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Born January 31, 1951
United States citizen

Education

1968: Graduated Roosevelt High School, Des Moines, IA (top 2% of graduating class)
1968-1971: Attended Rice University, Houston, TX (School of Architecture)
1973-1975: Attended Iowa State University, Ames, IA (Interior Design)
1975: Graduated with Distinction, Iowa State University, B.A. Interior Design

Employment History

2009-Present: Iowa State University, Professor and Department Chair Interior Design
2005-Present: Lee Cagley Design (Resort Hospitality, Gaming, Entertainment, Restaurant, Nightclub, Spa/Wellness, Landscape Interiors & Select Residential Design)
1990-2005: Marnell Architecture (Hospitality, Restaurant, Entertainment, & Gaming Design)
1987-1990: Tamarind (Hospitality, Restaurant & Gaming Design)
1986-1987: General Growth Properties (Retail Design)
1983-1986: Tamarind (Hospitality, Restaurant & Gaming Design)
1978-1983: Denis Allemand & Associates (Restaurant & Retail Design, Airport Facility Design)
1976-1978: Paul Dodds Company (Restaurant Design)

Selected Projects

2016: Alon Resort Las Vegas, Four Maisonettes (Villas), 2 Restaurants, Lakeside Lounge, VIP High Limit Gaming, Spa, Fitness, and Salon
2014: Lucky Dragon Las Vegas, Interiors for completely new Resort & Casino: Public Space, Casino, Four Restaurants, VIP Gaming, Spa, Retail, Guestrooms & Suites, Pool Area, Hotel Lobby & Lounges
2013: Hilton Lake Las Vegas, Remodel existing Ritz Carlton resort to Hilton resort Standards, complete Public Space, Suites, and Guest Rooms
2012: Crown Perth Resort, Perth, Australia, Casino Expansion, Renovation, & Design: Overall Casino, Groove Nightclub, 3 Restaurants, 2 Lounges, and entire Pool Area & Nightlife complex
2011: Bally's Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, South Tower Guestrooms & Suites Redesign
2011: Private Villa, Shanghai, China (20,000 sq.ft.)
2010: Crown Perth Resort, Perth, Australia, Rooftop VVIP Gaming & Restaurant complex

