

“While I serve as the faculty advisor for our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Design student group, I pledge always to be available to listen to students’ concerns and help organize and act on achievable goals. I will support the group’s activities and do everything within my power to help maintain a dynamic group that supports and uplifts a diverse community in IARC.

As an instructor, I will be teaching a new course, “Race, Space, and Design,” about the racialization of place in the United States, focusing on the landscape, architecture, and interiors of the Jim Crow era, urban renewal, and postwar housing policies as they affected Black communities, recent housing policies and how they continue to affect the racial geography of cities. I will also actively seek design studio projects that allow students to focus on topics such as resilience and social equity and engage in spatial programming that counteracts historical patterns of racial and economic displacement and segregation.

I will continue my research on race and the designed environment and publish work that brings voices that have been overlooked in interior design and architecture to the forefront.”