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EDUCATION

Aug. 2017 – May 2021   **Duke University**, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences | Durham, NC
Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Minor in Computer Science
GPA 3.691 (3.718)

FURTHER EDUCATION

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts | Philadelphia, PA

2026	Spring Semester Advanced Studio Practice
2025	Fall Semester Advanced Studio Practice
2025	Summer Studio/Critique Program
2023	Portrait Painting Basics Workshop

Urban Movement Arts Dance Studio | Philadelphia, PA

2025–26	The UMAMI Collective – Focus on Heels, Waacking, & Vogue
2025	Weekly Beginner & Intermediate Waacking
2022–25	Weekly Beginner & Intermediate Vogue
2022–25	Vogue & Waacking Workshops with Dance Icons

Philadelphia Sketch Club | Philadelphia, PA

2023	Weekly Figure Drawing Workshops

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2021 – Present   Neuroscience Technician, **Sehgal Lab at Univ. of Penn.** | Philadelphia, PA
- Performing & analyzing experiments in sleep & circadian rhythms, incl. animal dissections, histochemistry, & microscope imaging.
- Maintaining an organized & efficient lab space, including colonies of mice, fruit flies, & human cancer cells.

Oct. 2018 – Present   **Freelance Fine Art & Design** | Philadelphia, PA, & Durham, NC
- Creating paintings, drawings, infographics, & posters using both traditional & digital methods.
- Communicating clearly with clients to put together a final product that exceeds expectations.

Jun. 2020 – Dec. 2020   Web Designer, **Wellbeing Economic Alliance** | Virtual
- Prototyping a website to serve as a resource platform for anti-capitalist community-building efforts.

May 2019 – Mar. 2020	Student Staff, **Duke University Box Office** | Durham, NC
	● Learning about arts administration & managing show operations & ticket sales at different on-campus performance spaces.
Oct. 2017 – Jan. 2021	Research Assistant, **Duke University Biology Department** | Durham, NC
	● Working in various laboratories studying developmental entomology, plant biology, & theoretical genetic mechanisms.

EXHIBITIONS

2025–26	Penn Medicine *Celebration of Life* Staff Artist Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2025	PAFA Continuing Education Summer Student Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2024	*Car World Museum* at KAJE Gallery | Brooklyn, NY
2023	PAFA Continuing Education Annual Student Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2021	Duke University Undergraduate Visual Arts Thesis Exhibition | Durham, NC

PERFORMANCES & COMPETITIONS

Jan. 2026	*The Collective Experience*, Performance at Fringe Arts | Philadelphia, PA
Dec. 2025	*Workinonit*, UMAMI Collective Performance | Philadelphia, PA
Jun. 2025	Participant, *The Philly Waackdown, Vol. 2* | Philadelphia, PA
May 2022	*Workinonit*, Vogue Recital Performance at Fringe Arts | Philadelphia, PA

AWARDS & GRANTS

2025–6	Artist + Researcher Exhibition (ARx Philadelphia) Program | Philadelphia, PA
2021	Sue & Lee Noel Prize in Visual Arts | Duke University Art Department

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Neutral lipid processing in glia is sexually dimorphic & promotes sleep through diacylglycerol catabolism ES Pyfrom, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.10.674993
2025	Tanycyte Bmal1 sex-specifically regulates weight gain and hypothalamic neurogenesis in female mice DM Iascone, P Pivarshev, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2025.04.21.649851
2024	Hypermetabolic state is associated with circadian rhythm disruption in mouse and human cancer cells DM Iascone, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.08.566310
2023	Chronic sleep loss sensitizes Drosophila melanogaster to nitrogen stress JL Bedont, P Pivarshev, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2021.10.01.462746

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

May 2021 – Aug. 2021
Summer Camp Instructor, Lavner Education | Virtual
- Teaching K-12 students design fundamentals, as well as coding principles & complex math concepts.

Jan. 2017 – Jul. 2018
Student Instructor, Mathnasium | Columbus, GA
- Developing lesson plans & working closely with K-12 students to teach complex math concepts.