- 2010: L'Auberge Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA, Hotel & Casino:
Casino, Nightclub, VIP Gaming & VIP Lounge complex, Guestrooms & Suites, Public Spaces
- 2010: Nightclub & Private VIP KTV Club, Shanghai, China
- 2009: Zephyr Resort, winning finalist, *Radical Innovations in Hospitality Awards 2009*
(hypermodern sustainable rail-based hotel, based on a return to the grand era of train travel crossed with the concept of ocean cruising on land)
- 2009: Revel Resort & Casino, Atlantic City, Presidential Suites
- 2008: Revel Resort & Casino, Atlantic City, 2.5-Acre Rooftop Landscape Interior/Exterior Design, Restaurant, Bars, VIP Cabanas, Pool Amenities, and Hotel Lobby
- 2008: Bellagio Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, Villas Renovation & Redesign
- 2008: CityCenter, Las Vegas, *The Firm* Nightclub
- 2008: Private Residence, The Ridges, Las Vegas (35,000 sq ft)
- 2007: Mirage, Las Vegas, VIP Villas Renovation & Redesign
- 2007: Echelon, Las Vegas, Three 7000 sq. ft. Pool Villas, Six Super Cabanas, Two Poolside Restaurants, & Four Poolside Bars
- 2007: Echelon, Las Vegas, Ibiza Nightclub, Adult Poolscape Venue
- 2007: Margaritaville Resort & Casino, Biloxi, MS
- 2007: Luxor, Las Vegas, Cathouse Restaurant & Nightclub
- 2007: Bellagio Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, 13,000 sq. ft. Salon Privé, Baccarat Lounge
- 2007: Sugarhouse Casino, Philadelphia, Steakhouse Restaurant & Sports Lounge
- 2006: Mondrian, Las Vegas (with Marcel Wanders) Guest Rooms & Lobby Areas
- 2006: Delano Las Vegas (with Piet Boon) Guest Rooms & Lobby Areas
- 2006: Morgans Hotel Group, Ballroom, Meeting Rooms, Prefunction Spaces
- 2006: Wind Creek Resort, Atmore, AL, Public Space, Restaurants, Night Club, Casino, Conference Center, Guest Rooms, Suites, and Villas
- 2006: Caesars Atlantic City, Centurion Rooms
- 2006: Bally's Atlantic City, Presidential Suites
- 2006: Private Residence, Tribeca, New York
- 2006: Rio Las Vegas, New Carpet Design for Entire Casino
- 2005: Flamingo Las Vegas, "Go" Rooms & Suites
- 2005: Paris Las Vegas, Guest Rooms & Suites
- 2005: Paris Las Vegas, Casino Redesign, Gourmet Restaurant, Nightclub Redesign
- 2005: Rio Las Vegas, Ipanema Tower Rooms & Suites
- 2005: Rio Las Vegas, 20th Floor Suites
- 2004: Bellagio Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, Presidential Suites & Executive Suites
- 2004: Bellagio Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, Spa Bellagio (award-winning 60,000 sq. ft. Spa)
- 2004: Bellagio Casino Hotel, Las Vegas, Meeting Room & Ballroom Expansion
- 2004: Harrah's Hotel, New Orleans, All Public Spaces, Guest Rooms, & Suites
- 2003: Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Renovation & Redesign of Suites & Public Spaces
- 2003: Harrah's Atlantic City, Renovation & Expansion, Public Spaces, & Dignitary Suites
- 2002: Harrah's Shreveport, LA, Hotel, Public Space, Guest Rooms, & Casino Design
- 2002: New York New York, Las Vegas, *Zumanity* Showroom & Retail Shop
- 2002: Rio Las Vegas, Ballrooms, Conference Center, & Theater for the Performing Arts
- 2001: Harrah's Kansas City, Casino Expansion & Redesign
- 2001: Harrah's Reno, Casino Redesign, Guest Rooms, & Restaurants
- 2000: Rio Las Vegas, Expansion, Phase 4, Public Space, Restaurants, and Art Collection
- 1999: Rio Las Vegas, Palazzo Suites (9 suites, each over 13,000 sq. ft.)
- 1999: Rio Las Vegas, Masquerade Village Retail & Restaurant Design
- 1998: Private Residence, Las Vegas
- 1998: Rio Ipanema Tower, Guest Rooms & Suites
- 1997: Rio Las Vegas, Expansion Phase 3, Public Space, Guest Rooms, & Suites
- 1995: Texas Station Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas,
- 1993: Rio Las Vegas, Expansion Phase 2, Public Space & Two Restaurants
- 1991: Palace Station Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Public Space & Casino
- 1990: Rio Las Vegas, Hotel, Public Space, Four Restaurants, Three Bars, Casino Design, Guest Rooms, & Suites
- Earlier: Caesars Atlantic City, Public Space, Restaurants, & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
Private Residence for Barron Hilton, Yerrington, NV
The Hyatt on Union Square, One-Up Restaurant, Penthouse, San Francisco, CA

Newark Airport, Renovation & Expansion, Public Spaces, Retail, & Restaurants
Los Angeles International Airport, Renovation & Expansion, Terminals 3, 4, 5, & 6
San Francisco International Airport, North Terminal Restaurants
Phoenix Hilton, Public Space and Lobby Lounge, Phoenix, AZ

