

EDUCATION HISTORY

Rhode Island School of Design 2023-2024

Masters in Arts in Teaching in Art + Design Education (MAT)
Teaching + Learning in Art + Design (TLAD)

Rhode Island School of Design 2019-2023

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
Illustration, Theory + History of Art and Design

Harvard Business School Online 2022-2023

CORE Credential of Readiness in Business Analytics, Economics for Managers, Financial Accounting

STUDIO EXPERIENCE

- Ceramics: Wheel Throwing, Handbuilding
- Painting: Watercolor, Oil, Acrylic, Gouache
- Drawing: Graphite, Charcoal, Colored Pencil, Marker
- Concept Building: Character Design, Children's Media/Books, Comics

SKILLS

- Proficient with Adobe Suite
- Proficient in Blender/Unreal Engine
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Praxis PASSED - Licensure Pending
- OSHA 10-Hour Certification
- CPR/AED Certification (2023)
 - American Heart Association
- Certified Peer Educator (CPE)
 - NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education



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📍 Natick, MA

Enthusiastic artist and educator with PreK-12 experience and work in DEI-focused spaces. Develops accessible environments, processes, and programming for learners of all ages.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

2023 - 2024

Achievement First Providence High + Illuminar Middle School, RI; Student Teacher

- Developed lesson plans, rubrics, samples, and other material for teaching multiple 5th-6th and 9th-11th grade Art I classes as part of student teaching.

2023 - 2024

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, RI; Student Teacher

- Developed lesson plans, rubrics, samples, and other material for teaching multiple PreK-5th grade art classes as part of student teaching.

2023-2024

Rhode Island School of Design, RI; Project Open Door; Teaching Artist

- Developed and taught 8-12 week art and design-based curriculums for high school students from the local RI area (i.e. Woonsocket, Providence, Pawtucket, etc.).

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE CONT.

2021 - 2024

Rhode Island School of Design, RI; Advocate for Inclusion in Residence

- Develop and facilitate educational programming at least once monthly for over 300 residents. Creates newsletters each month pertaining to a topic in DEI practice and research.

2019 - now

Rhode Island School of Design, RI; Cultural Programmer

- Assess needs of marginalized RISD community members and create programming that provides access to opportunities, education, and cultural enrichment.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2024 - TedxRISD Speech, "The Importance of Believing Child Abuse Victims" (Broadcast/Livestreamed)

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2024 - National Art Education Association (NAEA), Preservice PRESENT HERE - "Avoiding the Room of Silence in K-12 Classrooms"
- 2024 - NAEA, "Classroom Poster Design: Collaborative Letterpress Printing for Justice, Advocacy + Social Practice in Art + Design Education" Panelist

STATE ACTIVITIES

- 2024 - RISD, Nancy Elizabeth Prophet, "I Will Not Bend an Inch" Student Panelist
- 2023 - "Facilitating Critique in K-12 Classrooms: Avoiding the Room of Silence" Webinar/Workshop, The Inspiration Project
- 2023 - RISD Toymakers Sewing/Textile Workshop

ART EXHIBITIONS

- RISD Graduate Exhibition - May-June 2024
 - Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI
- BAAD x Carr Haus Exhibition - Feb 2024
 - Carr Haus Cafe, Providence, RI
- RISD Illustration Senior Show - 2023
 - Illustration Studies Gallery, Providence, RI

AWARDS + NOMINATIONS

- 2024-2025 Fulbright Semi-Finalist
- 2023-2024 RISD Graduate Student Employee of the Year
- 2023-2024 RISD, National Student Employee Association, Award in Diversity and Inclusion
- 2023-2024 Warren Family Social Engagement Award
- 2023-2024 RISD Commencement Speaker Nomination
- 2023-2024 RISD Womxn at Work Nomination
- 2022-2023 Advocacy and Inclusion Award