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“Sustainability is not a specialization, but a reality already embedded in every course, every discipline, every university – the issue is less about integration and more about embracing what is already there, doing it in a creative way, and making it personal to the student. The critical learning outcomes that sustainability commands of us will not be achieved in a business-as-usual mindset. Educators must be imaginative, passionate, resilient, and wise; challenging what has always been, inviting what could be, and taking action for a new way of being.”

In August of 2011, Dr. Armstrong joined Oklahoma State University as an assistant professor in the Department of Design, Housing, and Merchandising. She holds a Ph.D. and a Master of Science in Apparel and Textiles from Kansas State University; and a Bachelor of Science in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design from Middle Tennessee State University.

Courses taught and positions held:

Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University, 01-2009 – 08-2011
*Apparel, Textiles, & Interior Design Sustainability Lab*

Adjunct Professor, Tennessee Tech University, 08/2008 – 05/2009

Adjunct Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, 01/2008 – 12/2008

She has also worked in the apparel industry for over 15 years in both management and merchandising capacities.

Dr. Armstrong is interested in sustainability. Both her Master’s practicum and doctoral dissertation explored the transformation of fashion education for sustainability. She has published articles related to sustainability education in *Fashion Practice* and the *Journal of Sustainability Education* and was recently awarded a USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant to pursue a sustainability-related project. Her scholarship also includes the application of sustainable design principles to apparel business and product development. Dr. Armstrong has participated in several juried design exhibits including ITAA and AAFCS, where she placed Best in Show in 2010.
DR. JORGE ATILES
Professor and
Associate Dean, Extension & Engagement

Dr. Jorge Atiles became the Associate Dean for Extension and Engagement in July 2010. Most recently Atiles has served as the Associate Dean for Outreach and Extension in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia. He was also the Family and Consumer Sciences State Program Leader for Cooperative Extension and he was a leader in Latino outreach for UGA Extension.

Since 1999, Dr. Atiles has presented more than 71 invited lectures to undergraduate and graduate students in various academic areas at UGA and University of Veracruz, Mexico. Dr. Atiles has served on seven graduate student committees as a committee member.

Atiles received his doctorate degree in housing, interior design and resource management and master’s degree in urban and regional planning from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He earned a bachelor of architecture degree from the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Dominican Republic.

Affordable housing education programs, natural gas education for consumers, water quality and energy conservation, weatherization and education have been the focus of Atiles' areas of extension and outreach work. He has also conducted research in workforce housing, energy conservation and literacy, community and housing development and housing finance.

In 2005, Atiles received the Walter Barnard Hill Award from the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at UGA. He has also been recognized with awards from the Environmental Protection Agency and several professional organizations.

Before his tenured position at UGA, Atiles worked as an architect and planner with the National Housing Bank of the Dominican Republic, as a Housing Manager of federal housing programs in Athens-Clarke County and as adjunct faculty in the College of Architecture at the UNPHU, Dominican Republic.

JORGE ATILES

Ph.D. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
M.U.R.P. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
B.Arch Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Dominican Republic

“Housing is a basic, critical element to anyone’s life. A good housing environment helps families and communities attain a good quality of life. I am committed to researching and developing housing programs that address the present and future of housing in the financial, social and
health sectors.”
TILANKA CHANDRASEKERA
Assistant Professor

Tilanka joined OSU in August, 2013 as an assistant professor in the Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising. He holds a Bachelor and a Master degree in Architecture, and a PhD in Designing with Digital Media at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He has taught at the Department of Architecture, University of Moratuwa-Sri Lanka and also at the Department of Architectural Studies, University of Missouri- Columbia. He has taught a number of courses at these institutions including design communication and design studios. In his teaching philosophy he encourages active learning and enhances student motivation by continuous and close involvement with the students, as well as through the use of new technology.

Tilanka is also a registered architect in Sri Lanka who has a considerable practice record which includes designing zoos, hotels and multi storied apartment complexes. He has worked as the project architect in many of these projects.

His research interests lie in the juxtaposition of design and digital media and ranges within the virtuality-reality continuum (that includes physical space, virtual and augmented reality) He is interested in focusing on how digital media can be used in design education, and is continuing his research on tangible user interfaces and its implications in design and design education. He has presented his research at a number of international and regional conferences and his work has been published in highly ranked peer reviewed academic journals such as Design Studies Journal.

