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EDUCATION

New York University/ Experimental Humanities + Social Engagement / MA Interdisciplinary Studies / 2023

Rhode Island School of Design/BFA Industrial Design / 2017

Steel House/ Artist in Residence/ Rockland, ME 2018-2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Industrial Design (term) / Rhode Island School of Design / Providence, RI / 2023-Present

Adjunct Faculty / Parsons: The New School / MFA Industrial Design / New York, NY /2023

Adjunct Faculty / Parsons: The New School / BFA Product Design / New York, NY /2023

Adjunct Faculty / Rhode Island School of Design / Providence, RI / 2019-2022

Guest Critic / Pratt / Industrial Design / 2022- Present

Guest Lecturer + Critic / Rhode Island School of Design / Industrial Design / 2021-Present

Teaching Assistant / RISD x Hyundai Workshop / Rhode Island School of Design / Summer 2018

CURRICULUM

Graduate Shop Orientation / RISD MID Core Studio / Spring 2026

Designing Process: From Exploration to Application / Advanced Design Studio / RISD Industrial Design / Fall 2024-Present

Materiality and Meaning: Novel Forms of Communication / Special Topic Studio / RISD Industrial Design / Fall 2023

Graduate Design Studio 4: Thesis / Parsons: The New School - Industrial Design / Spring 2023

Design Studio II / Parsons: The New School - Product Design / Spring 2023

Wood II / RISD ID Elective - Fall/ Spring 2020-Present

Wood I / RISD ID Sophomore Core Studio - Fall/ Spring 2019-Present

Design Principles II / RISD ID Sophomore Core Studio - Spring 2022-Present

Independent Study - Collaborative Study / RISD ID / 2021, 2023

COLLEGE + DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2024-2025 / RISD / Research Advisory Council

2024-2025 / RISD ID / Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shop Policies + Procedures, Design Principles II Coordinator

2023-2024 / RISD / Professional Development Fund Committee

2023-2024 / RISD ID / Credit Reduction Committee, Sophomore Experience Committee, Emerging Technology Committee, Shop Policies + Procedures, EOY Awards Team, Design Principles II Coordinator, Wood II Coordinator

GUEST LECTURES

Designing Process / for Studio: Beauty, taught by Tom Weis / RISD, Industrial Design / 2022

DESIGN + FABRICATION

Kate Dannessa Studio / Owner, Designer, Fabricator / 2018-Present

Altimeter Design Group / Design Consultant / 2021-Present

selected clients: Nuclear Threat Initiative, Horizon 2045, Naval Post Graduate School, United Nations, N Squared- C6, THAT

KWH Furniture / Fabricator / Brooklyn, NY / 2017-2022

Box Furniture / Fabricator / Brooklyn, NY / 2017-2021

Lowe Hardware / Fabricator / Rockland, ME / 2018-2019

Bench Dogs / Fabricator / Waldoboro, ME / 2018-2019

Steel House / Designer / Rockland, ME 2018-2019

Sebastian Errazuriz Studio / Design Intern / Brooklyn, NY / 2017

David Weeks Studio / Design Intern / New York, NY / 2016

EXHIBITIONS

2025 Otras Formas / Spring+Summer Presentation / New York, NY

2024 American Design Club / Mouthful / NYCxDesign / Canal Street Market / New York, NY

2023 American Design Club / Might Delete / NYCxDesign / Canal Street Market / New York, NY

2023 Furnishing Utopia: Public Access/ NYCxDesign / Brooklyn, New York

2022 Otras Formas Gallery / Otras Cosas / New York, NY

2022 United Nations: World Creativity and Innovation Week, What is the Shape of Innovation? / New York, NY

2022 NYCxDesign Carl Hansen & Son, Craft in Transition / New York, NY

2021 RISD Museum, Faculty Biennial / Providence, RI

2020 Interloc Projects, Butter / Rockland, ME (solo)

2019 Page Gallery, Form Follows Function / Camden, ME

2017 Rhode Island School of Design: Woods-Gerry Gallery, Industrial Design Senior Show/ Providence, RI

2016 Rhode Island School of Design: Woods-Gerry Gallery, Industrial Design Triennial/ Providence, RI

2015 Strathmore Museum, If The Shoe Fits / North Bethesda, MD

AWARDS

RISD Professional Development Fund | 2024

Presidential Scholarship, NYU Department of Experimental Humanities I 2022-2023

Robert O'Neal Award, RISD Department of Industrial Design I 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Female Design Council / 2021-Present