

EDUCATION

- 2022-2024 Master of Science in Architecture Studies, Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2015-2020 Bachelor of Architecture, Visual Studies Minor
Cornell University

ACADEMIC

- 2024-2025 **MIT SA&P, Teaching Fellow** (Lecturer)
4.021 Design Studio "How to Design" with Paul Pettigrew
4.024 Architecture Design Studio II, "Domestic Revolution" with Jaffer Kolb
4.s02 Special Subject: Design, "Chasing Dust Bunnies: Architectural Illustration in Fragments"
4.02A IAP Design Studio, "How to Design"
4.153 Core 3 Studio, "Constructive Reciprocities" Coordinator: Yolande Daniels
- 2022-2024 **MIT SA&P, Teaching Assistant**
4.024 Design Studio II, "Domestic Revolution"
Instructors: Rosalyne Shieh, Natalie Pearl
4.154 Collective Studio 3, "Belgrade Collective Housing"
Instructor: Ana Miljački
4.023 Design Studio I, "Elementary Studio"
Instructors: Miho Mazereeuw, Cherie Miot Abbanat
- 2022-2024 **MIT Urban Risk Lab, Research Assistant**
Community workshops, research, mapping and architectural design for flood resiliency oriented waterfront park for Kōtō City, Japan.
Product design for the Bosai+ line: everyday objects with built-in emergency functions for disaster preparedness.
- 2022 **MIT SA&P, Design Assistant**
Exhibition design and assistance for Yolande Daniels
MIT Keller Gallery, "Restrictive Topographies: the BLACK city"
2023 Venice Architecture Biennale, "The BLACK City Astrolabe: A Constellation of African Diasporic Women"

Invited Critic: Rhode Island School of Design, Yale University, NJIT, Syracuse NYC

PROFESSIONAL

- 2024-... **Office of Back of House (OoBoH), Founder**
Projects in, around and about backsides of architecture.
Ongoing design for a cabin on Orcas Island, WA, built from reused materials with minimized thermal envelope.
Ongoing exhibition and installation design at The Center NYC, Storefront for Art and Architecture and others.
- 2021-2022 **SMA, Architectural Associate**
NYC
SD, DD, CD and CA for three residential gut-renovation projects and ADU in Larchmont and Shelter Island, NY.
Feasibility studies for multi-family housing development in Mamaroneck NY.
- 2020-2021 **MSS, Designer**
NYC
Master facilities planning, GIS mapping, design and programming for public library networks in Salt Lake City, Delaware and Broomfield, LA. Design research through exhaustive community workshops with residents, librarians, local organizations.
- 2020 **Bureau Spectacular, Designer**
Los Angeles
Chapter design, research, and analysis drawings about back alleys and leftover spaces of Downtown Los Angeles for a publication.
- 2019 **Collective Studio, Architecture Intern**
Hong Kong
SD, DD, CD and CA for a retail space design, from concept to end of construction. Drawing sets, renderings, millwork details.
- 2018 **Gensler, Architecture Intern**
Tokyo
Model and animation production for Maruwa Headquarters in Aichi, Japan.
- 2017 **Ma0 Studio D'Architettura, Architecture Intern**
Rome
Public park design for skateboarding and recreation zones commissioned by City municipality of Frosinone, IT. SD for multi-family housing in Cagliari, Sardinia.

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HONORS & AWARDS

2025	Robert James Eidlitz Fellowship, Cornell University
2024	De Florez Fund for Humor, MIT Project: Care-Actors Comics Compendium
2022-2024	W. Danforth Compton Graduate Fellowship, MIT Full tuition award with stipend
2023	Schlossman Research Fellowship, MIT
2021	Non-Architecture Award, Honorable Mention Project: Night Market Unfolding
2018	Edwin A. Seipp Prize, Cornell University Project: Barcode
2017-2020	Dean's List, Cornell University
2015	Bulent Ecevit Art Award
2014	Ozlem Akcakus Art Scholarship

PUBLICATION & EXHIBITION

2025	Venice Architecture Biennale, <i>The Perimeter of Architecture: Amid the Elements</i> , "A World Previous to Ours" in collaboration with Design Earth
2025	Berggruen Institute, <i>The Next Earth: Computation, Crisis, Cosmology</i> , "Office of Back of House"
2025	Pratt Institute, DeKalb Gallery, <i>Collective Mobilities</i> , "Mutual Aid Mobiles" in collaboration with Alex Strada
2024	Timișoara Architecture Biennial, <i>Cover Me Softly</i> , "Discovering the Wild and Expansive Worlds of Bruce Goff" in collaboration with New Affiliates
2023	MIT, Wiesner Gallery, Taking the Long View: The Deep Time Project, <i>Stoop at 4 Lamson</i>
2021	Best New Architects, "Night Market Unfolding"
2020	KooZA/rch, "Night Market Unfolding"
2019	KooZA/rch, "Alternativ"
2018	Cornell University, Association, Vol.10, "Small Culminations on Skin"

SELECTED PROJECTS

2024-...	<i>Public Address</i> , Storefront for Art and Architecture, NYC Installation Design, On-going Collaborating with New York City Department of Homeless Services artist-in-residence Alex Strada, NYC DOT and NYC Parks Dept. for long-term installations in public parks in five boroughs.
2024	<i>Cuteness is the beauty i can afford which is the beauty i deserve</i> , Earshot Gallery, NYC Exhibition Design
2022	<i>Victoriassecret</i> , Helena Anrather Gallery, NYC Exhibition Design Designed the exhibition for a group show drawing from the materiality and visual clutter of a suburban garage rooted in the show's themes: art, hoarding, home and family.
2020-2023	<i>Art in the Yard I, II & III</i> , BAMart, Larchmont Exhibition & Graphic Design Designed modular and re-use outdoor exhibition spaces for the annual art exhibit.
2022	<i>Mobile e Immobile</i> , Salone del Mobile, Milan IT Installation Design for: Bureau Spectacular Design of the large scale movable and modular installation investigates changing rituals of home office spaces.
2022	<i>House of Words</i> , Grand Park LA Folly Design for: Bureau Spectacular Design of 12' tall timber interactive acoustic folly. The creaturely folly collects the sounds from the visitors, distorts and disperses them into the landscape.