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EDUCATION

- 2018 - 2022 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
M. Arch
Department of Architecture Full Tuition Fellowship
- 2009 - 2013 **Purdue University - West Lafayette**
2014 - 2015 Bachelors of Science in Landscape Architecture - with Distinction
Minor in Fine Arts – Painting

TEACHING

- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant / MIT**
Professor Cristina Parreño Alonso
Master of Architecture Core 2 Studio
- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant / MIT**
Marlena Fauer & Michael Stradley
MIT Undergraduate Design Studio: How to Design Intensive
- Fall 2020 **Teaching Assistant / MIT**
Professor Sheila Kennedy
Master of Architecture Core 3 Studio
- Spring 2020 **Teaching and Research Assistant / Harvard GSD**
Professor Belinda Tato
Public Space as a Catalyst for Change in Informal Settlements: The Case of Argentina
- Spring 2020 **Research Assistant / MIT**
Professor Sheila Kennedy
Venice Architecture Biennale: Moving Together
- Spring 2015 **Teaching Assistant / Purdue University**
Fall 2014 Professor Bernie L Dahl
Professional Cooperative Programs
- Fall 2013 **Teaching Assistant / Purdue University**
Spring 2013 Professor Ann Hildner
Landscape Architecture / Core 1 and Core 2 Studio

INVITED CRITIC:

- Spring 2020 **Guest Critic / University of Oregon School of Architecture and Environment**
Professor Jerolim Mladinov
Bachelor of Architecture 4th Year Core Studio
- Fall 2018 **Lecturer and Critic / Boston Architectural College**
Fall 2017 Professor Jerolim Mladinov / Professor Chanwoo Kim
Graduate Level Integrated Urban Design Studio

FELLOWSHIP & RESIDENCY

- 2021 **ORTE Lower Austrian Architecture Network / Krems, Austria**
Residence Artist & Architect
- 2020 **NuVu Prize / MIT**
- 2018 - 2022 **Graduate Full Tuition Fellowship / MIT**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 - Present **MiniMax Studio / Boston, MA**
Founder
Collaborate with boutique architecture firms such as Aziza Chaouni Projects and LAPS to pursue competitions
Design the public realm and landscape systems for smaller projects
Pursue city issued RFPs, conduct research
- 2019
June - September **ecosistema urbano / Madrid, Spain**
Design Researcher
Develop conceptual design schemes for a local adaptive reuse project
Develop course framework for a research seminar at Harvard GSD
- 2015 - 2018
2013 - 2014 **SASAKI Associates**
Urban Designer / Landscape Designer
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

ACADEMIC

- 2020 **Pour - A modern winery design competition / First Prize**
Project: Overstory
- 2019 **Urban Land Institute National Urban Design Competition / First Prize**
Project: The CincyStitch
<https://americas.uli.org/uli-hines-student-competition-2019-finalist-the-cincystitch-mit-and-harvard/>
- 2019 **ASLA Honor Award**
Project: The CincyStitch
https://www.asla.org/2019studentawards/685936_The_CincyStitch.html
- 2015 **Landscape Architecture Foundation National Olmsted Scholar / National Finalist**
Award to 5 undergraduate students studying Landscape Architecture in the US and Canada each year
- 2015 **Landscape Architecture Foundation University Olmsted Scholar**
- 2015 **Indiana Landscape Association Henry W. Gilbert Award**
- 2014 **AECOM Urban SOS competition / Finalist**
- 2014 **Purdue University annual "5 Students Who Move the World Forward"**
Award to 5 undergraduate students each year
- 2013 **American Society of Landscape Architecture Award of Excellence in Analysis & Planning**
The highest academic award from the American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2013 **American Society of Landscape Architecture (Indiana) Award of Excellence**
- 2013 **College of Agriculture Outstanding Junior Candidate / Purdue**
- 2011 - 2013 **Rex Hall Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement / Purdue**
- 2013 **Gruel Memorial Endowment Scholarship / Purdue**
- 2010 - 2015 **Academic Honors / Purdue**
- 2011 - 2015 **Dean's List for Outstanding Academic Performance / Purdue**

PROFESSIONAL

- 2019 **American Institute of Architects / Regional & Urban Design Honor Award**
Project: Kabul Urban Design Framework / Work completed at Sasaki
<https://www.aia.org/showcases/6249024-kabul-urban-design-framework>

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS **PROFESSIONAL**

- 2018 **Boston Society of Architects / Campus and Urban Planning Awards**
Project: Las Salinas / Work completed at Sasaki
<https://www.sasaki.com/projects/las-salinas/>
- 2017 **American Institute of Architect / Regional & Urban Design Honor Award**
Project: Tec de Monterrey Urban Regeneration
- 2017 **Boston Society of Landscape Architects / Honor Award**
Project: Las Salinas / Work completed at Sasaki
<https://www.sasaki.com/projects/las-salinas/>
- 2017 **Society for College and University Planning / Honor Award**
Project: Arizona State University Research District Plan / Work completed at Sasaki
<https://www.sasaki.com/projects/arizona-state-university-research-district-plan/>
- 2016 **American Society of Landscape Architects / Honor Award**
Project: Sea Change: Boston / Work completed at Sasaki
<https://www.asla.org/2016awards/172819.html>
- 2015 **American Planning Association / Pierre L'Enfant International Planning Excellence Award**
Project: Tec de Monterrey Urban Regeneration / Work completed at Sasaki

PUBLICATION

- 2021 Fletcher, Margaret. Visual Communication for Architects and Designers Constructing the Persuasive Presentation. Routledge, 2021.
- 2014 Xu, Zhicheng. "Natural Water as Cultural Water." Landscape Architecture Frontiers: The Layers of Time, 2014, pp. 114–123., doi:TU986.4.

EXHIBITION

- 2014 **Urban SOS: Towards a New Industry Exhibition / Center for Architecture, New York**
Project: Matrix of Change
- 2014 **Boston: Sea Change Exhibition / Boston District Hall**
Work completed at Sasaki
- 2013 **Transiting Cities Exhibition / RMIT Design Hub**
Project: [Live] Latrobe

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2016 - 2018 Landscape Architecture Foundation Olmsted Scholar Committee
- 2014 - 2015 Lafayette Habitat for Humanity Community Garden Design and Construction
- 2013 - 2014 Purdue University College of Agriculture Awards Committee
- 2011 - 2015 American Society of Landscape Architecture

- SKILLS** Proficient in AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, SketchUp, Rhino 3D, Vray, Microsoft Office Suite
Excellent drawing, rendering, painting, model making, and craft skills