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education

Master of Architecture Sep 2021 - Dec 2023

University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada

Bachelor of **Environmental Design** Sep 2014 - May 2018

University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada Graduated with Honours

software

- Adobe Illustrator Ai
- ld Adobe InDesign
- Ps Adobe Photoshop
- Affinity Designer
- $\langle X \rangle$ Affinity Photo
- Affinity Publisher

AutoCad A



Twinmotion

work experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

University of British Columbia | Vancouver, Canada

DES 201 Design Studio I - Context and Site, DES 231 Site Analysis and Planning: conducted desk crits, offered project feedback, led modelmaking and design software tutorials, organized group site visits, facilitated discussions, and graded assignments.

Architectural Designer

Mar 2021 - Jul 2021

Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects | Vancouver, Canada

- Worked on the design of a commercial-residential project in Vancouver: created floor plans, elevations, sections, RCPs, and material proposals for the client, enhancing visual content with rendered images.
- Contributed to the culture and recreation master plan for the City of Chilliwack: conducted site visits, aided in preparing a needs assessment report, and generated visual content, including maps, charts, and diagrams.
- Attended regular meetings with project stakeholders and consultants.

Research & Correspondence Aide

Aug 2018 - Mar 2021

Bahá'í World Centre | Haifa, Israel

- Supported a Director in overseeing 3 departments and national branch organizations.
- Prepared funding requirement reports to assess sustainability and growth for national subsidiaries and affiliated non-governmental organizations.
- Conducted policy research and provided strategic recommendations aligned with organizational objectives.
- Drafted policies and official communications to enact executive decisions.
- Monitored and analyzed community development initiatives in 25+ countries.
- Conducted specialized research and drafting training for incoming staff.

Architectural Designer

May 2017 - Jun 2018

Human Studio Architecture & Urban Design | Vancouver, Canada

- Attended client meetings and captured client needs
- Implemented revisions to digital architectural drawings
- Designed branding and graphics for the public engagement phase of a community centre's needs assessment project
- Created site analysis maps and detailed shadow studies for use in client meetings.

languages

Languages

English (fluent)
Spanish (fluent)
Farsi (competent)

interests

Aviation
Culinary arts
Home gardening
Percussion
Salsa dancing
Sewing
Visual arts

community building & service

Program Facilitator

Apr 2009 - Jun 2018, Feb 2021 - Present

Ruhi Institute | Vancouver, Canada

- Facilitated a sequence of 8 courses focusing on critical thinking and action regarding various social topics including the moral education of children, the empowerment of adolescents, and the social responsibility of the individual in a community.
- Managed teams for intensive outreach projects.
- Developed and maintained relationships with public institutions, teachers, and parents.
- Facilitated a youth empowerment program based on an international curriculum for adolescents aged 11-14.
- Dedicated one year full-time to the development of community-building activities affiliated with the Ruhi Institute (2013-2014).

other

Private Pilot's License Training

Sep 2014 - May 2016

Pacific Flying Club | Delta, Canada

Completed ground and air training as well as solo cross-country flights.