

# Historical Highlights

## Department of Architectural Studies

- 1900 **First interior design course taught** in the School of Home Economics in the College of Agriculture
- 1909 MS program established in the school
- 1915 MA program established in the school
- 1954 **Interior design program established** with Kate Ellen Rogers as program chair
- 1965 Hosted National Housing Conference at which the national American Association of Housing Educators(AAHE) organization was started
- 1967 Program chair instrumental in establishment of the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), an international organization for interior design educators
- 1927 **PhD established** in the School with emphases in program areas
- 1972 Hosted IDEC's first research conference after which the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) was begun. This national organization places emphasis on environment and behavior, a focus area of the current Department of Environmental Design
- 1973 **Interior Design program accredited** by the Foundation Research (FIDER). the interior design program was one of the first five programs in the nation to be accredited. Since then it has been continually reaccredited. Kate Ellen Rogers played a key role in the establishment of FIDER
- 1973 **Program became the Department of Interior Design** when the School of Home Economics became a College
- 1975 **Department name changed to Housing and Interior Design** with programs in Interior Design, Housing Design and Design Management and Merchandising.
- 1982 **Established an Advisory Board** of practicing professionals in the field, the first department in the college to do so
- 1980 **Linda Wellons Richichi Award established** to recognize and encourage a beginning student in an undergraduate program in the department. Initiated by Tom Richichi in memory of his wife who graduated from the interior design program
- 1984 Kate Ellen Rogers retired. Ruth Brent became department chair
- 1985 Co-hosted national IDEC conference in St. Louis
- 1985 **Kate Ellen Rogers Scholarship** for a senior student initiated by Directions in Design, St.Louis and funded until 1994
- 1988 Title of college changed to College of Human Environmental Sciences
- 1989 **Department title changed to Environmental Design** to reflect overall scope of the department including the graduate level. Housing Design and Design Management and Merchandising programs phased out to refocus undergraduate level on Interior Design
- 1990 Hosted 25th national conference of AAHE
- 1991 **Application for undergraduate professional programs initiated** to enroll in studio sequence
- 1993 **Pre-Architecture cooperative agreement with Washington University developed**
- 1994 **Pre-Architecture cooperative agreement with University of Kansas made**
- 1995 **Established first endowed fund** in a department in the college
- 1995 **Two 'niche' areas declared**  
1) environmental and behavior research  
2) design communications
- 1996 **First Gary Hennigh Distinguished Senior Award given.** This award marks the first planned use for department endowment funds and honors Gary Hennigh who was a faculty member in the department for 27years, retiring in 1995
- 1997 **Carol Ann Williams/Kate Ellen Rogers Scholarship** established with an endowed fund honoring the first department chair, Kate Rogers.
- 1998 **Pre Architecture cooperative advisement agreement with University of Nebraska-Lincoln,** College of Architecture and the Department of Architecture for students interested in M Arch with reciprocity.
- 1999 **Maximum 6 year re- accreditation of Interior Design Program** with the Foundation of Interior Design Education Research.
- 2000 **Anshen + Allen Architects, San Francisco, California is first corporate affiliate.**
- 2001 **Richard Helmick Design with Digital Media Fund** established.  
*Journal of Interior Design* lists University of Missouri as second most prolific in the top universities by total number of articles produced by affiliated individuals. Editing for three major professional journals.
- 2003 Program is one of top twenty enrolled programs in the entire MU campus. On-line instruction begins. Memorial tribute for Kate Ellen Rogers.