

# NINA STEFFIN

## DESIGN FELLOW | GRADUATE DESIGNER

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Design Fellow at AECOM Detroit and recent Interior Design graduate from Lawrence Technological University with a minor in Graphic Design. My experience spans research, programming, space planning, design visualization, technical documentation, and stakeholder engagement across professional and community-based projects. Proficient in Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite, and 3D visualization workflows, I am passionate about creating thoughtful, human-centered environments that strengthen communities and enhance the relationship between people and place. As I continue to develop as a designer, I am eager to contribute to projects that balance design excellence, functionality, and social impact.

## EDUCATION

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### Lawrence Technological University | Southfield, MI

August 2022 - May 2026

Bachelor of Science, Interior Design | Minor: Graphic Design | Summa Cum Laude

- Dean's List every semester.

### Kent State University | Florence, Italy

January 2025 - May 2025

Study Abroad Semester | Interior Design Program, Florence, Italy

- Faculty-Selected Project, X-Gallery.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### AECOM | Design Fellow | Detroit, MI

June 2026 - Present

- Selected as 1 of 4 Design Fellows to lead a nonprofit facility redesign from programming through concept design.
- Conduct stakeholder interviews, site analysis, and community research to define project goals and user needs.
- Develop space programs, adjacency studies, and conceptual planning strategies to support organizational growth and user needs.
- Create concept designs, visualizations, and presentation materials for client and stakeholder review.
- Present design recommendations and incorporate client feedback throughout the design process.
- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to deliver a final concept proposal and vision for future investment.

### Italmoda | Interior Design Intern | Royal Oak, MI

August 2025 - Present

- Develop 3D Revit models from design concepts and floor plans, creating visualizations that communicate spatial layouts, furniture selections, and material palettes.
- Translate design concepts into Revit documentation, producing accurate drawings and presentation materials that support project development and client communication.
- Create photorealistic renderings using inspiration imagery, furniture selections, and finish palettes to communicate design intent and support client decision-making.
- Produce millwork drawings and interior detailing packages while collaborating with clients and designers to refine concepts and ensure alignment with project goals.

### VERSA Design | Interior Design Intern | Royal Oak, MI

October 2025 - May 2026

- Produced 100+ detailed CAD drawings, translating floor plans into technical interior elevations that supported design development and constructability.
- Developed 5+ 3D Revit models to visualize interior design concepts and communicate design intent.
- Applied materials, finishes, and furnishings within Revit to create realistic renderings for client presentations and design reviews.
- Collaborated with 2 designers to refine layouts, documentation, and visualizations, ensuring alignment with project goals and client expectations.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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### European Heritage Society | Volunteer | Freudenstadt, Germany

August 2025

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team of 12 volunteers from 10 countries to restore a historically significant hotel and surrounding gardens, contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage and place-based identity.
- Supported hands-on restoration and site improvement efforts, reinforcing architectural character while preparing the site for continued community use.

### Swedish Yurt Village | Volunteer | Flaton, Sweden

July 2025

- Collaborated with a team of 5 volunteers from 3 countries to restore the grounds of an abandoned yurt village and prepare the site for public and visitor engagement.
- Contributed to site planning and spatial organization initiatives focused on safety, function, and a welcoming visitor experience.

## SKILLS

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**Design & Modeling** | Revit, AutoCAD, Rhino

**Rendering** | Enscape

**Adobe Suite** | Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign

**Visual Communication** | Presentation Graphics, Client Presentations, Miro, Canva, Microsoft Office

## LEADERSHIP

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**President** | LTU IIDA

May 2025 - May 2026

**Social Media Coordinator** | LTU IIDA

May 2025 - May 2026

**Vice President** | LTU IIDA

May 2024 - May 2025

**Student Senator** | LTU Student Government

August 2022 - May 2023

**Sustainability Committee Lead** | LTU Student Government

September 2022 - May 2023

## MEMBERSHIP

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**IIDA** | International Interior Design Association

**IDCFC** | Interior Design Coalition for Change

**NEWH** | The Hospitality Industry Network

**NSLS** | National Society of Leadership and Success