

EIDSON SCHOLARSHIP

Patricia L. Eidson, AIA joined the College of Architecture faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1988 as an associate professor and director of the Interior Design Division. She practiced architecture for twenty-two years in Kansas, and was the first woman architect to be hired by the OU College of Architecture as a full-time faculty member. In 1992, she served as assistant dean of the college and in 1993 became its associate dean.

From 1957 until June 1981, she was actively involved as a draftsman, associate and finally (completing the NCARB examination in 1973) principal in the firm: The Eidsons, Architects. A strong commitment to a complete architectural service for clients led to the development of interior architectural services offered by the office from 1964 through 1981.

In 1974, Patricia became an adjunct professor at Kansas State University in the Department of Interior Architecture where she continued to teach until 1979. She was selected 1976 Manhattan Woman of the Year and appointed the same year to the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board, where she served as chair during 1978 and 1979.

In 1979, with the death of her husband and partner, William R Eidson, she resigned her teaching position. The firm was reorganized as Eidson & Bowman, Architects. She took a leave of absence in 1980 to teach at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. During this leave she made the decision to change her career goals to teaching interiors in architecture. The following year, Patricia enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Cincinnati, College of Architecture, where her graduate studies focused on history, theory and criticism of interiors for architecture. Following the completion of Masters work in June 1983, she was invited to join the faculty of Design in the Art Department of the University of Massachusetts as an Associate Professor. From 1983 through 1988 her teaching experience was combined with administrative duties in sharing responsibilities with Area Head Arnold Friedmann, and heading the graduate program while Friedmann was ill during academic year 1986-87.

Patricia was prominent among educators leading and informing debate on professional licensing for interior designers, curriculum change and theory.

KSU School of Architecture and Design awarded Patricia L. Eidson the 1994-95 Distinguished Service Award on October 10, 1994.

She was a corporate member of the American Institute of Architects and its National Interiors Committee, and a professional affiliate of the American Society of Interior Designers, Western Oklahoma Chapter. She was also a corporate member of the Interior Design Education Council, the Illumination Engineering Society of North America, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the American Collegiate School of Architecture.

Her biography has been published in the following:

1988 Who's Who in Interior Design

1992 Who's Who in the Asian Pacific Rim

1994 International Who's Who in Interior Design

Patricia L. Eidson died in October 1994, leaving a scholarship to be awarded annually to an undergraduate student(s) in Interior Design and a graduate student(s) in Architecture (with emphasis in interior architecture).