

I feel delighted and honored to serve as Dean of the School of Design at NewSchool with a background and experience rooted in Italian Design at Domus Academy.

I believe in design education and its value for business and society as a whole: training design professionals who are able to comprehend, improve, and innovate the world we live in and to think and act locally and globally.

At NewSchool of Architecture & Design, students have the unique opportunity to experience undergraduate programs with a global perspective and study abroad opportunities, to study in a truly interdisciplinary environment, and to experiment with creative and critical thinking at all scales.

The Interior Architecture & Design, Product Design, and Graphic Design & Interactive Media undergraduate programs allow students to build and share their fundamental design skills in these areas and to engage in integrative professional design practice with peers from architecture, and construction management. Both programs are designed to prepare you for a successful career and to give you the ability to work in a wide range of industries, design specialties, and product/service types.

Finally, you can meet and practice with design professionals from different cultures.

I am pleased to welcome you on board and wish you an exciting and life-changing educational experience.

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