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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

2011 - 2015

### Morning Sun Art School

Flushing, NY

- Co-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

2012 - 2015

### JJP VA Medical Center

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

2014 - 2015

### JJP VA Medical Center

Bronx, NY

- Created posters and infographics for the Medical Media Department.
- Created videos using the TriCaster 400 Series 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 toast character with modular components (eyes, mouth, arms, legs) in Adobe Illustrator.
- Used Adobe After Effects to connect the various modules 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

- Created a 60" x 100" oil 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: Drawing - Fall 2015

- Designed and built a stool that rocks along two axes.
- 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, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

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