

NINA STEFFIN

INTERIOR DESIGNER | DESIGN FELLOW

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Interior Designer with professional experience in programming, space planning, concept development, design visualization, technical documentation, and stakeholder engagement across commercial and community-focused projects. Skilled in translating research and design concepts into thoughtful, functional environments through space planning, Revit modeling, FF&E coordination, and presentation graphics. Recognized for a collaborative mindset, strong attention to detail, and the ability to communicate design intent effectively while contributing to multidisciplinary teams throughout the design process.

EDUCATION

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

AECOM | Design Fellow | Detroit, MI

June 2026 - August 2026

- Selected as 1 of 4 Design Fellows to lead the redesign of a nonprofit facility from programming through conceptual design, collaborating with a multidisciplinary team to develop innovative, community-centered design solutions.
- Conduct stakeholder interviews, site assessments, and user research to establish project goals, programming requirements, and design opportunities.
- Develop space programs, adjacency studies, test fits, and conceptual layouts that optimize functionality and user experience.
- Create concept narratives, presentation graphics, design visualizations, and material palettes that effectively communicate design intent to clients and project stakeholders.
- Present design concepts, facilitate client meetings, and incorporate stakeholder feedback to refine solutions throughout the iterative design process.
- Collaborate with architects, designers, and fellow Design Fellows to deliver a comprehensive design proposal that supports long-term community impact, organizational growth, and future investment.

LIV MODERN WORK MODERN | Interior Design Visualizer | Royal Oak, MI

August 2025 - Present

- Develop detailed Revit models, furniture layouts, and coordinated drawing packages from design concepts, supporting projects from schematic design through documentation.
- Produce photorealistic Enscape renderings, finish palettes, and presentation graphics that communicate design intent, materiality, and user experience during client reviews.
- Prepare millwork drawings, interior detailing packages, and construction documentation that support design development and technical coordination.
- Collaborate with clients and senior designers to refine space plans, furniture layouts, material selections, FF&E, and design solutions throughout the iterative design process.

VERSA Design | Interior Design Intern | Royal Oak, MI

October 2025 - May 2026

- Produced more than 100 detailed CAD drawings, translating design concepts into coordinated interior elevations and technical documentation for project execution.
- Developed Revit models, furniture layouts, and visualizations to support concept development and client communication.
- Created quality renderings using materials, finishes, furnishings, and lighting to communicate design intent and spatial experience.
- Assisted with FF&E research, finish selection, material palettes, and presentation graphics while collaborating with designers to refine layouts and documentation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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, supporting the preservation of cultural heritage through thoughtful site improvements.
- Assisted in evaluating existing site conditions and implementing restoration strategies that enhanced functionality, reinforced architectural character, and prepared the property for continued community use.

Swedish Yurt Village | Volunteer | Flaton, Sweden July 2025

- Collaborated with an international team to restore an abandoned yurt village, contributing to site planning, spatial organization, and environmental improvements that enhanced visitor experience.
- Assisted in revitalizing outdoor spaces through functional planning, circulation improvements, and hands-on site enhancements that supported future public engagement.

SKILLS

Design | Concept Development, Programming, Space Planning, FF&E, Material & Finish Selection, Design Visualization
Modeling & Documentation | Revit, AutoCAD, Rhino, Construction Documentation, Technical Drawings
Rendering | Enscape, D5
Design Tools | Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Miro, Canva, Microsoft Office
Visual Communication | Presentation Graphics, Layout Design, Branding, Photography
Professional Communication | Design Presentations, Design Narratives, Client Interaction, Team Collaboration

LEADERSHIP

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

IIDA | International Interior Design Association
IDCFC | Interior Design Coalition for Change
NEWH | The Hospitality Industry Network
NSLS | National Society of Leadership and Success