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Education

2018 - 2022

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

- M. Arch

- Department of Architecture Full Tuition 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

Fellowship & Residency

Jan 2020 - August 2020

Residence Artist & Architect

- **ORTE Lower Austrian Architecture Network** / AIR Lower Austria

Krems, Austria

Teaching & Critic

January 2020 - Present

- **Harvard GSD** / Teaching and Research Assistant

for Professor Belinda Tato

Public Space as a Catalyst for Change in Informal Settlements: The Case of Argentina

January 2020 - Present

- **MIT** / Research Assistance

for Professor Sheila Kennedy

Building Venice Architecture Biennale

August 2017 - May 2018

- **Boston Architectural College**

Guest critic and speaker

August 2014 - May 2015

- **Purdue University**: Professional Cooperative Programs

Teaching assistant and guest lecturer for Professor Bernie L Dahl

Jan 2013 - May 2013

- **Purdue University**: Landscape Architecture / Design I & II

Teaching assistant for Professor Ann Hildner

Professional Experience

June 2019 - September 2019

Design Researcher

- **ecosistema urbano**

Boston, MA // Madrid, Spain

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

August 2015 - June 2018

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

Awards & Recognitions

2019

- **Academic**

- Urban Land Institute National Urban Design Competition

First Prize

2019

- ASLA Honor Award

2013

- ASLA Award of Excellence in analysis & planning

The highest academic award from the American Society of Landscape Architects

Awards & Recognitions

- 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

- Professional

- 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)

Publication & Exhibition

- July 2020 - The Fiction of "Y"
Excellent Works From 25 Prestigious Universities by Archiworld Co., Ltd
- September 2014 - Urban SOS: Towards a New Industry Exhibition
Center for Architecture, New York
- January 2013 - Transiting Cities Exhibition
RMIT Design Hub
- 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 - May 2018 - 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, Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, SketchUp, Rhino 3D, Vray, Microsoft Office Suite
- Excellent drawing, rendering, painting, model making, and craft skills