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Katie Rothfield is an award-winning educator and licensed interior designer. Born and raised in midcoast Maine, she earned a BA in Clinical Psychology and a minor in Studio Art from Tufts University. She combined her education in creativity and systematic analysis to earn an MFA in Interior Design at the Savannah College of Art and Design where she found passion and inspiration when exploring the deep connections between the interior environment and human psyche. Over the past decade, Katie has developed and taught a wide range of graduate and undergraduate curricula, and she serves as the Educational Representative for the NEWH South Florida Chapter.

Rothfield's professional practice experience spans over sixteen years in the hospitality, corporate, residential, and institutional interior design industries. Utilizing her strong connections with the professional design community to leverage opportunities for student engagement, Katie is a champion for student success. Among other notable achievements, she is the creator and Chair of the highly successful annual conference, D<sub>3</sub>E, an event that brings together design students, professionals, educators, and manufacturers' representatives for a variety of informational sessions, portfolio and resume reviews, and cutting-edge workshops that encourage students to rethink the way they design. She also originated the FIU Interior Architecture Department's LEED Green Associate Exam Achievement Award, which reimburses students who successfully pass the exam.

Recent accolades include the 2017 FIU College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching, the 2016 FIU Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the 2016 NEWH South Florida Chapter Silver Star Award, and the 2015 International Interior Design Association (IIDA) South Florida Chapter Educator of the Year Award. Katie is a published chapter text contributor to *100 Architects and Interior Designers*, by Damir Sinovcic, and she has presented at numerous conferences.