

Education

-PhD student in Design, HDK School of Design and Craft, University of Gothenburg, 2014- (Supervisors: Henric Benesch PhD, HDK-Valand, Yngve Hammerlin -Dr Philos KRUS (No), Roger Ulrich -Visiting Professor Architecture at Chalmers, professor emeritus Texas A&M University,)
-MFA Product Design, HDK School of Design and Craft, University of Gothenburg 1995-1999
-Carl Malmstenskolan, Stockholm, fine furniture making, Journey man, 1992-94
-Rönnowska, furniture making, 1990-1991
-AMU Kockums, furniture making, 1989-1990

Research

Since 2017 researcher in the 3-year multidisciplinary research project Research Plan *The importance of the physical environment in the special youth homes*. Run by Sahlgrenska Academy in collaboration with the HDK Academy of Design and Crafts at the University of Gothenburg, Center for Care Architecture (CVA) Chalmers.

Employment

-Associate Professor in Furniture Design, HDK Academy of Design and Craft, University of Gothenburg 2013- (On leave for PhD studies)
-Lecturer in Furniture Design, HDK Academy of Design and Craft, University of Gothenburg. 2009-2013
-Healsafe Interiör AB, designer and partner. 2017-
-James & Thedin AB, designer and partner. 2012-2017
-Franz James Produktdesign AB, 1999-
-Svenska Hem, Consultant -Range strategy, product design, 2007-2009
-IKEA of Sweden, Älmhult, product developer Kitchenware, 2001-2003
-Woodcraft, 1994-1995
-Norrgravel, 1991-1992

Publications

- *"Allt annat än hemma. Det är helvetet". "It's all but home, It's Hell". Rågården, Rättpsykiatri med mänskligt ansikte. Translated title: Rågården, Forensic psychiatry with a human face. Edited book chapter. Author Franz James*
- *"Sketch and Talk" -an ethnographic design method opening closed institutions. Conference Paper. Cumulus Working Papers 33/16 : Cumulus Hong Kong 2016 : Open Design for E-verything. Author Franz James*
- *"It's important to not lose myself" - Beds, carceral design and women's everyday life within prison cells. Peer reviewed book chapter, Author Franz James*
- *Designing for care: employing ethnographic design methods at special care homes for young offenders – a pilot study ". Peer reviewed journal article.*
- *Ethical challenges conducting research in environments for incarcerated children and adolescents. (Peer reviewed). Authors: Multiple (2.)*
- *Space and place for health and care. Authors: Multiple (8)*
- *Fit and Re-Orientation". Brill, (forthcoming, publication planned Spring 2021). Authors: Franz James and Sepideh Olausson.*

Projects

- Designer for companies such as IKEA of Sweden, Svenska Hem, Allinwood, Nyby Bruk and Lammhults Biblioteksdesign, 1999-2017.
- Partner in Healsafe Interiör AB. The company has since 2012 designed, developed and produced interior products for challenging environments; psychiatric hospitals, forensic psychiatric hospitals, youth homes and correctional facilities.

Exhibitions

- With several different companies at Stockholm Furniture Fair 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- Arctic Studio, Göteborg -2008.
- Krypton, Göteborg -2007

Lectures/Presentations/Conferences

- Design in Mental Health. Coventry UK "I'm used to it" -Interior Design, Wellbeing and Incarcerated youth 2019
- ARCH 19. Trondheim "Ethical challenges conducting research in environments for incarcerated children and adolescents" 2019
- Helix, Rätt psykiatri Vård Stockholm, February 2019
- 3rd International Conference for Carceral Geography, University of Liverpool, December 2018
- PTS, Program för Teknisk Standard & CVA, Centrum för Vårdens Arkitektur, Chalmers, Göteborg, Sweden, Oct 2018
- PTS, Program för Teknisk Standard & CVA, Centrum för Vårdens Arkitektur, Chalmers, Göteborg, Sweden, Feb 2018
- Design4Health, Melbourne Australia, 4-7 December 2017
- KRUS, Kriminalomsorgen, Lilleström Norge, 11-12 October 2017
- Nationell suicidpreventiv konferens, Göteborg, Sweden, 12-13 September 2017
- Open Design for Everything, Hong Kong 21-24 November 2016
- Design in Mental Health, DMIH, Birmingham, UK, 19-20 May 2015
- Sveriges rättspsykiatriska klinikers seminarium, Stockholm, 27 October 2015

Grants

- Forum Vårdbyggnad 2015 (Travel grant US)
- Knut och Alice Wallenbergs stiftelse (Travel grant US)
- Göteborgs Slöjdförenings Projektstipendium 2015 (Conference Design in Mental Health, UK)
- Kungliga och Hvitfeldtska stiftelsen 2016 (Conference Design in Mental Health, UK)
- Göteborgs Slöjdförenings Projektstipendium 2016 (Travel grant, Swe)
- The National Board of Institutional Care (Statens institutionsstyrelse, or SiS) (Research grant The importance of the physical environment in the special youth homes, co-applicant, 3 million SEK)
- Forum Vårdbyggnad 2017 (Design4Health Conference, AU, co-applicant)
- ARQ - Stiftelsen för arkitekturforskning (Research grant, The importance of the physical environment in the special youth homes, co-applicant)
- Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen 2018 (Design for health conference, UK)