Honors & Awards

1975: Janice Peterson Anderson Award: ISU (most outstanding student in Art & Design)
1975: Elected to Tau-Sigma-Delta Honorary Society in Architecture and Allied Arts
1976: Elected to Phi-Kappa-Phi Honorary Society
1977: Passed NCIDQ (Certificate Holder 001780)
1978-Present: Professional Member ASID
1979: Professional Member IBD
2002-Present: Registered Interior Designer Nevada (ID-021)
2003-Present: Certified Interior Designer California (CID 4841)
2003-2008: Iowa State University Interior Design Advisory Board
2007-Present: Registered Interior Designer Alabama
2007: Finalist, Hospitality Design Awards, Best Hospitality Debut, Flamingo Las Vegas
2007: Finalist, Hospitality Design Awards, Best Mid-Range Hotel, Flamingo Las Vegas
2007: Hospy Awards, NEWH, Best Typical Room, Flamingo Las Vegas
2008: Passed LEED Exam and attained LEED AP ID+C
2009-Present: Registered Interior Designer Illinois (161.003319)
2009-Present: Registered Interior Designer Iowa (00054)
2009: Professional Member Interior Design Educators Council (3028)
2010: Professional Member IIDA (1010421)
2011: Hospy Awards, NEWH, Best Villa, Mirage Hotel & Casino
2012: Hospy Awards, NEWH, Best Casino Space, Sky Gaming Salon, Crown Perth
2012: Hospy Awards, NEWH, Best Landscape/Interiorscape, Revel Casino Resort
2012: Hospy Awards, NEWH, Best Resort Pool, Crown Perth
2013: 30 Most Admired Educators in Design Nationwide, DesignIntelligence

Lectures and Published Articles

1998: "Las Vegas High-Roller Suites", Interview & Hosted Tour, Discovery Channel
2000: "Luxury in Las Vegas", Interview & Hosted Tour, Discovery Channel
2000: "Las Vegas Luxury Suites", Interview & Hosted Tour, HGTV
2004: "The Future of Gaming", Panel/Lecture, May 6, Southern Gaming Summit, Biloxi, MS.
2006: "Hospitality Design as Marketing", Lecture, UNLV Hotel & Restaurant School, Las Vegas, NV.
2007: "Collecting Art", Panel/Lecture, January, Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, Las Vegas, NV
2008: "The Future of Interior Design", Lecture, March 29, Iowa State University, College of Design.
2008: "Interior Design and Lifestyle Branding", Lecture, September 22, UNLV Hotel & Restaurant School, Las Vegas, NV.
2008: "Thinking Forward: Saving Grace and Interior Design", Lecture, November 6, Iowa State University, College of Design.
2008: "Casino Design", Panel/Lecture, November 18, Global Gaming Expo, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV.
2008: "The Art of Collecting Art", Panel/Lecture, October 16, Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV.
2008: "Designing a Cathouse". *Studio 49 Magazine*. Summer, 2008, pp.12-13. (ASIDCalifornia Central / Nevada Chapter, publisher)
2010: "Interior Design and Decoration, A Modern View", February 3, 2010, Speech and Discussion, Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University.
2010: "The Future of Collaborative Interior Design", May 5, 2010, Speech & Panel Discussion, IIDA, AIA, & ASLA Conference, Des Moines, IA

- 2010: "Interior Design and the Future of Our Profession", May 13, 2010, Keynote Speech, ASID Annual Convention, Denver, CO
- 2012: "Time Responsive Design Process: Honing Creativity Skills to Keep Pace With the Profession", March 20, 2012, Presentation with Lecturer Lisa Bates, IDEC National Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2014: "Giving Form to Desire: Interior Design and the Pursuit of Longing", February 12, 2014, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

Press

2005:

- Akkam, Alia. "Suite Life: The Bellagio Puts on Modern Opulence" *Hospitality Design*. August, 2005, pp.76-79. (Bellagio Presidential Suites)
- Fox, William L. *In the Desert of Desire: Las Vegas and the Culture of Spectacle*. Las Vegas: University of Nevada Press, 2005, pp.65-67.
(Discussion of the Interiors and Art Collection for the Rio Las Vegas)

2006:

- Benston, Liz. "When Vegas Hotels Upgrade". *Las Vegas Sun*. October 15, p.10.
(Feature on Flamingo Las Vegas Guest Rooms with photo essay)

2007:

