



Faculty Name	Dr. Wael Aly Rashdan
Academic Rank	Associate Professor of Interior Design
Terminal Degree & Date	Ph.D. in Interior and Furniture Design I 2005
Awarding Institution	Halwan University, Cairo - Egypt



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Rashdan is an interior and furniture designer, perceives design as an intricate fusion of emotion, purpose, sustainability, and cultural appreciation. Since embarking on his academic journey in 1995, education has emerged as a steadfast pillar. He actively bridges the gap between professionals and academics, ensuring alignment with community needs. In the classroom, students are immersed in a rich tapestry of diversity and collaboration, fuelled by dynamic teaching methods. This approach cultivates their ability to challenge traditional design conventions. Dr. Rashdan's research is a medium for articulating and validating design philosophies. By emphasizing both functional and longitudinal data, such collaborations often lead to insights that blend theory with practice. Dr. Rashdan is an Associate Professor of Interior Design and Assistant Dean.

- PUBLICATIONS**
- Rashdan, Wael, and Ayman Ashour. 2024. "Biophilic Design: An Experiment in Teaching Furniture Design Studio". International Journal of Art and Design Education. Scopus Indexed – (Forthcoming). Accepted for Publication 31/08/2024
 - Rashdan, Wael, and Ayman Ashour. 2024. "Heritage -Inspired Strategies in Interior Design: Balancing Critical Regionalism and Reflexive Modernism for Identity Preservation". Heritage 7 (12): 6825-6856. Scopus Indexed – DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/heritage7120316>
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- Rashdan, Wael, and Ahmed Al Shakhs. 2018. "Arabic Calligraphy: A Source of Design Inspiration." *International Journal of Visual Design 12 (2)*: 1-16. **Scopus** Indexed - DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-1581/CGP/v12i02/1-16>
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 - Rashdan, Wael. 2017. "Academics and Professionals: Collaborative Strategies for an Interior Design Curriculum." *The International Journal of Design Education* 11 (3): 29-46. **Scopus** Indexed - DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18848/2325-128X/CGP/v11i03/29-46>
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 - Rashdan, Wael. 2015. "Exploring Sustainability Impact on Interior Design Solutions." In *DS 80-1 Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Engineering Design (ICED 15): Design for Life*, Milan, Italy, Vol. 1: 309-318. **Scopus** Indexed - ISSN: 2220-4334
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 - Rashdan, Wael. 2014. "Heritage Forming Design Identity: Exploring the Impact of Heritage on Inspiring Interior Design Elements." In *Proceedings of the History of Art Conference on Art and Society (HISTART '14), Istanbul*, Vol. 1: 59-70.
 - Rashdan, Wael. 2013. "Formulating a Contemporary Concept of Design Identity – An Analytical Study of UAE Design Elements." In *Proceedings of the VIII Conference of Contemporary Arab Art, Irbid*, Vol. 2: 58-73.
 - Rashdan, Wael. 2012. "Environmentally Responsible Design." In *Proceedings of Al Khawarizmi International College (KIC) Annual Conference, Abu Dhabi*, Vol. 1.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Participated in Islamic Heritage 2022, Wessex Institute, UK Online. 13-15 July 2022.



- Participated in the 19th International Conference on Social Science & Humanities (ICSSH), Global Research & Development Services (GRDS) and the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, 25-26 July 2017.
- Participated in Sustainable City 2016, Wessex Institute, UK and the University of Alicante, Alicante, Spain, 12-14 July 2016.
- Participated in and submitted a paper to the International Conference on Engineering Design 2015 (ICED 2015), The Design Society, UK and The Polytechnic University, Milan, Italy, 27-30 July 2015.
- Participated in and submitted a paper to the HISTART '14 Conference, Eastern Mediterranean Academic Research Center (DAKAM), Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 October 2014.
- Participated in and submitted a paper to the VIII Conference of Contemporary Arab Art, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, 23-25 April 2013.

GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS

- University of Sharjah Seed Grant, 2021.
Grant Value (AED 36,000)

TEACHING AREAS

- Interior Design; Furniture Design; History of Interior and Furniture Design; Sustainable Design.

RESEARCH AREAS

- **Sustainability:** I am passionate about protecting environmental resources, and I believe that conveying this message to students is extremely important.
- **Design Education:** Studying the impact of assessments, evaluations, course materials, teaching methods, professional practice, and course documentation on curriculum development.
- **Preserving Identity:** Assessing the role of the interior design profession and becoming educated about preserving local identities.
- **Design Ecology:** The philosophy of biophilic - nature as inspiration and its implementation in interior design.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Assistant Dean 2023 – Present**
- **Associate Professor of Interior Design 2021 – Present**
College of Fine Arts and Design, University of Sharjah, Sharjah
- **Dean, College of Architecture and Design 2020 - 2021**
- **Founding and Acting Dean, College of Design 2018 - 2020**



Associate Professor of Interior Design 2019 - 2021

Head, Interior Design Department 2012 - 2018

Acting Head, Interior Design Department 2010 - 2012

Assistant Professor of Interior Design 2006 - 2019

Al Ghurair University, Dubai

- **Assistant Professor 2005 – 2006**

Instructor 1995 - 2005

High Institute of Applied Art, Cairo

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Design Collection, USA since 2017
- British Institute of Interior Design (BIID), UK - 2012

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