

Dak Kopec

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Author, Editor, Architectural Psychologist, and Professor

Biography

Dak holds a doctorate degree in Environmental Psychology with a concentration in perception and design and two master's degrees, one in Architecture and another in Community Psychology. He is the author of several industry standard books and the novel Broken Boys Beyond Friendships. Dak is an Architectural Psychologist and Professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, has served twice as a Visiting Lecturer at Virginia Commonwealth University in Doha Qatar and Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii in the schools of Architecture and Medicine. He was also a host for a television pilot for TLC (The Learning Chanel) and a television pilot produced by Baja Posse Movies. Dak was invited to present in the Czech Republic, India, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Taiwan, and Canada. He also testified before the California State Senate on issues of Environmental Health.

Industry Expertise

Housing, Research, Design, Health Care - Facilities, Health and Wellness, Elder Care, Architecture and Planning, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Interior Design and Psychology, Enhancing Children's Development With Design

Affiliations

National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Environmental Design Research Association, National Environmental Health Association, Interior Design Educators Council

Sample Talks

Interior Design and Psychology

Interior Design can be done in a way that maximizes the human experience within the built environment. By understanding neurobiology, sociocultural norms, and individual personality we can develop better designs for the people that occupy certain spaces.

Education

The Union Institute

Ph.D. Environmental Psychology

Accomplishments

Environmental Psychology for Design, 2nd ed.

Awarding winning book bridging the human condition with the designs of the built environment.

Health, Sustainability, and The Built Environment

Wrote book that bridges environmental health issues related to architecture, city planning, and interior Design.

Visiting Professor, University of Hawaii

Joint position within the school of Architecture and Medicine.

International Invitations

2006 Doha Qatar 2010 San Jose Costa Rica 2011 Tai Pei Taiwan 2012 Doha Qatar

Evidence Based Design: A Process for Research and Writting

Co-authored book on research methods in design.

Expert Consulting

Product design consulting for: Proctor and Gamble Clay Street, Cincinnati OH Bright House, Atlanta GA

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