

Academic Office

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employment history

Current position 1997-present Associate Professor

Ryerson University, Faculty of Communication and Design, School of Interior Design. Employment status: Tenured 2002, full time

creative work

Creative Director, Exhibition Curator & participant, Conference chair

Klassen, F. (2008, March 28-30). *Weathering Architecture Performance*. Harbourfront Centre, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2008, February 22-March 15). *Malleable Matter: Water and Air.* Solo exhibition of photographic work. Archive Gallery, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2007 & 2006, October- November). *Big Little Fibre Exhibition & Hand-face-body Exhibition*, Participant in textile-based art exhibitions curated by Helena Frei and Chris Mitchell, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto.



Klassen, F. (2004, April 27-May 19). *Home: Mobile, Modular & Light.* Exhibition curator for *Digifest 2004: Home: Self: Tribe Exhibition*, Design Exchange, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2004, April 28-30). *Transportable Environments 2004: 3rd International Conference on Portable Architecture & Design*, Ryerson University, Toronto. This research conference was supported by an SSHRC Grant in January 2004.

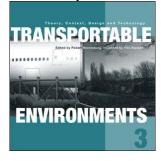
Klassen, F. (2004, April 28-30). *Transportable Environments 2004 Exhibition* (15 international participants). Project Exhibition curator for Transportable Environments Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto.



Klassen, F. (2001, October 4-7). *Transportable Environments* (13 International participants). Curated for *On Growth and Form: The Engineering of Nature, ACSA Regional Conference* at the School of Architecture, University of Waterloo, Canada

Klassen, F. (2001, February 22-March 22). *Pro-fusion: A cross-disciplinary design exhibition* (20 national participants). Exhibition Curator and Designer, Arts on King Gallery, Toronto www.ryerson.ca/~fusion.

publications



Co-Editor, book chapter, conference proceedings, articles in scholarly refereed journals and professional magazines

Klassen, F. (2008). Malleable Matter and Atmospheric Substance. *Proceedings of the Ambience 2008: Smart Textiles International Conference*, Boras, Sweden, June 2-3.

Klassen, F. (2008, In print). Architecture and Integrated Technologies. *Mobile Nation Antology*, Waterloo: Riverside Architectural Press.

Klassen, F., & R. Kronenburg. (Eds.) (2006). *Transportable Environments* 3, London: Spon Press. (Includes edited version of Malleable Matter article from *Transportable Environments* 2004: *Proceedings of the* 3rd *International Conference on Portable Architecture* & *Design*, April 28-30, 2004, Ryerson University, Toronto, 54-69.).

Klassen, F. (2006). From the Bazaar to Space Architecture. *Textile: Journal of Cloth and Culture*. V.4. Issue 3, 256-269.

Klassen, F. (2006). Malleable Matter: Adaptable and Responsive Space. *Proceedings of the Adaptables 2006 TU/E International Conference on Adaptable Building Structures*, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, July 3-5.



Klassen, F. (2003). Transformable space within a communal setting: Housing for the homeless. In Kronenburg, R., J. Lim, and W. Y. Chii (Eds.). 2003. Transportable Environments 2, London: Spon Press, 44-49.

Klassen, F. (2003). Tangible to Intangible. International Journal of Art and Design Education. 22, 92-99.

Klassen, F. (2003, Fall). The malleability of matter. On Site Review, Issue 10, 48.

Klassen, F. (2003, February). Pro-fusion: A cross-disciplinary design forum. On Site Review, Issue 8, 44-45.

Klassen, F. (2002, September). Personal Transformations. On Site Review, Issue 7, 34-37.

Klassen, F. (1990, Summer). Revealing the sense of place in architectural thinking. The Fifth Column, 7(4), 16-17.

Published review of design project: Strachan House: Special Needs Housing Project (Levitt Goodman Architects, project team)

Baniassad, E. (Ed.) (2000). Strachan House. Architecture Canada 1999: The Governor General's medals for architecture, The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada & Tuns Press, 48-59.

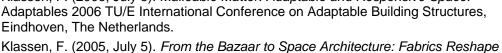


Paper Presentations at Conferences and Scholarly Meetings

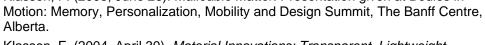
Klassen, F. (2008, June 2). Malleable Matter and Atmospheric Substance. Ambience 2008: Smart Textiles International Conference, Boras, Sweden.

