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Cosco Named Director of NC State's Center for Universal Design

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Dr. Nilda Cosco has been named coordinator of the Initiative for Inclusive Design and the director of the Center for Universal Design in North Carolina State University's College of Design. The Initiative for Inclusive Design is an extension effort focused on bringing customized design to diverse populations.



Dr. Nilda Cosco

The Center for Universal Design, the Home Environments Design Initiative and the Natural Learning Initiative all operate under the Inclusive Design umbrella. Each of these initiatives exists to serve a particular population: the Center for Universal Design focuses on designing spaces with accessibility issues in mind; the Home Environments Design Initiative focuses on practical, affordable home design, and the Natural Learning Initiative aims to help communities create stimulating and healthy play spaces.

Since 2000, Cosco has served as an educational specialist with the College of Design's Natural Learning Initiative.

From 1989-1998, Cosco directed the National Lekotek Center of Argentina, an institution that runs programs for children with disabilities and at-risk children living in low-income communities. She also trained staff for the opening of the National Lekotek Center of Brazil in São Paulo.

"Nilda Cosco has international experience and her work is already respected by a broad community of professionals," says Marvin Malecha, dean of the College of Design. "We believe that her appointment will stimulate a period of growth and change to make the center an even more vital resource for the state of North Carolina."

Cosco received a bachelor's degree in educational psychology from the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1975. She received her Ph.D. in 2006 from the School of Landscape Architecture at the Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh, Scotland.

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