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EDUCATION

Pratt Institute, School of Architecture
Master of Architecture, 2024
Merit Scholarship, 2021–2024

Cornell University
Bachelor of Arts

INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS

2023 Flughafen Berlin-Tegel, Pratt Berlin / Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory (ANCB), Berlin, Germany
2022 Altered Estates – Singapore, Pratt Institute, Singapore

EXPERIENCE

Junior Architectural Designer

NV/design.architecture | June–August 2026

- Produced demolition plans, floor plans, elevations, sections, reflected ceiling plans, schedules, and construction documents in Vectorworks for residential projects.
- Conducted field measurements and documented existing conditions for design development and drawing production.
- Researched and sourced fixtures, finishes, materials, and furnishings in support of project development.
- Produced and retouched architectural photography for the firm's portfolio, website, and competition submissions.

Co-Founder / Creative Director

Vanity Project | May 2024–Present | vanityproject.site

Co-founded and co-lead a multidisciplinary art and design practice producing conceptual installations, objects, and spatial works.

- Develop projects from research and concept through drawing, modeling, material experimentation, prototyping, fabrication, and installation.
- Produce drawings, models, visualizations, presentation materials, and project documentation.
- Coordinate fabrication, material sourcing, vendors, budgets, and production through project completion.
- Develop exhibition and submission materials for galleries, open calls, grants, and professional opportunities.

Graduate Assistant / Graduate Design Seminar

Pratt Institute | 2023

- Coordinated a guest lecture series, including speaker outreach, scheduling, and event logistics.
- Researched and developed speaker profiles and contextual materials supporting seminar themes.
- Documented student work and course materials and provided project feedback on architectural concepts, representation, and visual communication.

Senior Retoucher | Sony Music / RRD

New York, NY | 2009–2020

- Produced high-end digital imaging, retouching, and compositing for album releases, marketing campaigns, and promotional materials.
- Collaborated directly with creative directors and artists to translate visual concepts into production-ready imagery across print and digital media.
- Managed complex image-production workflows requiring advanced Photoshop, compositing, color correction, masking, and image manipulation.
- Maintained rigorous visual and technical standards across multiple concurrent projects, coordinating revisions and final deliverables under demanding production schedules.

ARCHITECTURE + MODELING

- Revit
- Vectorworks
- Rhino
- SketchUp

VISUALIZATION + GRAPHICS

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- After Effects
- Premiere
- Inkspace
- Enscape
- KeyShot
- Blender

PHOTOGRAPHY + IMAGE MAKING

- Capture One
- Lightroom
- Digital + Analog Photography
- Traditional + Alternative Darkroom Processes
- Printmaking
- Advanced Retouching + Compositing
- Color Correction + Image Production

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

- 3D Scanning
- Generative AI / AI-Assisted Design

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS / PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 The Weight of Absence, *PJAS Summer Show*, Philadelphia, PA
 Harm to Ongoing Matter, *Art and Politics*, Site: Brooklyn Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
 Star Registry, Ejecta Projects, Carlisle, PA
 10 Billboards, Greenpoint Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2025 War Shrouds, Hera Gallery, South Kingstown, RI
 Harm to Ongoing Matter, Newsprint, edition of 100
- 2024 War Shrouds, Women's Work Art, Poughkeepsie, NY
 War Shrouds, Dodomu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 Slow Tegel, Berlin TXL Information Pavilion, Berlin, Germany

HONORS / AWARDS

- 2025 Hot Picks, Artist Studio Program Selection, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY

COMPUTATIONAL + ENVIRONMENTAL

- Grasshopper
- ClimateStudio
- Ladybug Tools

FABRICATION + MATERIALS

- RhinoCAM
- CNC Machining
- Laser Cutting
- 3D Printing
- Digital Pen Plotting
- Physical Prototyping
- Moldmaking + Casting
- Sewing + Textile Construction
- Draping + Patternmaking
- Knitting + Crochet
- Wood / Glass / Ceramics

PROJECTION + INTERACTIVE MEDIA

- TouchDesigner
- MadMapper
- Projection Mapping