

## CV Franz James

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### Current employment

- Assistant Professor in Furniture Design, 60%. Campus Steneby, HDK-Valand Academy of Art and Design, University of Gothenburg.
- Healsafe Interiör AB, 50%. Head of design, partner and founder. Design of interiors and interior products for healthcare environments, primarily focusing on mental health and correctional facilities. The company operates in Scandinavia as well as internationally.

### Education

- PhD in Design, HDK-Valand Academy of Art and Design, University of Gothenburg  
  
Doctoral thesis: "Sketch and Talk" Drawing Lines Between Humans, the Interior, and Stuff. Design Methodologies for Well-Being in Prisons, Forensic Psychiatric Hospitals, and Special Residential Youth Homes.  
September 2023. ISBN: 978-91-8069-149-9
- 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, Helsingborg, furniture making, 1990-1991
- AMU Kockums, Malmö, furniture making, 1989-1990

### Ongoing Research Projects, externally funded through grants

- "SoLiDe ICU", A transdisciplinary research project regarding physical environment, Sound, Light, and Design, and its impact on staff's health and wellbeing in intensive care units (ICUs). Sahlgrenska Academy, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Skaraborgs Hospital, HDK-Valand, RISE
- "LIME", Lighting Design for Therapeutic Meetings, a transdisciplinary research project investigating lighting and lighting design in psychiatric hospitals. University of Borås, HDK-Valand, Sahlgrenska Academy
- "Neurodiversity-friendly" interiors and furnishings for children and adolescents with neuropsychiatric conditions in SiS homes. HDK-Valand

### Previous Research Projects

- Researcher 2017-2021 in the transdisciplinary research project "The meaning of the physical environment for youths residing in special residential youth homes" The research project was led by Sahlgrenska Academy. Funded by SiS.

### Employments

- Assistant Professor in Furniture Design, HDK Academy of Design and Craft, University of Gothenburg 2013- (On leave for PhD studies 2014-2021)
- 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-
- IKEA of Sweden, Älmhult, product developer Kitchenware, 2001-2003
- Woodcraft, 1994-1995
- Norrgavel, 1991-1992

## **Consulting**

- Svenska Hem, range strategy and product design, 2007–2009

## **Exhibitions**

- Stockholm Furniture Fair with companies such as Lammhults Biblioteksdesign, Allinwood, Hans K, Lampgustaf, Markslöjd and Healsafe Interiör AB: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Arctic Studio, Göteborg -2008.
- Krypton, Göteborg -2007

## **Publications, scientific**

- “‘Fit and Re- Orientation’ Carceral Heritage in Contemporary Design of Special Residential Homes for Youth and Its Impact on Wellbeing”. James, F., & Olausson, S., 2021. Brill.
- Space and place for health and care. Roxberg, Å., Tryselius, K., Gren, M., Lindahl, B., Werkander Harstäde, C., Silverglow, A., Nolbeck, K., James, F., Carlsson, I.-M., Olausson, S., Nordin, S., & Wijk, H. (2020). Space and place for health and care. International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-being
- “‘It’s important to not lose myself’ Beds, Carceral Design and Women’s Everyday Life within Prison Cells” James, F. (2018). E. Fransson, F. Giofrè, & B. Johnsen (Eds.), Prison Architecture and Humans. Cappelen Damm Akademisk.
- “Designing for care: employing ethnographic design methods at special care homes for young offenders – a pilot study” James, F., & Olausson, S., 2018. Design for Health, 2:1, 127–141.
- “‘Sketch and Talk’: An ethnographic design method opening closed institutions.” James, F., 2017. Cumulus Working Papers 33/16: Cumulus Hong Kong 2016: Open Design for E-very-thing.

## **Publications, other**

- “Allt annat än hemma, det är helvetet!” Berättelser om den fysiska miljön på Rågårdens. James, F. 2017. C. Caldenby & S. Lundin (Eds.), Rättspsykiatri med mänskligt ansikte” (pp. 137–152): ARQ –Stiftelsen för arkitekturforskning.

- Ethical challenges conducting research in environments for incarcerated children and adolescents. Nolbeck, K., James, F., Lindahl, G., Lundin, S., Olausson, S., Thodelius, C., & Wijk, H. (2019). Conference paper Arch 19. SINTEF Academic Press
- Utformning och upplevelse av suicidpreventiv vårdmiljö inom den psykiatriska heldygnsvården. James, F. & Tell, S. (2022) Psyche -Psykiatriska Riksföreningen för Sjuksköterskors tidskrift. Issue 1, Pages 14-16.
- Den fysiska miljöns betydelse för ungdomar som vårdas inom de särskilda ungdomshemmen. En populärvetenskaplig sammanfattning av ett forskningsprojekt som genomfördes 2017–2021. Nolbeck, K., James, F., Lindahl, G., Lundin, S., Olausson, S., Thodelius, C., & Wijk, H. Institutionsvård i fokus rapport 1 2024. Statens institutionsstyrelse, SiS

### Conference presentations

- Swedish Association of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurses (PRF), Malmö, 2024
- International Prisons and Corrections Association (ICPA), Antwerpen BE, 2023
- Swedish Association of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurses (PRF), Gothenburg, 2023
- Design in Mental Health (DIMH), Coventry UK -2022, Birmingham UK -2018, 2015
- The Swedish Prison and Probation Service, Conference on mental health, Stockholm, 2022
- Arch 19, European Network Architecture for Health, Trondheim NO, 2019
- "The Third Skin", Architects Sweden (Sveriges Arkitekter), Stockholm, 2019
- National Conference on Suicide Prevention, -Norrköping, 2019, -Gothenburg, 2020
- Centre for Healthcare Architecture, "Architecture for Healthcare", Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, 2019, 2018
- KRUS, Kriminalomsorgens Høgskole og Utdanningssenter, "Forskningskonferansen", Lilleström, 2019, 2017
- The Material and Immaterial Heritage of Psychiatry, Centre for Critical Heritage Studies, UGOT, Gothenburg, 2019
- Current Trends in Healthcare Safety Management, SAK 11th Annual Professional Conference United Accreditation Commission, Prague CZ, 2019
- 3rd International Conference for Carceral Geography, University of Liverpool, UK, 2018
- The Fourth International Conference on Design4Health, Melbourne AU, 2017
- Open Design for E-Everything, Cumulus, Hong-Kong 2016

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