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Education

2018 - 2022

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- M. Arch
- Department of Architecture Graduate Fellowship

2009 - 2015

- Purdue University - West Lafayette // GPA: 3.8/4.0
- Bachelors of Science in Landscape Architecture // with Distinction
- Minor in Fine Arts - Painting

Professional Experience

August 2015 - Present
June 2013 - July 2014

Urban Designer
Landscape Designer

- SASAKI Associates
Watertown, MA

Lead the design for the public realm and urban landscape systems for large and complex international urban design projects
Coordinate between the project team and sub consultants
Present projects to clients
Conduct early stage research; collect data for analysis and visualization
Prepare documents for client meetings and design submissions by illustrating diagrams, drawings and construction documents

August 2015 - Present
Founder

- MiniMax Studio
Boston, MA

Collaborate with boutique architecture firms such as Aziza Chaoui Projects and LAPS to pursue competitions
Design the public realm and landscape systems for smaller projects
Pursue city issued RFPs, conduct research

July 2011 - August 2011
Design Intern

- Turenscape
Beijing, China

July 2010 - August 2010
Design Intern

- The Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau of Sichuan
Chengdu, China

Awards & Recognitions

2013

- Individual

- ASLA Award of Excellence in analysis & planning
The highest academic award from the American Society of Landscape Architects

2015

- Landscape Architecture Foundation National Olmsted Scholar Finalist
Award to 5 undergraduate students in Landscape Architecture each year

2015

- Landscape Architecture Foundation University Olmsted Scholar

2015

- Indiana Landscape Association Henry W. Gilbert Award

2014

- AECOM Urban SOS competition, Finalist
Exhibited at the Center for Architecture in New York

2014

- Purdue University annual "5 Students Who Move the World Forward"

2013

- INASLA Award of Excellence

2013

- College of Agriculture Outstanding Junior Candidate

2013

- Department of Landscape Architecture Outstanding Junior

2011 - 2013

- Rex Hall Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement

2013

- Gruel Memorial Endowment Scholarship

2010 - 2015

- Purdue University Academic Honors

2011 - 2015

- Dean's List for Outstanding Academic Performance

Awards & Recognitions

2017

- American Institute of Architects, Regional & Urban Design Honor Award
Tec de Monterrey Urban Regeneration

2017

- Boston Society of Landscape Architects, Honor Award
Las Salinas Masterplan

2016

- American Society of Landscape Architects, Honor Award
Sea Change: Boston

2015

- APA, Pierre L'Enfant International Planning Excellence Award
Tec de Monterrey Urban Regeneration

2014

- Society for College & University Planning, Honor Award
Tec de Monterrey Urban Regeneration (Sasaki Team Project)

Teaching & Critic

August 2017 - Present

- Boston Architectural College
Guest critic and speaker

Provide feedback and suggestions for graduate level urban design studio projects during mid and final reviews

Give lectures on representation and visualization

August 2014 - May 2015

- Purdue University: Professional Cooperative Programs
Teaching assistant and guest lecturer for Professor Bernie L Dahl

Gave lectures on representation and visualization

Guided junior students to prepare portfolios for job applications

Jan 2013 - May 2013

- Purdue University: Landscape Architecture / Design I & II
Teaching assistant for Professor Ann Hildner

Prepared computer graphic tutorials for the class

Participated in mid and final pin-ups to provide feedback regarding design and layout

Guided sophomore students on planting design and planting palette selection

Publication & Exhibition

March 2014

- Natural Water as Cultural Water
Landscape Architecture Frontiers 2014 Issue 1: The layers of time

March 2014

- Boston: Sea Change Exhibition
Boston District Hall (Sasaki Team Project)

Additional Activities

Oct 2016 - Present

- Landscape Architecture Foundation Olmsted Scholar Committee

August 2014 - May 2015

- Lafayette Habitat for Humanity community garden design and construction

August 2013 - May 2014

- Purdue University College of Agriculture Awards Committee

Jan 2011 - March 2011

- Patrick Dougherty sidewinder willow sculpture installation

Jan 2011 - Present

- American Society of Landscape Architecture, National Chapter

Skills

- Proficient in AutoCAD, Autodesk 3ds Max, Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, SketchUp, Rhino 3D, Vray, Microsoft Office Suite

- Excellent drawing, rendering, painting, model making, and craft skills

- Fluent in English & Mandarin Chinese