Tilanka has been a reviewer for the Environmental Design Research Association conference for a couple of years and also served as an associate editor for The International Journal of Designed Objects. He is a member of a number of professional organizations including Environmental Design Research Associate, Design Communication Association, International Facility Management Association and the American Society of Architectural Illustrators. He currently serves as the Faculty advisor for the International Facility Management Association, student chapter at OSU.

I consider myself to be a practicing designer, a design researcher, and a design educator. Each of these aspects is strengthened by the other and my passion is in striving to achieve a balance among these three elements.
“Consumers are faced with risks every day. Understanding the motivations to reduce those risks and preventing possible injury from product recalls is my passion.”

In August of 2012, Dr. Greg Clare joined the Oklahoma State University, Human Sciences faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Design, Housing, and Merchandising. He holds a Ph.D. and M.B.A., 20 years of industry experience.

Course taught and positions held:

Instructor and Graduate Assistant, Michigan State University, 5/2007-8/2012
Communication Arts and Sciences, Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing
International Sourcing and Product Development, 2010

Consumer Behavior, 2012

Dr. Clare’s research interests include: food product recalls, traceability, e-Commerce, online product reviews and online communities. His M.B.A. includes a specialization in Human Resource Management and he understands the importance of preparing students for increasingly diverse workplaces in which individually driven training and development are critical issues for success. He also has a passion for preparing students to solve complex problems while working in groups, mirroring today’s business environment.

He served as the secretary for the dean selection committee for Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University. He also facilitated the orientation of international teaching assistants at Michigan State University.

Greg also worked for over 20 years for various retail corporations including: J.C. Penney, T.J.X, Montgomery Ward, Target Corporation (Mervyn’s), and Kohl’s Department Stores in various management roles. He has five years of retail industry consulting experience at Gerson Lehrman Group and ROI Tech Retail Consulting.

His scholarship includes several conference presentations at American Collegiate Retailing Association (ACRA) related to International Retailing and e-Commerce. He has participated in five multi-institution grant writing partnerships to advance the cause of improving knowledge and reducing injury from food recalls.
Dr. Paulette Hebert taught for 20 years and developed and presented numerous continuing education seminars for consumers, practicing interior designers and architects. Concurrently, Dr. Hebert served as a licensed interior designer with a lighting design specialization for more than twenty-five years. She completed hundreds of commercial and residential projects throughout the USA, receiving over 40 design awards for transportation, work space, ecclesiastic, residential and hospitality projects.

Dr. Hebert conducted interdisciplinary research concerning lighting design, facilities design, consumer behavior, and leather apparel and interior accessories. Some studies resulted in research grants or contracts from such groups as the Illuminating Engineering Society, International Association of Lighting Designers’ Association Education Trust Fund and several university funded competitive grant programs.

Dr. Hebert presented juried and/or invited papers to diverse professional and trade organizations including: American Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES), International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), International Facility Management Association (IFMA), International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Japan Facility Management Association (JFMA), and the National Retail Federation (NRF). She has several juried exhibitions and also served as a juror and paper reviewer.

Dr. Hebert authored several lighting articles and her design work is recognized in publications such as Architectural Lighting and Lighting Design and Application magazines and an AIA Healthcare publication. She served as a member of a small, national committee who authored a chapter in a lighting handbook and who also authored a merchandise lighting book. Her work appeared in various publications including: Architectural Lighting, Textile Chemist and Colorists/American Dyestuff Reporter, and the Journal of Business Research. She served for book reviewer Editor of Lighting Design & Application (LD+A).

She is currently a member of four national honor societies, Interior Design Educators Council, International Facility Management Association, Illuminating Engineering Society of North America and the International Dark-Sky Association.

