

Committee Members

I have selected four UTD faculty members who in some capacity, have developed curriculum and taught some variation of computer mediated design and communication. Each are accomplished in digital art, visual communication, and emerging technologies in digital communication or literally written the books that explore the history of design, visual literacy and computer as new media for creation, expression, and collaboration. The four candidates that I have selected for my committee are Mihai Nadin, Thomas Linehan, Charissa Terranova, and Dean Terry.

Dr. Mihai Nadin, as chair of my committee, will provide valuable academic insights and steady guidance for my research. Dr. Nadin specialized in aesthetics for his doctoral degree at the University of Bucharest. A short list of his many areas of research include art critique, the history of design and computer design, aesthetics, and computer mediated communication. In his 1987 book, titled *The Civilization of Illiteracy*, Dr. Nadin explores a new visual literacy and the impact of digital content and electronic media on society.

Dr. Thomas Linehan, director of the Arts and Technology program will serve as one of my committee members. Dr. Linehan is a pioneer in the field of computer graphics, design and animation. Dr. Linehan has founded and developed three different cutting edge technology and art programs at three different universities and his contributions to the field of computer generated content is only surpassed by the who's who of accomplished people that have studied and participated in programs developed and headed by him.

Dr. Charissa Terranova is the director of The University of Texas at Dallas artists residency program called Central Track and assistant professor of Aesthetic Studies in the school of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Terranova is an internationally recognized scholar of modern and contemporary art and architecture. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in architectural theory and history from Harvard University and an M.A. in art history from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Professor Dean Terry is the director of the University of Texas at Dallas Mobile Lab and Online Worlds Lab conducting research in mobile communication and virtual environments; as well as, the head of the Emerging Media and Communications department. Professor Terry is a successful entrepreneur, with 15 years experience in the digital media business, an award winning film maker and accomplished lecturer and thinker in areas such as online virtual worlds, social networks, and new media art and philosophy. Dean Terry brings a practical experience, and philosophical perspective to a rapidly evolving field still described as emerging.