

# MIRIAM XIA

I connect with people through empathy in user experience and create meaningful art interactions for all.

## EDUCATION

Aug 2024 - May 2026 • McGill University | Montreal, Canada

### **Master of Information Studies, American Library Association (ALA) accredited**

Concentrations: User Experience, Archival Studies, and Library Studies.

- Intern at Festival Accès Asie, a month-long interdisciplinary arts festival celebrating Asian diaspora artists (April 2025 - June 2025).
- Literature review with the Multimodal Interaction Lab on participatory sound art installations.
- Quebec Library Association (ABQLA) and Association of Moving Image Archivists (AMIA) McGill Chapter Vice-President (Dec 2024 - present).

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### **Bachelor of Arts and Science, Honours Cognitive Science with Communication Studies Minor**

- Research project at the Accessible Computing Technologies Research Group: designing a system supporting the physical activity needs of older adults.
- Events Team Executive at K-RAVE (Sep 2022 - Sep 2024): Planning and coordinating monthly dance workshops, get-togethers, themed events, and the annual showcase with 500 attendees.
- Exchange student at the University of Hong Kong (2023 Winter semester).

## EXPERIENCE

July 2025 - Aug 2025 • Port Hardy Museum and Archives | Port Hardy, Canada

### **Summer Curatorial Assistant**

- Research, catalogue, and digitize local archival materials and Indigenous art.
- Assist in curating two thematic exhibitions by contributing to material selection, writing interpretive texts and developing a cohesive narrative and visitor experience.
- Enhance the Wix website with a focus on visual storytelling, intuitive UX, and polished UI.

Oct 2023 - May 2024 • McGill Visual Arts Collection | Montreal, Canada

### **Museum Database Assistant**

- Catalogued 375 art media records into CollectionSpace, digitizing the collection's database.
- Researched and wrote engaging blog posts on the collection's art pieces.
- Performed detailed condition reports and inventory surveys of artworks.

Jul 2021 - Oct 2023 • Stewart Hall, Cultural Center and Art Gallery | Pointe-Claire, Canada

### **Gallery Attendant**

- Facilitated over 45 exhibitions at the Art Gallery, concerts, and activities at the Kids' Corner.
- Handled transactions and financial reports for the Boutique, Art Rental, reception, and activity registration.
- Created a positive visitor experience and performed various office tasks.

## SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in English and French, advanced Mandarin.

Tools: Proficient in MS Office, Google Suite, CapCut, Canva, Figma, HTML, CSS, WordPress, Wix.

Interests: Collection Management, Digital Curation, UX & UI, Arts & Culture, Event Programming.