

Lyria Bartlett – Distinguished Teacher Award

This year's recipient is **Lyria Bartlett**, Instructor in the Department of Architectural Studies. Lyria is being recognized for her outstanding attention and dedication to students. In the words of her nominator, she is a “teacher, coach, role model and mentor...making a difference in the lives of young aspiring students.” Lyria was hand-picked to teach in the Department of Architectural Studies not only because of her credentials as a licensed interior designer and architect, but also for her ability to bridge the gap between professional practice and academy. She was ahead of her time with her introducing the Revit software program not only to the department, but to most design professionals working in Columbia.



Just of few examples of how Lyria has excelled in her teaching performance:

- Curriculum improvement by implementing a flipped studio to increase enrollment and assist recruitment.
- Course development in teaching Revit and Building Information Management (BIM), which are critical to the design industry.
- Advising: Personal connections to ALL freshmen to help them in preparing for their portfolio review.
- Leadership as a faculty sponsor in all three student organizations involving field trips, study tours, guest speakers, community service, professional development and more.

“Inspiration...supportive...involved...approachable...encouraging” – these are just a few of the MANY words that students in the department have used to describe Lyria and what she means to them. Lyria, thank you for all you do for Architectural Studies and HES!

