

# SANTIAGO ARCILA



INTERIOR DESIGNER  
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Growing up in numerous countries has greatly influenced Santiago's personality and design style. Although his academic start was in Chemical Engineering his creative passion led him to complete his studies in interior design. Santiago embraces art in all its forms and is an avid enthusiast of photography, new music and theatre. He views design as the link between logic, creativity and functionality and is particularly interested in the physical and emotional influence that shaping a space can have. In his spare time you will catch him photographing Vancouver streets, playing volleyball or simply listening to some good old British radio.

Santiago has been an active member of NEWH since being the recipient of their Icon of Industry Scholarship back in 2011. He believes in the power of knowledge and the value of education and is extremely excited to be involved in tonight's discussion among a group with such diversity and talent. It is these types of events and organizations which inspire students; the future of our industry.

# VICKI PEARSON



PRINCIPAL & INTERIOR DESIGNER  
PORADA DESIGN GROUP

Vicki provides 30 years of professional interior design experience, specifically related to large hospitality projects focusing on the properties' extensive public and food & beverage facilities as well as guest room, recreational and administration areas.

Upon graduation from Kwantlen College in 1983, Vicki worked with Coordinated Hotel Interiors in Vancouver for 10 years, becoming the senior designer in charge of all phases of design with a strong emphasis on cost control, facility management planning and FF&E budgets.

Vicki has traveled extensively, working and living in Barbados, Italy and China, including setting up what is now Porada's original office in Guangzhou, China in 2003.

In 2005, Porada Design Group was established. A collaboration of principals, Vicki Pearson, Leanne Ritter and David Chang, our design team has grown to over 95 personnel in Vancouver, Calgary, Beijing and Guangzhou.

Recent works include Mara Lakeside Resort, Sicamous, BC; Oak Bay Beach Hotel, Victoria, BC; W Hotel, Guangzhou, China; Ritz Carlton Hotel – VIP Suites, Guangzhou, China; Buguio Courtyard Marriott, Baguio, Philippines; Residence Inn by Marriott, Vancouver, BC; Kunshan Courtyard Marriott, Kunshan, China; Crest Hotel, Prince Rupert, BC; Skwachays Lodge, Vancouver, BC; Inn on the Harbour, Prince Rupert, BC; Fox Hotel & Suites, Banff, AB; Red Earth Spa, Banff, AB

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# ADELE PRANSKY



INTERIOR DESIGNER  
CHIL INTERIOR DESIGN

Adele is a Registered Interior Designer with experience in hospitality, multi-unit residential towers, retail and restaurant design. With 10 years experience in design development, planning, design documentation and contract administration, Adele's strengths lie in documentation and the implementation of the design goals through close collaboration with other design team members. She has lived in Asia and is familiar with LEED building practices. Recently, her design and leadership skills on Alexandra English Bay and Element Vancouver Metrotown have been recognized with IDIBC Awards.

Adele is an Associate at CHIL Interior Design; a hospitality studio of B+H, a global leader in interior design, architecture and planning & landscape. What began as a boutique studio in Vancouver more than 40 years ago has grown into a global hospitality design group. After building a reputation on projects in Vancouver

CHIL's portfolio is made up of luxury hospitality spaces—from hotels and restaurants to conference spaces and clubs—and luxury residential, boutique, retail and commercial spaces. They work with the world's great hospitality brands, owners and developers.



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# SCOTT WILSON



INTERIOR DESIGNER  
INSIDE DESIGN STUDIO

Scott Wilson is a designer and educator holding a Bachelor of Interior Design from the Wilson School of Design at KPU. He is a Master of Design candidate, studying at Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

His training and expertise are in interiors; however, Scott has a larger interest in all facets of design: architecture, product design, graphics, wayfinding and art. Scott uses a human-centered approach to understand user needs, synthesis insights and to create connected platforms. He has dedicated his emerging career to creating artifacts and spaces that are regionally relevant and responsive to client ambitions, underscored by the timelessness and elegant restraint in form and materials.

# PAOLA GAVILANEZ



INSTRUCTOR, INTERIOR DESIGN  
WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN,  
KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Paola Gavilanez is a Registered Interior Designer with over 17 years of experience working in commercial, hospitality and educational projects in North and South America.

She is a LEED AP ID+C and a faculty member at the Bachelor of Interior Design program at Kwantlan Polytechnic University.

She is currently pursuing an interdisciplinary graduate degree in communications and sustainability.