

SANDRINE LEBAS

Academic Director, Cumulus Association Board Candidate

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Fluent in French & English; basic Spanish.

College Service

2022-23
Industrial Design Chair Search Committee
(Hiring of incoming Chair Shujan Bertrand)

2019-23
External Program Review Committee

2018-19
Fashion Design Tenure Track Search Committee
(Hiring of faculty Gregory Climer)

2017-18
Interior Design Tenure Track Search Committee
(Hiring of faculty Negar Kalantar)

2016-17
Industrial Design RNT Search Committee Chair
(Hiring of faculty Mara Holt Skov)

2015-16
Industrial Design & First Year Program
RNT Search Committee
(Hiring of faculty Nicholas Riddle)

2014-15
Industrial Design RNT Search Committee Chair

2013-14
Furniture & First Year RNT Search Committee

2012-13
Graduate Design Program Curriculum
Review Committee

Teaching & Academic Experience

Academic Director . Design-the Sustainable Design School
Nice Metropole, France . Sept. 2023–Current

+ Optimizing and managing both Bachelor and Master's program in Sustainable Innovation, along with faculty and students' recruitment and academic path.

Chair of Industrial Design . California College of the Arts
San Francisco, California . Aug. 2012–2018, Aug. 2021–2023

+ Improved the undergraduate Industrial Design Bachelor of Fine Arts curriculum, strong of 60+ faculty members and 180 students.
+ Executed visionary and operational responsibilities across an interdisciplinary curriculum.
+ Reinforced CCA's relationships with the Design industry through sponsored studios and partners such as Renault, Ford, Nike, Intel, Seinnheiser and Camelbak.

Associate Professor . Industrial Design Program
CCA, San Francisco, California . Aug. 2012–2023

+ Teaching
Professional Practice seminar courses (3rd year, Junior level),
Senior Industrial Design Thesis studios (4th year, Thesis Research & Project)
The Future of Work (Jr & Sr level), with Interior Design faculty Cathrine Veikos,
Eames Legacy Studio (Jr & Sr level), with Professor Barry Katz,

+ Internship and senior show coordinator for the ID program
+ Yearly planning & participation to ID Junior Review Panels

+ 2020-21 Sabbatical project
Design & Clay; Introduction to ceramics & glazing techniques with the goal of developing Ceramics + Design cross-disciplinary courses.

Lecturer . Design Department
Seoul National University . Spring 2011

One time lecture and workshop following the exhibit of the LUNAR Design Koo bassinet concept during Seoul Design Week 2011

Education

École Nationale Supérieure de Création Industrielle
Les Ateliers . Paris
1990–1996

Master's Degree in Industrial Design, with Honors.

+ Graduation Project
'Modular Mountain Apparel' in collaboration with Fusalp
+ Thesis
'The Intuitive Substance' ; essay about the role of memory and intuition throughout the creative process.

Exposures

2013 Spark Design Awards

Jury member

2010-11 IDSA Industrial Design
Excellence Awards

Jury member

Recognitions

BodyMedia FIT Armband

+ 2012 Chicago Athenaeum Good Design Award

OptiMedica Catalys Precision Laser System

+ 2012 R&D 100 award

KOO, Transformable Baby Bassinet

+ 2011 IF Hannover Design Award,

Professional Concept Category

Ventus Provent Sleep Apnea Therapy

+ 2012 Silver Spark Design Award

+ 2010 IDSA Gold Industrial Design Excellence Award

+ 2009 Chicago Athenaeum Good Design Award
Wall Street Journal Technology Innovation Award
Medical Device Excellence Award

Pasco Spark Science Learning System

+ 2010 Chicago Athenaeum Good Design Award

+ 2009 Tech. and Learning Award of Excellence

Pret-a-porter, Modular Entryway System

+ 2004 IDSA Bronze Industrial Design Excellence Award

Biosentient Ambulatory Physiologic Monitor

+ 2004 IDSA Northwest Design Invitational Merit Award

Publications

Core77, D-School Futures

Sept. 2014

+ Why Designers of Physical Experiences
Will Always Be In Demand

KOO, Transformable Baby Bassinet

June, July, August 2010

+ Fast Company, NotCot, Apartment Therapy,
Design Milk, Swiss-Miss, Design Sponge

Tortugo, Children Entertaining Hub

+ New York Times Magazine, Nov. 2004

Professional Experience

Founder & Principal Designer . Espace Studio, San Francisco

Aug. 2015-2023

+ Interior Design studio creative leader and owner, developed residential and commercial designs from initial concept to construction follow-up.

Creative Director & Senior Lead Designer . Lunar, San Francisco

Nov. 2000-Aug. 2012

+ Managed projects and teams, balancing creative direction and design lead with client relationship, proposal writing and budget.

+ Developed several award winning medical apparel and diagnostics instrument for Ventus, Accuray and BD Bioscience.

+ Designed wearable electronics for Bodymedia and Adidas, as well as soft and disposable goods including a revolutionary diaper system.

+ Envisioned the Spark science learning system for Pasco and creative entertainment concept Tortugo for the New York Times.

+ Led the KOO project to ICFF in New York, propelling LUNAR into the home furnishing world with a genius transformable rocker/ baby bassinet.

Owner & Principal Designer . Design à la Montagne, Paris/Annecy

1998-2000

+ Collaborated on home and consumer electronics with clients such as Téral, Alcatel and Thomson Multimedia.

+ Created soft and sport goods for Salomon and Nidecker Snowboards.

+ Designed several cosmetics packaging for Lancaster, L'Oréal and Le Cercle des Fournisseurs de la Beauté.

Lead Designer . Philippe Starck Studio, Paris

1997-1998

+ Industrial Designer and Project Manager for the GoodGoods catalog, 7/Eleven stationary line and Alessi home and tableware.

Industrial Designer . Cent Degrés, Paris

1996-1997

+ Designed projects for clients such as Jean-Paul Gaultier Perfume, Lafuma, Huit and Champagne Veuve Clicquot.