- Adams, Michael. "Hospitality Design Awards 2007". *Hospitality Design*. May/June 2007, pp.117, 152, & 160.
(Cagley & Tanner won the "Finalist: Mid Range Hotel" award, and the "Finalist: Hospitality Debut" awards)
- Bennett, Andrea. "The Veteran's Guide to Vegas". *Travel & Leisure*. December, 2007, pp.226-233, 252-254.
(Article on Las Vegas with highly favorable reviews of Flamingo Guest Rooms and Suites, photo spread)
- Birkin, Danielle. "Living in Print". *Las Vegas Home & Design*. June, 2007, pp.96-105.
(Extensive coverage of Cagley & Davis residence and art collection)
- Glowczewska, Klara. "Top 55 Spas in North America, the Caribbean, and at Sea". *Conde Nast Traveler*. April, 2007, pp 65, 66.
(Bellagio Spa ranked in the top 25 spas, room décor ranked 97.3 of 100)
- Knightly, Arnold M. "Not Going Anywhere for a While". *Las Vegas Review Journal*. April 5, 2007, p.1 Business Section.
(Major article and favorable review of the Flamingo Hotel Guest Rooms and Suites)
- Leung, Wing. "The Second 100 Interior Design Giants". *Interior Design*. July, 2007, pp.137,140.
(Ranked 129 in the top 200 Interior Design firms worldwide).
- Quinn, Molly Jane. "The Flamingo Unfurls New Design". *Las Vegas Home & Design*. March/April 2007, pp.28-29.
(Highly favorable review of Flamingo guest rooms with photo)

2008:

- Bennett, Andrea. "What's New in Las Vegas". *Travel & Leisure*. May, 2008, Travel + Leisure City Guide insert, pp.3-5.
(Review of the Flamingo Las Vegas as having been "newly remade ...into the city's Hippest Hotel")
- Fox, William L. "A Show of Power". *Desert Companion Magazine*. Summer 2008, pp.34-39.
(Review of Las Vegas Art Museum Show "Las Vegas Collects Contemporary" with mention of Cagley Art Collection and photo)
- Foyt, Elizabeth. "The Spirit of Giving: From the Hearts of Visionary People Come Amazing Gifts". *Breakthrough Magazine*. Spring 2008, p.28.
(Discussion of Cagley & Davis philanthropy to Nevada Cancer Institute)
- Garza, Xazmin. "Subtle but Sexy". *Las Vegas Review Journal*. February 8, 2008, Image Section, cover and pp.9-11
(Cathouse nightclub).

- Glowczewska, Klara. "The Gold List 2008: The World's Best Places to Stay". *Conde Nast Traveler*. January, 2008, pp.121, 144.
(Harrah's New Orleans becomes the first – and only – of any Harrah's properties to be ranked on this prestigious list; Guest Rooms were rated 93.3, higher than any other hotel in Louisiana, and Overall Design was rated 91.1).
- Glowczewska, Klara. "2008 Hot List: World's Top 105 New Restaurants". *Conde Nast Traveler*. May, 2008, p.160.
(Review of Cathouse Restaurant and Nightclub, with favorable design commentary)
- Gollan, Douglas D. "Hotels Resorts & Spas 2008" *Elite Traveler Magazine Hotel Directory Issue 2008*. p.70
(Review of Bellagio "Chairman's Suites" – aka Presidential Suites – with photo spread)
- Landsel, David, and Andy Wang. "Peep This!". *New York Post*. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, pp47-49.
(favorable reviews of both Cathouse and the Flamingo "Go" rooms and suites; photos of both venues).
- Leung, Wing. "The Second 100 Interior Design Giants". *Interior Design*. July, 2008, p.162, 166, 174.
(Ranked 126 in the top 200 Interior Design firms worldwide, with photo of Flamingo Las Vegas on p.174).

2009:

- Guida, Humberto. "In the Catbird Seat". *Vegas*. February, 2009, p.40.
(Interview with the Cathouse Managing Partner, with highly favorable review of the design).