Dr. Hebert holds a Ph.D. in Human Ecology (Merchandising) with a Marketing Minor from Louisiana State University (LSU); a Master of Science degree in Human Ecology (Merchandising) from LSU; and a Bachelor of Interior Design from LSU. Prior to arriving at OSU, Dr. Hebert was a Professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL), where she was a member of the graduate Faculty and Founder and Director of the Facility Design and Management Studio (FDM Studio). The mission of FDM Studio was to provide on-campus design assistance for several different types of facilities, including one in excess of 250,000 square feet. Also while at ULL, Dr. Hebert served in the capacities of Assistant Dean for Recruiting and Research in the College of the Arts, Acting Director for the School of Architecture and Design, and Coordinator of the Interior Design Program. Dr. Hebert also taught at Louisiana State University for nine years.

**PAULETTE R. HEBERT**

Ph.D. Louisiana State University  
M.S. Louisiana State University  
B.I.D. Louisiana State University

“I am committed to the identification and development of unique...”
opportunities for outreach, research and experiential learning.”

ADITYA JAYADAS

Assistant Professor

In August of 2014, Dr. Aditya Jayadas joined the Oklahoma State University, Human Sciences faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Design, Housing, and Merchandising. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Industrial Engineering and has five years of teaching experience. He holds a certification as an Associate Ergonomics Professional from the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics.

Course taught and positions held:

Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 8/2005-12/2009

- Engineering Design for People
- Ergonomics and Design
- Work Analysis & Design
- Industrial Ergonomics
- Work Physiology

Dr. Jayadas’ research interests include:

- Balance, Strength and Biomechanics of slips & falls in the elderly
- Human Factors in Systems Design,
- Usability testing of Mobile Phones, Tablets, and Websites and
- Physical ergonomics including anthropometry, biomechanical and physiological demands of work.

He developed a novel biomechanical method using the Upper Body Center-of-Mass (UBCOM) & Lower Body Center-of-Mass (LBCOM) dynamics during the recovery effort from a slippery perturbation under different arm restriction conditions. The findings showed that individuals were able to recover better when their arms were not restricted. Also, the elderly fallers were unable to ‘catch up’ by moving their UBCOM quickly to keep up with the LBCOM. On the other hand, younger non-fallers were able to have a higher difference in velocities between the UBCOM and LBCOM, and still ‘catch up’ successfully.

ADITYA JAYADAS

Ph.D. Texas Tech University
M.S. St. Mary’s University
B.E. Bangalore Institute of Technology

“Ergonomics=Matching capabilities and limitations of individuals to the demands of the task. My goal as a human scientist is to better understand challenges that individuals face as they interact with different objects in an environment and provide holistic solutions through design interventions.”
MIHYUN KANG

Professor

Dr. Kang joined Oklahoma State University (OSU) in January 2005 as a tenure track Assistant Professor in the Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising. She worked at the University of California Davis as a tenure track Assistant Professor in the Design Program during the 2008-2010 academic years, and then rejoined OSU in August 2010. She holds a Ph.D. in interior design from University of Minnesota; a M.A. in interior design from Iowa State University; and B.S. in housing and interior design from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Kang’s doctoral dissertation funded by the American Society of Interior Designers and the Graduate School of University of Minnesota focused on environmentally sustainable interior design practice. She focuses her scholarly work on sustainability in terms of both interior design and facility management to minimize negative effects and maximize positive effects on environmental, economic, and social systems over the life cycle of a building. She became a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional in 2009. She also has interests in design methodology for special populations to solve complex contemporary interior design problems. Her research has been funded from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, American Society of Interior Designers Foundation, International Facility Management Association, Illumination Engineering Society, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, Oklahoma Association for Family and Consumer Sciences and Northeastern Oklahoma Community Health Centers. Dissemination of her research has resulted in refereed journal publications and refereed conference presentations to make it available for national and international audiences. Her expertise enhanced her teaching for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for professional and public services.

Dr. Kang has commercial interior design experience that includes design work in Korea, China, and U.S. This international design aspect helps to expand a point of view at OSU. She has worked at Corporate-Commercial-Institutional Interiors Group in Ellerbe Becket, Minneapolis, MN; Design Department in Iowa Department of Transportation, Ames, IA; and Department of Interior Design and Custom Furniture in Hyundai Wood Industries Co., LTD, Seoul, Korea. She has received recognitions for refereed creative work, and her interior design work has been published and exhibited internationally.