Klassen, F. (2007, March 24). Architecture and Integrated Technologies, Mobile Nation International Conference, OCAD, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2006, July 5). Malleable Matter: Adaptable and Responsive Space. Adaptables 2006 TU/E International Conference on Adaptable Building Structures, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.



the Human Habitat. UIA 2005: XXII World Congress of Architecture, Istanbul. Klassen, F. (2005, June 26). Malleable Matter. Presentation given at Bodies in



Klassen, F. (2004, April 30). Material Innovations: Transparent, Lightweight, Malleable & Responsive. Transportable Environments 2004: 3rd International Conference on Portable Architecture & Design, Ryerson University, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2002, April 12). Tangible to intangible: Role of research in design studio. Enhancing Curricula: Exploring Effective Curricula Practices in Art. Design and Communication in Higher Education Conference, RIBA, London, UK.

Klassen, F. (2001, May 17). Transformable space within a communal setting: Strachan House. Transportable Environments 2001, 2nd Conference on Portable Architecture, Singapore, Center for Advanced Studies in Architecture.



Non-refereed contributions, published review of work Published review of Transportable Environments 3 Conference and Home: Mobile, Modular and Light Exhibition.

Sobchack, P. (2004, June-July). Portable Architecture Question & Answer. Building: Construction and Architecture, p. 19 & 40.

Mackay, H. (2004, March-April). New ideas in motion. Azure, Design Architecture & Art Magazine, p.43.

Mays, B. J. (2004, May 21). Thinking inside the box. Globe and Mail, G4.

Mays, B. J. (2004, May 7). The perfect house. Globe and Mail, G2.

invited lecturer





funded research

Public lectures

Klassen, F. (2005 October, 13). Design Fusion. DX National Design Conference Design Exchange, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2004 May, 14). Home: Mobile, Modular & Light. Digifest 2004: Design Exchange, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2003, July 28). Trans/form/port/able. Institute without Boundaries, School of Design, George Brown College and Bruce Mau Design, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2003, May 13). Trans/form/able. BouT Lecture Series (organized during the International Architectural Biennial on Mobility), Technical University of Delft, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Klassen, F. (2002, May 15). Studio culture, teaching and learning: Methodologies and outcomes. Presentation at Ryerson University Faculty Conference, Toronto.

Klassen, F. (2001, September 17). Profusion: Cross-disciplinary design projects. Shifting Fields: The Crosscurrents of Art and Design, Kitchener Contemporary Art Forum, Kitchener City Hall, Ontario.

Klassen, F. (1998, June 4). An Architectural Tale of Two Cities: Toronto & Montreal. Lecture presented at Middle East Technical University, School of Architecture, Ankara, Turkey.

Research Creation Grant: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, January 2005-8, Malleable Matter: Material Innovations in architecture (\$187,000)



January, 2004, Transportable environments conference (\$ 10.000)

Project grants: Delft University of Technology, Funded Research, Malleable Matter: Adaptable and Responsive Space, 2006 (€5000)

Ryerson University, Faculty of Communication & Design, 2004-2004-5, Creative Grant, Transformable Partitions (\$ 5,000)

Fall 2003, Transportable Environments Conference (\$ 3.000)

Spring 2003, Transformable walls (\$ 2.200)

2000-1998, Exhibition: Profusion: a cross disciplinary design exhibition. (\$ 5.000)

Travel grants: SIG International & Ryerson University, Faculty of Communication and **Design Travel Grants:**

2006, Paper: Malleable Matter: Adaptable and Responsive Space (\$ 1500); 2005, Paper: From the Bazaar to Space Architecture: Fabrics Reshape the Human Habitat (\$ 3,500); 2002, Paper: Tangible to intangible (\$ 1.500); 2001, Paper: Transformable personal space within a communal setting: Housing for the homeless (\$ 1.500)

Ontario/University work study program: 2003, 2002, 2001, Supervisor, Conference assistance, Sustainable Design & Exhibition assistance (\$ 6.000.00) Ryerson University research assistant program: 2002 & summer, 2001, 2000, (\$ 13.000)



other contributions



Ryerson School of Graduate Studies Member (present)

Sustainable Design Education Volunteer (present), www.ryerson.ca/~fklassen Guest Critic (2005, 6, 7 and 2008 December & April) Master of Architecture, Design project reviews. University of Toronto. School of Architecture and Landscape Design: (2003 & 4, April 14). 4th year Thesis project reviews, Ryerson University, Department of Architectural Science; (1998, December 16 & 17). 5th year Thesis project reviews, Carleton University, School of Architecture, Ottawa; (1998, June 5). 2nd year project reviews, Bilkent University, School of Interior Architecture, Ankara.