2011:

- Gollan, Douglas D. "Top Suites of Las Vegas", *Elite Traveler Magazine Getaways Issue Summer 2011*. p. 33
(Review of Mirage Resort's "Villa Suites" – with photo spread)

2013:

- Hickey, Dave. *Pirates and Farmers: Essays on the Frontiers of Art*, Ram Publications, October 2013. Discussion of art "supercollectors" with favorable discussion of the Cagley art collection.

Teaching:

- 2009-2011: Sophomore Interior Design Studio Fall
Initial Ideation and Fundamentals of the Design Process
- 2009-present: Sophomore Interior Design Studio Spring
Residential Design: created new studio project with Robert A.M. Stern's office in New York for the Sophomore residential problem. Restructured the studio pedagogy to center around a funded studio problem with lecturers and expertise brought in for intensive study.
- 2010-2011: Junior Interior Design Studio Spring
Assisted Living / Institutional Design: created completely new studio problem, with Atria Senior Living providing an actual site to renovate; initiated new pedagogy to drive students to excel in very compressed time
- 2011: Senior & Graduate Student Interior Design Option Studio
Hospitality Design
- 2010-2011: History of Interior Design: Ancient to Neoclassicism
Provided new lecture series for Interior Design History and Theory
- 2010-2012: History of Interior Design: Neoclassicism to the Present
Provided new lecture series for Interior Design History and Theory
- 2010-present: Rome Studio Preparation Class
- 2010-present: Graduate Student POS Committees
- 2012-present: Junior Interior Design Studio Spring
Assisted Living / Institutional Design: created completely new studio problem, with Panama Pacifico providing an actual site to renovate; using

- same pedagogy to drive students to excel in compressed time, but with the added requirements to be Climate Positive, Universally Accessible, Revised ADA compliant, LEED silver or better rating, and global practice.
- 2012-present: Senior & Graduate Workshop in Paris, France
Studio course involving design resources at Maison et Objet and Paris Deco Off, with intense examination of 2nd Empire & Beaux Arts interiors and applying them to international contemporary design practice.
- 2012: Graduate Advanced Experimental Interior Design Studio Fall
Entertainment Design at the Edge of Possibility, new graduate studio for facilities in a newly planned urban Entertainment Zone in Central America.
- 2013: Graduate Advanced Experimental Interior Design Studio Fall
Exquisite Corpse: Design with Chaos & Chance, new graduate studio for remodeling the ruins of an abandoned casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2014: Graduate Advanced Experimental Interior Design Studio Fall
Back to the Future: Mid-Century Modern Redux, new graduate studio for the design of a "House of the Future" for Los Angeles in the year 2060
- 2015: Graduate Advanced Experimental Interior Design Studio Fall
In Harm's Way: Interior Design for Modern Warfare, new graduate studio for the complete redesign of an Army Combat Outpost in Afghanistan, to provide better support for active duty troops and to help prevent PTSD in returning veterans.
- 2016: Graduate Advanced Experimental Interior Design Studio Fall
Sustainable Hospitality Design for an Emerging World, new graduate Studio, co-taught with Thomas Leslie, Pickard Chilton Professor of Architecture, for the design of a high-rise hotel alongside the Panama Canal in the former Canal Zone on a site requiring the development to be climate positive, and creating more biodiversity than it displaces.

Administration:

- 2009 – Present: Department Chair Interior Design
Brought a curriculum that was only conditionally accredited with a required interim accreditation visit up to a position of national strength in Global Practice, and our recent accreditation visit earned us 12 areas of program strength.
- 2012 – 2013: Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs
While the Associate Dean was away on sabbatical for a year, was fully responsible for the academic affairs of the College of Design. This included extensive service to the University as well as to the College, serving on the following councils and committees:
- Executive Cabinet
 - Council for Associate Deans for Academic Personnel
 - Undergraduate Programs Council
 - Council on International Programs
 - Subcommittee for Graduate and Post-Doctoral Excellence
 - Undergraduate Outcomes Assessment Council
 - President's Council