

In my perspective, photography is just like the first step on the moon as when we look at the picture of Neil Armstrong we remember how far we can get and how high we can fly. And whenever we look at the first photograph of the world, we feel the endless desire of human beings for immortality. Now photography is not just speaking about lasting eternally and capturing moments. In my eye, photography changed the way of looking and the style of living, since this media brought art to the hand of people.

I was 9 when I got my Zenit 122 as a birthday gift. A few years later I found myself doing astrophotography and a bit later I was studying art as my bachelor degree. Since I entered the university, I was eager to find more and try new things for I had the chance of getting to know new medias and updated ideas. I started researching about video art and photo-based arts. Besides studying in the Faculty of Visual Arts, my inextinguishable desire about writing and cinema led me to taking part in a creative writing workshop for a year and learning editing softwares, which helped me a lot in adding the narrative feature to my photographs and working on video art.

Recently I had a great experience by being part of an international project between America and Iran. For me "Shared Studios" project between New York and Tehran was the chance of working with professionals and I learned a lot from art specialists.

As I see it, I am a passenger in a journey who wants to go further from all borders. In my way I tried new medias, unusual subjects and different attitudes toward art. But I know i should go further; as the first rule of experiencing new and having more is leaving your comfort zone.

My adventurous personality pushed me to put a step beyond and I decided to continue my journey to a new planet. Making a decision about studying abroad was a clear turning point to me in that I know I want to work with better facilities, improve my techniques and have new sources of inspiration.

I feel that maybe changing my external situation is not all my goals while I think I want to have a greater efficacy. This was one of the reasons I found my way to be a teacher. My great professors went through a lot of hardships to give us a better chance of education. They are always searching to find new sources and be updated. Since I am working in a high school I feel the passion of my students to learn more and more; it encourages me to work harder and be able to make changes just as photography changed the world by increasing the speed of spreading news, knowledge, information and art.

When I think about my students and my teachers, I do not feel that in this world we are just doing something for ourselves but we are following some integrated goals which will help us all grow together. This idea was the exact reason of my interest in feminism that has been a burgeoning revolutionary movement in my country. Ideas of feminism came to my studies and therefore to my art. Now my point of view has changed under the influence of these ideas.

More than being inspired through my art, feminist studies help me be faithful to my goals and dreams for I do not see them something personal anymore but feel a duty to be educated and therefore increase the chance of education for everyone. As I see it, knowledge, education and freedom of access to information is the only way for having a better developed and equal world.

This multilateral program was interesting because it gives me the chance of trying interdisciplinary attitude toward art production. And I think the opportunity of merging my ideas with new contexts of your school which is different from what I have tried before will help me find my personal style. Your varied options and open range of works made me feel like I am free to do what my imagination

leads me to. Furthermore there are some unique features about Alfred University which are truly considerable for each student. Some options like having wide rang of facilities and easy access to studios beside of living in a calm environment on your campus might help students to be concentrated on their studies and be faster developed in their works and projects. Your program gives student a proper time for searching and finding their personal attitudes. I am looking forward to passing the borders of the planetary I am living in now, and starting to turn around a star I find there in the new world.