MIHYUN KANG

Ph.D. University of Minnesota
M.S. Iowa State University
B.S. Yonsei University, Korea
“Variety is a key element of good instruction, including variety in techniques, resources, methods, words, stories, experiences and environment.”

Dr. Ownbey’s degrees are in clothing, textiles and merchandising and home economics education. Prior to her employment at OSU, she was a curriculum specialist and production supervisor for a major curriculum center at Texas Tech University. She also has been a public school teacher in Texas and was once employed with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Ownbey is a member of several professional associations related to textiles and apparel, family and consumer sciences, experiential learning, marketing and retailing.

Shiretta Ownbey has been teaching apparel merchandising courses within the Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising since 1991. She also serves as faculty advisor to the Apparel Merchandising and Design Association student organization.

Periodically, she leads an enrichment trip to New York for graduate and undergraduate students, which includes visits to industry and business sites, and networking with industry professionals. Dr. Ownbey currently is collaborating in the development of multimedia educational materials pertaining to the intimate apparel industry, for use in college and university classrooms.

Since coming to OSU, Dr. Ownbey has been investigating consumer behavior, and has published manuscripts pertaining to the acculturation, psychographic values, and shopping orientations of Asian American consumers. Dr. Ownbey also is interested in experiential learning, and recently conducted a survey of retail middle managers regarding their retail internship experiences and subsequent career progress.

Dr. Ownbey is a recipient of the OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award, College of Human Environmental Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award, and a Faculty Fellowship that sponsored participation in a six-week study tour of the People’s Republic of China and Hong Kong. She is a member of three scholastic honorary associations.

SHIRETTA OWNBEY

Professor and Associate Dean

SHIRETTA OWNBEY

Ph.D. Texas Tech University
M.S. Texas Tech University
B.S. Texas Tech University
Dr. Hyejune Park joined Oklahoma State University in August 2015 as Assistant Professor in Design, Housing & Merchandising. Dr. Park received her B.S. in fashion marketing, M.S. in apparel business and Ph.D. in retail and consumer sciences.

She is formally from the University of Tennessee where she was an Assistant Professor. Her research areas are consumer behavior and digital commerce and sustainability in the apparel industry.


She has published articles in several journals and presented at international and annual conferences.

“My research focuses on a deeper understanding of consumer behavior in various contexts and delivering its implications for retailing/marketing. I am currently interested in investigating sustainable production and consumption of textile and apparel and how both aspects relate to key challengers, new opportunities for the apparel industry, and more benefits for consumers.”
GINA PEEK

Associate Department Head/Associate Professor
Graduate Program Coordinator
OCES Housing and Consumer Issues Specialist

Gina Peek became an assistant professor and housing and consumer issues specialist in 2010. Dr. Peek’s main focus is outreach to the public via Cooperative Extension.

Gina Peek is interested in the role of built and natural environment in people’s lives. Her work includes research related to program topics, creating materials for programs, grant writing, and community outreach.

In her role, Dr. Peek teaches target audiences how to reduce exposure to environmental contaminants in the home, maintain appropriate housing, and manage household demands on natural resources.

Current program areas include:
- Indoor and Near Environment
- Water, Energy, Waste
- Housing Conditions

As new issues emerge, Dr. Peek is prepared to address consumer needs efficiently and effectively.

Long-term plans include measuring program impacts and consumer behavior changes in ways that stakeholders can appreciate.

“Chance favors the prepared mind.”
Louis Pasteur

GINA PEEK

Ph.D.  University of Georgia
M.H.P.  University of Georgia
B.A.  University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

“I see myself as a change agent, working with Cooperative Extension to help Oklahomans make the best possible decisions based on limited resources, time and talents.”
SEMRA PEKSOZ

Associate Professor

Dr. Semra Peksoz joined the DHM faculty in January 2005. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. She has experience as a project engineer and as a teaching and research assistant in the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Middle East Technical University.

She received her Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in functional apparel design, and performance evaluation. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled, *A Physical Study of the Effectiveness of Two Prototype Cooling Vests*, a component of a large multidisciplinary research project funded by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism.

Dr. Peksoz is a co-principal investigator of a series of contracts funded by private industries through the Naval Research Laboratory to develop limb body armor.

