of this while running his own design practice, The JM-R Studio. He has taught Interior Design in four programs, the last being Director of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs in Interior Architecture.

John is a huge promoter of the arts in all arenas of his life. He renovated a mansion in Louisville, KY into a center for the arts where art exhibits, musical soirees, theater companies, and writers are all welcome. John, himself, is an oil painter and sculptor and has been President of the Kentucky Opera Guild, president of the theater group in college, on the board of Pandora Productions (a theatre company), etc.

Travel is another of John's passions. He has lived and studied in Italy and France and traveled around Asia, just to name a few and was a United States representative to the International Laboratory of Architecture and Urban Design in Urbino, Italy. He believes strongly in the benefits of studying design in diverse regions and countries and has a personal love of Japanese Art, Architecture, and Landscapes.

John has many goals for his time here at Harrington. He would like to integrate the different programs on campus by creating an atmosphere that thrives on the interplay of different people, focuses, and interests. He wants to help create a more global perspective at Harrington by promoting cultural diversity on campus. Lastly, he is focusing on preparing students for the real design world by creating confident and capable designers for the future.



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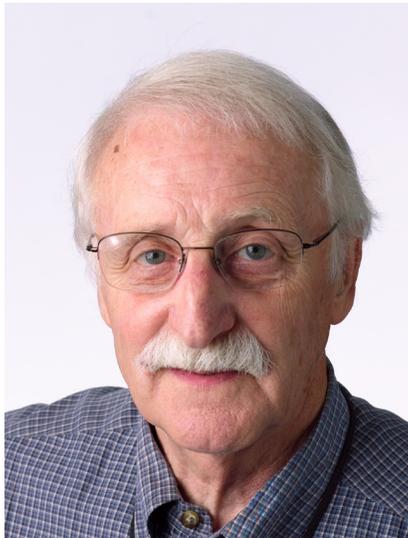
What's going on at Harrington?

Harrington students once again wowed the fashion world with their garment entry at IIDA's event-of-the-year, Stitch, at the Park West September 25th. Incorporating materials from our industry sponsors Antron and Lees Carpet, the Harrington team's garment was stunningly presented by model Jekaterina Spiridonova. The student design team included Brooke Miller, Diana Kelley, Heriberto Ruiz, Holli Eddington, Livia Glatz, Mariedoll Del Valle, Rachel Schabowska and Victoria Wehrl. This year's competing designers from Chicago's professional community was rich in Harrington alumni, including co-creator of the best-in-show garment Angelina Lyubomirova.

Harrington was well represented when the ASID Illinois Chapter presented its 2008 Design Excellence Awards in the Chase Auditorium October 3rd. Harrington alumni recognized for their work included Kory Blosky, Jessica Lagrange, Aimee Nemeckay, and Norma Zeiger; Harrington faculty members Allyson Wilkovich and Constantine Vasilios; and Board of Governors members Carlos Martinez and Tom Segal. Congratulations to all!

Harrington 2007 alumni Megan Lopez and Scudder Mackey were married Saturday, September 6th, and returned to campus with their photographer to commemorate the occasion at the place they first met. Congratulations and best wishes to Megan and Scudder!





Joe White Retires from HCD

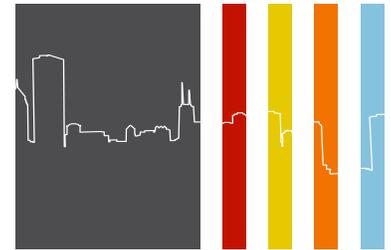
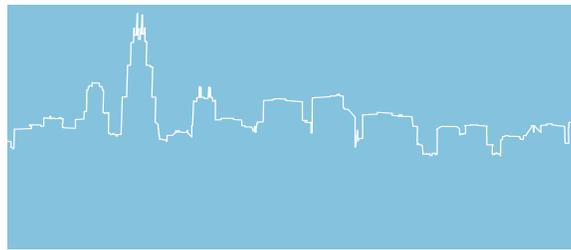
When asked how long he worked at Harrington, Joe isn't sure, but he knows it's over 30 years! In that time he has seen a lot of students come and go. These days, he frequently sees former students at the Merchandise Mart working on their design projects or projects for large companies. It's rewarding for him to see their achievements after graduation and know he had a part in their success.

So where did Joe get started? He graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago in Interior Design, far more than 30 years ago! Plus, he took academic courses from the University of Chicago. After marrying his wife, Elizabeth, he realized he had better get a job and started as a draftsman for Carson Pirie Scott in their Contract Division. He worked his way up to Assistant Director and then Director. One of his clients was the University of Illinois/Chicago, who became a "bread and butter" client when Joe began his own firm – H J White Associated Designers. Joe has worked on UIC projects for 27 years! Currently, he is redesigning student dorm rooms into floor lounges and redesigning lobbies.

With so much work, why teach? Joe says "It forces you to think about what and how you do things. You analyze what you do as a designer and draftsman. Some things work well for one class, but not another. You have to experiment with each class. And, of course, it's rewarding to see the students develop."

And what's next? He says he's going to retire completely soon, but tomorrow he's doing a presentation for a 10,000 SF office space in Elgin! So, maybe he is slowing down. Maybe.

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Alumni Spotlight:

Joe Sacco, Class of 2005

Joe Sacco, Principal of JS Interiors Group, recently took a moment to reflect on his firm's success and his education at Harrington. Reached in New York, where he is finishing three residential projects, Joe was featured in the July/August 2008 edition of Chicago Home & Garden magazine. The cover, along with a four-page spread, told the story of a bachelor's residence in River North's 28-story Montgomery.

"Modernism and minimalism aren't the same thing," he is quoted as saying. "You shouldn't walk into someone's home and feel like you have to put on rubber gloves and a lab coat." The sprawling penthouse space, featuring 13-foot ceilings and sweeping views of Chicago, is just one of several projects Joe has had published since graduating from Harrington. He started taking projects while still a student, and is the subject of recent articles in i4Design magazine (Fall 2007), Midwest Home Chicago (Fall 2006), as well as the May/June issue of Chicago Home & Garden.

Joe cited the late Lenore Levy as "the Harrington teacher who taught me the most," continuing on to say "I'm surprised I am saying that now, considering how hard she made us work, but you get more out of it when you put more into it. She didn't just hand out A's – you had to earn it."

JS Interiors is a full-service, collaborative interior design studio specializing in modern and transitional spaces. Joe prides himself on designing projects that are on-time, within budget, and with quality and attention to detail. You can see more of his work at JSInteriorsGroup.com.



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