

Khipra Nichols — Curriculum Vitae (2025)

Professional Preparation

- Rhode Island School of Design, B.F.A., Industrial Design, 1977–1978
- Rhode Island School of Design, B.F.A., Fine Arts, 1973–1977

Appointments

- Department Head, Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design (2020–2023; 1999–2004)
- Co-Director, Master of Arts in Design Engineering (MADE), Brown University & RISD (2020–2023)
- Co-Founder, MADE Program, Brown University & RISD (2016–2020)
- Graduate Program Director, Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design (2009–2012)
- Designer-in-Residence, Brown University, School of Engineering (2004–2005)
- Visiting Professor, Hiko Mizuno College of Jewelry Design, Tokyo (2014–2016)
- Visiting Professor, Strate College, Paris, France (2007)

Awards and Recognitions

- Rhode Island Design Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award (2022)
- Davis Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design, for research on contemplative practice and design thinking (2013)
- Seed Sustainability Grant, Brown University Office of Sustainability & Resiliency (Co-Recipient, 2013)
- Nine U.S. Utility Patents and seven Design Patents awarded (1978–1998)

Selected Publications and Presentations

- Co-Author, From Raw Material to the Finished Product, published in Germany (2012)
- Presenter, Creativity as a Catalyst for Mindfulness, 5th Annual ACMHE Conference, Seattle (2014)
- Co-Publisher, Botanical Meditation Cards with guided meditations and photography (2022)

Collaborations and Co-Editing

- Co-Designer, MOYO Bike prototype, with Masao Takahashi (Tokyo College of Bicycle Design) and Shinichi Konno (Cherubim Bicycles).
- Co-Creator, Winter-session travel course 'Italy: Shoe Design – Perception, History, and Prototyping' with Kathleen Grevers, RISD (2013–2015).
- Founder & Principal Designer, eMotive Vehicle Design and Development, alternative transportation for developing economies (2003–2010).
- Design Director, Toys for Rehabilitation, created therapeutic play devices for children with cerebral palsy (2007–2008).
- Member, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education (2014).
- Member, International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (2014).

Professional Activities

- Founder & Lead Designer, MOYO Design Consultancy (2025–present).
- Lead Designer, Noovoõ Mobility Products (2024–present).
- Design Consultant, Buppy Pets (2017–present); co-inventor of proprietary treat manufacturing method.
- Design Consultant, Up Country Pet Products (2003–2017).
- Design Consultant, Tasco Corp., Hearing Protection line (2012–2013).
- Design Consultant, CleanBrand Inc., inventor of 'Zip n Click' anti-bedbug device (2011–2012).
- Design Education Consultant, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Queretaro Campus (2016).
- Design Education Consultant, Hiko Mizuno College of Jewelry Design, Tokyo (2015).
- Design Director, Playskool Baby Inc., Hasbro (1989–1998).
- Product Designer, Playskool Inc., Hasbro (1985–1989).
- Product Designer, Hasbro Inc., Preschool and toy lines including Mr. Potato Head and My Little Pony (1978–1985).
- Consultant Designer, Sesame Street licensed die-cast vehicles for Mattel/Tyco (1998–1999).
- Stage Set Designer, Sri Chinmoy Peace Concert, Washington DC, United Nations 50th Anniversary (1997).

Community Service

- Co-facilitator of mindfulness workshops with Ericka Nichols (2014–present).
- Organizer, free meditation workshops in New York City (2010–2014).
- Rhode Island Coordinator, World Harmony Run (1987–2014).
- Participant, International Torch Relay for Peace, West Africa (1987).