As a member of the International Textile and Apparel Association, Peksoz conducts presentation sessions, review abstracts for annual conferences. She also serves as reviewer to multiple journal publications. She is also a member of three committees of the ASTM international, major standards for testing development organization. Dr. Peksoz is actively involved in OSU’s Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Peksoz was awarded first place in the Lee Company Rivetless Jean Design Competition and an award for “Design Most Suitable for the Target Market” at the Kansas City Fashion Show design competition. In addition, her research produced numerous patents and three licenses in protective clothing design and evaluation.


SEMRA PEKSOZ

Ph.D. Oklahoma State University
M.S. Middle East Technical University
B.S. Middle East Technical University
ADRIANA PETROVA

Associate Professor

Dr. Adriana Petrova received her B.S./M.S. in Physics from Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria, where she worked as a research assistant in the Center for Space Research and Technology.

Following her passion for apparel design Petrova worked as a seamstress and a technical designer for an artist and fashion entrepreneur. She also attended the Technical University in Sofia, Bulgaria, taking courses in patternmaking and textiles.

In 1996 Petrova moved to the United States with her husband and later on pursued graduate studies in Physics at the University of Texas at Austin (M.A. 2001), where she worked as a teaching and research assistant. During her studies at the University of Texas at Austin she also completed the Dressmaking and Design program at Harcourt Learning Direct, earning a Diploma.

Entering the Graduate Program in Apparel Design at Cornell University in 2001 Petrova saw an opportunity to apply her knowledge in physics and mathematics to clothing design – at Cornell she worked on projects exploring the use of 3 dimensional full body scanning technology for visual and mathematical analysis of clothing fit. She graduated from Cornell University in 2003, earning her M.A. degree.

Petrova returned to Cornell University to pursue her Ph.D. in Apparel Design.

The research interests of Adriana Petrova are in the areas of fit and sizing of clothing, functional apparel, ergonomics, body scan technology, patternmaking and drafting automation.

Adriana Petrova is a member of the International Textile and Apparel Association.

ADRIANA PETROVA

Ph.D. Cornell University
M.A. Cornell University
M.A. University of Texas at Austin
B.S./M.S. Sofia University, Bulgaria
ALANA PULAY

Assistant Professor

ALANA PULAY

“I\textquoteright m research area explores how the interior environment influences human behavior through the utilization of environmental psychology principles. A focused area of investigation is analyzing and developing theoretical concepts within an interior lighting context”.

ALANA PULAY

Ph.D. Oregon State University
M.S. University of Nebraska
B.S. Ohio State University

Dr. Alana Pulay obtained her Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 2015. She joined Oklahoma State University in August 2015. She has professional certifications with National Certification of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) and Leadership I Energy and Environmental Design (LEED AP) Accredited Professional.

She is a professional member of Interior Design Educator Council (IDEC), Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) and American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Dr. Pulay has presented at conferences and has peer-reviewed publications. She has had grants and received several awards.
EMILY ROBERTS
Assistant Professor

Emily Roberts joined the Oklahoma State University, Department of Design Housing and Merchandising department in January, 2015. As an Environmental Gerontologist, Dr. Roberts studies the impact of the physical, social and psychological elements of the built environment on older adults and their families. Dr. Roberts holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Gerontology and a Masters in Gerontology. She attained a Masters of Architecture and holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Design. She has been member and the chair of the Environment-Gerontology network of the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) since 2009, as well as a member of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments (SAGE) since 2010. She is a reviewer for the Journal of Housing for the Elderly and the Journal of Aging Studies.

Dr. Roberts has taught in the Gerontology Department at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte and has a research background in the relationships between design and gerontology, as well as policy issues which impact these areas of study. Her research interests include the factors involved in aging in place, as well as evolving models of long-term care, particularly for older adults with dementia and their families. Her interest in long term care policy has been supported by a year working as an Aging and Disability Program Associate through the Area Agency on Aging, developing and researching supportive programming for older adults and their families.

Dr. Roberts has conducted research in the United States in Special Care Units for individuals with dementia, as well as in Canada, focusing on government funded community based long term care programs. She recently visited multiple community and institutionally based dementia care sites in the Netherlands, Germany and the Czech Republic. Current research also includes the role of Oklahoma State caregiver respite voucher programs on caregiver resilience; the role of Oklahoma State Culture Change Initiatives in quality of life for nursing home residents, and the development training programs for hospital discharge nurses advising family caregivers about best practices in home care in order to reduce Oklahoma hospital readmission rates.

