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AIGA Fellow, 2007
American Institute of Graphic Artists

MFA, Visual Communications
Graphic Design, 1982
Virginia Commonwealth University

BFA, Graphic Design, 1980
Kansas City Art Institute

Professor Stephanie Nuria Sabato's professional life has been dedicated to the "value of design" through professional practice, critical writing, and what she considers most importantly -- through the education of designers for over twenty-five years. Her work as a design educator has been recognized and honored locally, regionally, and internationally, including the nomination for the Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology.

In 2007 Stephanie was nominated and received the lifetime achievement AIGA Fellow Award. In her dedication to the design community Stephanie was a founding member of the AIGA Kansas City Chapter in the 1980's.

Stephanie serves as a Mentor for The Chair Academy, which is dedicated to the design and promotion of world-class training programs and services to advance academic and administrative leadership for post-secondary institutions world-wide.

Stephanie's work as an artist and designer has been exhibited throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Her work has appeared in several publications and books, and has won her numerous honors and awards. She has been named in the Who's Who of American Artists, and the Who's Who of American Educators.

Stephanie's studies of world religions have taken her on spiritual pilgrimages throughout Europe, the Middle East, and India. Her first journey to India was in 1990 when she personally met Mother Teresa and H.H. the XIVth Dalai Lama.

In Stephanie's dedication to a life of meditation she serves as a mentor and guide on behalf of the International Sufi Movement. In addition to serves as a member of the organization's Executive Committee and Pir-o-Murshid Council. She has recently been designated the North American Representative for His Eminence Garje Khamtrul Rinpoche (former Minister of Culture and Religion for the Tibetan Government-in-Exile) and His monastery Chime Gatsal Ling.

Her worldwide community service has lead to the co-founding of the Jamtse Tsokpa Foundation, Tibetan-American Friendship Society. The Foundation is dedicated to raising and distributing aid to suffering exiled Tibetan Refugees. Her work as co-founder and chair has received recognition by the Dalai Lama, and in 1997 she was invited to confer with His Holiness in His personal residence in Dharamsala, India.

In 2008 she was named a Fulbright Scholar on appointment in Morocco. Sabato anticipates returning to Morocco as a Fulbright Senior Scholar-in-Residence.