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#### **EDUCATION**

# Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Industrial Design, May 2019

GPA: 3.4

# Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School, New York, NY

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Teaching Assistant

Morning Sun Art School

Flushing, NY

- 2011 2015Co-taught classes on foundational skills of creating artwork.
- Classes were usually composed of approximately 20 students aged 6-17.
- Helped students prepare their portfolios for high school and college applications.
- Managed classes by taking attendance and collecting payment.
- Designed and actively maintained the school's website.

# Director of Students 4 Veterans

JJP VA Medical Center

2012 - 2015

Bronx, NY

- Collaborated with Laguardia High School's vice principal in visual arts and the Director of the JJP VA Medical Center to organize an exhibition hosted at the Medical Center.
- Organized a group of students to submit artworks for the exhibition and curated the artworks that were displayed.

#### Volunteer

JJP VA Medical Center

2014 - 2015

Bronx, NY

- Created posters and infographics for the Medical Media Department.
- Created videos using the TriCaster 400 Seris and Adobe video editing software.
- Created a lecture video for police training.

#### **PROJECTS**

#### Personal Website - Winter 2016

- Designed personal website wireframe in Adobe Illustrator.
- Implemented wireframe using standard web technologies and Bootstrap 3.
- Took pictures of various projects and used Photoshop to edit each one, removing spatial distortions, before putting it on the website.

## Dancing Toast - Introduction to Computer Animation - Winter 2016

- Designed a slice of buttered to ast character with modular components (eyes, mouth, arms, legs) in Adobe Illustrator.
- $\bullet$  Used Adobe After Effects to connect the modules in a rig and to animate it in 24 fps.
- Used Adobe Photoshop's image sequences to make a short gif of the character dancing.

# Philtrum - Foundations Studio: Drawing - Fall 2015

- $\bullet$  Created a 60" x 100" charcoal drawing that shows negative space.
- Drew the philtrum, the indent between the nose and the lip, in a manner that makes it appear as an important symbol.

# Tessellation - Foundations Studio: Design - Fall 2015

- Created a 14" x 14" pattern by hand using gouache.
- Used Adobe Illustrator to convert the hand drawn pattern to a digital pattern.
- Experimented with how colors direct attention.
- Experimented with the differences between digital and handmade designs.

# The Stool that Rocks - Foundations Studio: Spatial Dynamics - Fall 2015

- Designed and built a stool that rocks along two axes.
- $\bullet$  Learned a lot about woodworking, such as making complex joints and creating robust structures.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Design tools**: Adobe Creative Cloud: Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Bridge, Flash.

Programming Languages: Javascript, HTML, CSS3, LATEX.

Other: jQuery, Git, Sass, Bootstrap, NewTek Tricaster Series 400 (Multi-camera production system), Microsoft Office.