EMILY ROBERTS

Ph.D. University of Missouri-Columbia
M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia
M.Arch University of New Mexico
B.A. Cal State Fullerton

“The basic infrastructure of our society, our basic institutions and communities, were built to support a society with a different age distribution than the society that we live in today and that we are going to have in the future. The health, economic and social challenges which face this and future generations of older Americans have implications for individuals, their family and their community and will require a holistic and proactive approach. This will necessitate an integrated strategy with designers, policy makers and educators focused on designing environments and organization structures to meet these needs. I am dedicated to educating a new generation of designers about the values and practices to create a culture of aging that is life-affirming, satisfying, humane and meaningful.”
JANE SWINNEY

Department Head/Associate Professor

Dr. Swinney obtained her BS degree in Textiles and Clothing with an emphasis in Fashion Merchandising from Colorado State University. Upon graduation she took a position with Dayton’s Department Store in Minneapolis, MN where she participated in Dayton’s management training program. She worked in the women’s lingerie buying office and was promoted to the Area Sales Manager over Children’s Wear. Dr. Swinney has also worked for the Foley’s Stores in Minneapolis, MN and Ft. Collins, CO.

Dr. Swinney completed her MS Degree at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Her master’s thesis was: Male Style Preference and Perceived Fashion Risk Related to the Fashion Cycle. Her major professor was Dr. Geitel Winakor.

Dr. Swinney completed her Ph.D. at OSU. Her dissertation was entitled: Leadership Style Orientation and Intent to Leave a Retail Organization.

Her field is merchandising with a particular interest in retail entrepreneurs. She has also taught workshops to retailers at the Dallas Apparel Mart. Currently she teaches courses in the merchandising area and serves as the graduate program coordinator. Dr. Swinney is a recipient of the OSU Regents Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor award.

“The process of Education begins with an individual’s interest in learning and generally involves a teacher. The teacher’s role is to make a subject clear to the student and to do all possible to ensure that the subject knowledge is incorporated into the student’s thinking and reasoning skills.

Knowledge across disciplines must be linked together, initially for the student, then by the student. One outcome of education is having students problem solve, analyze and make changes to their environment so that the body of knowledge is extended beyond what they received from any one teacher.”

Dr. Swinney oversees the Internship Program for Apparel Design and Merchandising students.

JANE SWINNEY

Ph.D. Oklahoma State University
M.S. Iowa State University
B.S. Colorado State University
Graduate Faculty Membership

Not all DHM faculty are eligible to serve as members of a graduate student’s advisory committee. The OSU Graduate College has specified that to be a member of the Graduate Faculty, an individual must have earned a doctoral degree, or the highest degree (a “terminal degree”) within his/her academic field. Additionally, Graduate Faculty are expected to maintain an ongoing record of scholarship appropriate to their field. Within Design, Housing and Merchandising, this may constitute research and publication, or it may involve juried exhibition of designs.

In DHM, faculty are expected to acquire experience in serving on thesis and doctoral committees before they are eligible to chair such committees. The policy adopted by the Department of Design, Housing and Merchandising regarding this progression is as follows:

In regards to chairing a student’s advisory committee, a member of the DHM Graduate Faculty:

- Must serve as a member on at least one master’s thesis committee, to the completion of that thesis, before that faculty member is eligible to co-chair a thesis committee in partnership with another DHM graduate faculty member,
- Must serve as a member on at least two master’s thesis committees, to the completion of those theses, (or one committee membership and one co-chair) before that faculty member is eligible to independently chair a thesis committee,
- Must chair or co-chair at least one master’s thesis committee, to the completion of that thesis, before that faculty member is eligible to serve as chair of a doctoral dissertation committee, at which time they will be designated as having “doctoral chairing privileges”.

Additionally, in order to be eligible to serve as chair of a doctoral dissertation committee, a Graduate Faculty member must hold an earned doctoral degree, and have authorship on at least one juried publication within the past five years.