curriculum vitae
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018
Sep. - Pres.

Studio Senbel   Vancouver, CA
Architectural Designer   *Reference: Sharif Senbel*

Working on various building permit sets for tenant improvements, new construction (plans, sections, elevations & details) and feasibility studies for sacred & secular architecture projects.

2018
Jan. - April

Studio Senbel   Vancouver, CA
Architectural Designer

Worked largely on the Qualicum Beach Inn (in the design development phase), a screen design for a Chicago mosque and few smaller renovation and improvement projects

2017
Jan. - Aug.

Urban Arts Architecture   Vancouver, CA
Architectural Designer   *Reference: Jordan Edmonds*

Worked largely on the University of the Fraser Valley Library Renovation (schematic design to final IFC drawings & some contract administration); also worked on various stages of other projects in the office.

2016
June - Sep.

ZAS Architecture & Interiors   Vancouver, CA
Design Intern   *Reference: Matt Hessey*

Preliminary design, tender, IFC etc. drawings + contract administration for interior renovations of various banking institutions in Metro Vancouver

2014
Sep. - Dec.

Proscenium Architecture & Interiors   Vancouver, CA
Design Intern   *Reference: Hugh Cochlin*

Tender and addendum drawings for West 1st Theatre [Arts Club Theatre + Bard on the Beach] and various other small projects

2014
Jan. - April

Hughes Condon Marler Architects   Vancouver, CA
Design Intern   *Reference: Stuart Rothnie*

Designed various graphics, worked on design development/contract administration drawings and RFPs.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2018
Sep. - Pres.

Muslim Food Bank & Community Services   Vancouver, CA
Volunteer Project Co-ordinator   *Reference: Azim Dahya*

As project co-ordinator for the renovation project for the MFBCS's new location, I worked as both owner's representative, connecting various stakeholders in the project, designer, and worked to source materials for the project.

2017 - 2018
Dec. - Pres.

Muslim Food Bank & Community Services   Vancouver, CA
Caseworker, Graphic Design & General Volunteer

Registered caseworker with the Muslim Food Bank & Community Services. I also volunteer my graphic design services and assist the bi-weekly food hamper distributions.

| 2017 | **Upstream** | Remote & Saskatoon, CA |

2017
May - Aug.

Upstream Remote & Saskatoon, CA
Graphic Design & General Volunteer

Worked on developing graphics for a project related to taxes and social/ health services outcomes (in conjunction with Upstream's Policy Co-ordinator); involved parsing through data collected by various policy institutes and the design of the graphics. I also worked on other tasks given by the Upstream Communications Director.

2017
April - Pres.

BC Poverty Reduction Coalition - Action Team Vancouver, CA
Member & Volunteer

Worked on revitalizing and developing podcast material, edited branding, and also hosted a couple of podcasts related to poverty, disabilities and healthcare in conjunction with members of the Action Team.

2016
May. - June

Local Economic Development (LED)Lab - RADIUS SFU
Graphic Design Volunteer

Developed graphics for LEDLab's annual research publication.

EDUCATION

2012-2018
Sept. - Aug.

University of Waterloo School of Architecture Cambridge, CA
Honours Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Co-op

2015

Gap Year

AWARDS

2019

RADIUS Fellow
RADIUS SFU

2017

International Experience Award
University of Waterloo

2013

UWSA Projects Review
Publication of Studio project at Riverside Gallery

2012 - Pres.

Excellent Academic Standing
University of Waterloo

2012

President's Scholarship
University of Waterloo

Provincial Examinations Scholarship
British Columbia Ministry of Education

Academic Medal and Scholarship
Point Grey Secondary School

2010

Shad Valley Alumna
Universite Laval, QC

2010   **Sears High School Design Competition**
        3rd Place - Architecture [Junior]

SKILLSETS

Adept & Improving

AutoCAD

REVIT

Vectorworks

Adobe Suite
  Illustrator/ Photoshop/InDesign

Rhinoceros + VRay

SketchUp

Hand drafting & sketching

Hand modelling

Learning & Improving

ARCGIS

Machine & hand sewing

Woodshop machinery

Languages

English [fluent]   Urdu [intermediate]

French [intermediate]   Hindi [intermediate]