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# MICKEY ACKERMAN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015

MIT: 3D2, 3Days of Design Thinking  
Faculty

2013 – Present

Business Innovation Factory  
Chief Design Strategist

2012 – Present

Green School, Bali  
Board member

2009 – 2012

Bennington College, Philadelphia University,  
Johnson and Wales University  
Consultant

2008 – 2009

Business Innovation Factory's Experience Labs  
Management "Nursing Home of the Future" project  
Director

2006 – 2014

Yestermorrow School, Warren Vermont  
Trustee and advisor on curriculum development

2008 – 2012

College Unbound  
Advisor

1995 – 1997

Mystic Seaport Museum  
Director of Design and Product Development

1997 – 2005

Mystic Seaport  
Consultant

1990 – 2006

Rhode Island School of Design  
Industrial Design Department Head

1984 – Present

Rhode Island School of Design  
Full time faculty member

1992

Glasgow School of Art  
Visiting Faculty

1988 – 1989

Swire School of Design  
Visiting Fellow Industrial Design Department

1979 – 1993

Conversions  
Partner & founder

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## LECTURES & PANEL WORKSHOPS

2014

Juror, CORE77 Design Awards

2014

Juror, DESIGNxRI

2009

Centro Nacional de las Artes, Mexico City  
"Education for problems that do not exist yet"

2009

MIT "DESIGN CREATIVITY WORKSHOP"

2006

NASA conference Washington D.C.

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## PATENTS

1986

Dental measuring probe, currently manufactured  
by Bausch & Lomb

1982

Furniture folding mechanism

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## EDUCATION

1977 – 1979

Rhode Island School of Design  
Master of Industrial Design

1973 – 1977

Skidmore College  
University Without Walls

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## **AWARDS**

1981  
Rosenthal Ag International Design Competition

1985  
Worldesign ICSID '85, Special Recognition

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## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

2013  
Biennial Faculty Exhibition, RISD Museum

2011  
Biennial Faculty Exhibition, RISD Museum

1994  
Conservation by Design show, RISD Museum

1990  
Biennial Faculty Exhibit, RI School of Design

1986  
International Design Center, New York, NY  
Art and Architectural Design, Baltimore, MD

1985  
Gallery of Applied Arts, New York, NY

Area X Gallery, New York, NY  
Biennial Faculty Exhibit, RI School of Design

1984  
Atelier 84, Providence, RI

1981  
Mathildenhoe Museum, Selb, West Germany  
Art et Industrie, New York, NY

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## **PUBLISHED REFERENCES**

1986  
New York Magazine, New York, NY

1985  
Axis, Tokyo, Japan  
Modern Style, The Main Street Press  
The New York Times, New York, NY

1984  
Metropolis, New York, NY