



MELISSA SLAVIN DI CESARE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT TEACHING PROFESSOR

University of Notre Dame / Rome, Italy / 2022 - present

Instruct third year design studio as a part of a larger cohort guiding students through the design process, helping them develop critical thinking and creativity, and technical skills necessary for the profession. To complement design studio goals lectures and site visits are tailored to each project. Individual students are guided based on their personal interests and abilities. Students instruction is tailored to individual needs.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR of VISUAL ARTS, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

American Overseas School of Rome / Rome, Italy / 2010 - present

Prepare and deliver engaging visual art lessons that encourage creativity and critical thought for secondary school courses. Demonstrate and instruct students in various mediums and techniques. Infuse projects with Italian history, culture, design and architecture.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR of DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY

American Overseas School of Rome / Rome, Italy / 2013 - 2016, 2022-present

Create curriculum and teach Desktop Publishing, a high school technology course, which combines graphic design, page layout, photography, copy writing and editing. Students master all current professional software design tools including Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Lightroom. Advise and manage high school student staff and oversee the production of approx. 180 page yearbook.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

American Overseas School of Rome / Rome, Italy / 2015-2016, 2019-2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER FREELANCE

Rome, Italy / 2020-present

Designer and project manager for exterior space design of terrace and interior spaces of private residence.

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERER

Domenico Minchilli Design / Rome, Italy / 2010

Hand drafted and rendered watercolor perspectives, elevations and sections for a restoration project in Umbria.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER / PROJECT MANAGER / ARCHITECTURAL RENDERER

Mc Crery Architects / Washington, DC / 2007-2008

Project manager for extensive restoration, renovation and construction of Saint Ann's Parish Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Architectural Designer for the altar at Saint Bernadette and Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Collaborated on design of Ronald Reagan statue base for the United States Capitol Rotunda in Washington, DC.

Collaborated with stone craftsmen through construction.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

B&D Studio / New York, NY / June 2007

Collaborated on the Design Development of a mixed use project in Houston, Tx.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

Torti Gallas and Partners, LLC. / Silver Spring, MD/ 2004-2007

Design, construction documents, and construction administration for single family and multi-family communities.

Design and production of project awards submission books for American Institute of Architects, Congress for the New Urbanism, and Pillars of Industry.

EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Cambridge International Examinations - European Council of International Schools 2011-2013

MASTER di SECONDO LIVELLO in RESTAURO ARCHITETTONICO E RECUPERO DELLA BELLEZZA DEI CENTRI STORICI

Università degli studi Roma Tre - 2008-2009

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE minor in Italian

University of Notre Dame / 1999-2004

SCHOLARSHIPS

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 2008-2009

ALBERT RAVARINO ITALIAN TRAVEL GRANT

University of Notre Dame / Romance Language Department / Summer 2003

Independent research on mosaics in Rome from Roman era to present. Mosaic apprenticeship with mosaic artist. Documentation, research and preparation for thesis.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM VISUAL ARTS

In Thinking IB Professional Development
Barcelona/ March 2019

CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE SUMMER PROGRAM

Institute of Classical Architecture
New York, NY/ June 2007

COURSE IN CLASSICAL MOSAIC TECHNIQUE with Matteo Randi

Italian Cultural Institute / Washington, DC Summer 2005

MOSAIC APPRENTICESHIP

Mosaic Studio of Constantino Buccolieri Rome / Summer 2003

EXPERTISE

SKETCHING

PERSPECTIVE

HAND DRAFTING / CAD

WATERCOLOR

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP/

ILLUSTRATOR/ INDESIGN /

LIGHTROOM

PHOTOGRAPHY

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH - NATIVE

ITALIAN - FLUENT

WORKSHOPS and STAGE

COLLABORATIVE MOSAICS

Commune di Nazzano, May 2019, 2023, 2024

GLOBAL ART TEACHER EXCHANGE

Florence Italy, October 2022

INTERNATIONAL ART TEACHER WORKSHOP

Etching Laboratory at Il Bisonte with La Vigna Studios, June 2023

L'AQUARELLO SULLE VIE DEL GRAN TOUR

L'accademia Vivarium Novum, Villa Falconieri, June 2023, 2024

PLEIN AIR WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

with Massimiliano Iocco, Ladispoli, September 2023

with Julia Barminova, Porto Ercole, July 2024