

Khipra Nichols Curriculum Vitale

(a) Professional Preparation

Rhode Island School of Design Bachelor of Fine Arts B.F.A. 1973-1978

Rhode Island School of Design Bachelor of Industrial Design B.F.A. 1977-1978

(b) Appointments

Head of the RISD Department of Industrial Design 2020 - 2023

Co-Director of the Masters of Arts in Design Engineering Program 2020 - 2023

Member of the cross disciplinary founding committee for the MADE Program, a new Masters of design Engineering Program to be situated between Brown and RISD.

Graduate Program Director, Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Industrial Design, 2009 – 2012

Department Head, Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Industrial Design, 1999-2004

Visiting Professor, Hiko Mizuno College of Jewelry Design, summers 2014, 2015, and 2016

Visiting Professor, Strate College, Paris France, April 2007

Designer in Residence, Brown University School of Engineering, 2004 – 2005

(c) Awards and Publications

Co-recipient of a \$5300 Seed Sustainability Grant from the Brown University | Office of Sustainability & Resiliency with Brown Engineering Professors Louise Manfredi PHD and Rich Morales PHD - Fall 2023

Awarded the RI Design Hall of Fame 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award which showcases and celebrates the impact of RI Designers on a local, national and international level.

Co-published a set of Botanical Meditation Cards designed to inspire moments of inner

peace throughout the day through the use of my written guided meditations and beautiful nature photography by Ericka Nichols.

Awarded a Davis Fellowship in fall 2013, for my research on the intersection of Contemplative Practice and Design Thinking. I presented a Poster Talk on my course, Creativity as a Catalyst for Mindfulness / Designing for Art Educators at the 5th Annual Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education Conference in Seattle, Fall 2014. I also co-conducted a workshop on Creativity and Meditation with Dr. Erika Scilipoti at the same conference.

Co-authored an article in 2012 with RISD faculty, Anais Missakian, and Liliane Wong entitled: From Raw Material To The Finished Product, published in a German periodical.

Awarded 11 Utility and 8 design patents out of the 200+ mass merchandized products I designed and co-designed between 1978 and the present.

(g) Community Service

- Helped sponsor and install a statue of Peace Run visionary, Sri Chinmoy in Roger Williams Park, Providence RI, April 2011.
- Offered free Meditation Workshops in New York in March, 2010 -2014
- Rhode Island Coordinator for the World Harmony Run, 1987 – 2014
- Participated in a Humanitarian Aid Program in St. Petersburg and Moscow (Spring 2004), similar programs in different countries, 2005-2014.
- International Torch Relay for Peace in the West Africa, Spring 1987
- Instructed free meditation classes in RI Public Libraries, 1982-2014

(d) Professional Activities:

Design Education Consultant, and member of the interdisciplinary founding team of The New Design Institute, Nassau Bahamas, a non-profit defecated in part to Internationalize the institute through national dialogue, local wisdom and best practices of cross-collaborative didactic while working across cultures in socially inclusive ways

which are sensitized to the ethical directives of their academic outcomes and programming

Design Education Consultant, In January of 2016 I delivered a Design Thinking Workshop for Industrial Design students at Tecnologico de Monterrey, Queretaro Campus. This is a design innovation experience based on my continuing research into the intersection of design thinking and contemplative practice.

Design Education Consultant, In the summer of 2015 I delivered the Insightful Creativity in Design Workshop for Jewelry, bag, shoe, and bicycle design students at Hiko Mizuno College of Jewelry Design in Tokyo Japan. This is a design innovation experience based on my research into the intersection of design thinking and contemplative practice, or “Integral Design”.

Design Education Consultant, I created and delivered the Insightful Creativity Workshop for students of the Tokyo School of Bicycle Design in summer 2014. I continue to work with the faculty there and hosted a lecture by their master bike builder Shinichi Konno at the RISD Auditorium in spring 2015.

Design Consultant, Research and development of clothing for people with limited upper extremity mobility, 2014 - 2018

Design Consultant, Up Country Pet products Co. 2003-2017

Design Consultant, Tasco Corp, design of new product for their Hearing Protection line, 2012 – 2013 Design Consultant, Up Country Pet Products, designing a new version of the Henley Clip, a product I invented in 2008, 2012 - Present

Design Consultant, CleanBrand Inc. I created a device called the “Zip n Click,” which fits on the zipper of their popular mattress cover and pillowcase to prevent bed bug infestation, 2011-2012

Car Body Designer, Nucleus Scientific, designed car body exterior, directed interior design for a patented prototype electric vehicle, 2008-2009

Design Director, Playskool Baby Inc of Hasbro Toy, Managed the Design Team responsible for creating infant product lines including feeding, health and safety, soothing, parent aids and toys, 1989-1998

Product Designer, Playskool Inc, Hasbro, Inc.1985-1989 Research and Development responsibilities for preschool and infant toys, 1985-1989

Product Designer, Hasbro Inc, Research and Development responsibilities for Preschool, Boys and Girls toy lines including Mr. Potato Head and My Little Pony, 1978-1985

Design Consultant, for Dr. David Sobel of Brown University Cognition and Linguistics Department. Created a set of nine “Stimulus Toys,” research pertains to toddler and infant cognition, 2006-2007

Consultant Design Director, Sponsored Apprenticeships, co-directed a group of eleven Rhode Island School of Design student design apprentices working with Steelcase, Conair, CIMIT and APC in the design of concepts and prototypes, Summer 2004

Design Consultant, Weird Wire, Created a line of new low energy, low cost neon signs, 2001-2003

Innovation Workshop Director, Bayer Pharmaceuticals, Conducted a series brainstorming sessions for an interdisciplinary group of product developers, chemists, and engineers in their lawn care division, 2000

Consultant Designer, Designed several die cast vehicles for the Sesame St. License with Tyco, 1998-1999

Stage Set Designer, Design and construction a set for several public events, including The Washington DC, Sri Chinmoy Peace Concert in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, October 1997

(d) Collaborator and Co-Editors

- In collaboration with Masao Takahachi of Tokyo College of Bicycle Design, and Shinichi Konno of Cherubim Bicycles I co-designed and built the MOYO Bike, a research prototype for a new kind of bicycle architecture featuring elements of road, urban, and commuter bicycles.
- Co-created and taught the” ITALY: SHOE DESIGN PERCEPTION, HISTORY AND PROTOTYPING” Winter-session travel course in 2013, 2014, and 2015 with Kathleen Grevers of the Apparel Dept.
- Founder and Principle Designer, eMotive Vehicle Design and Development, Co-

created with Chris Bull, Brown Engineering, and Michael Lye, RISD ID to design alternative transportation geared toward developing economies, 2003-2010

- Design Director, Toys for Rehabilitation, conducted research and development of four toys that aid the physical therapy used on children with cerebral palsy. Collaborating with Dr. Joseph Crisco (Brown University), Dr. Karen Kerman (Hasbro Children's Hospital and Bay Computing, 2007-2008) (e) Other Affiliations Member of "The Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education", Fall 2014 Member of "International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning", Fall 2014 Member of The "Brown University Contemplative Studies Initiative", Spring 2013