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Education

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts, emphasis in Fiber

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Aug 2015- May 2018

Master of Arts in Design Technology, emphasis in Textile Design

University Technology MARA (UITM), Petaling Jaya – Malaysia, December 2009 – April 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Fabric and Custom Design

Dr. Shariati Collage, Tehran – Iran, September 2004 – October 2008

Teaching & Research Experience

Instructor of Youth and Adult Art Classes

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS, Aug 2019-Present

Courses taught:

Adults: Fundamentals of Fiber, 3-Dimensional Fiber, Upcycled Sewing, Surface pattern design

Youth: Art Outreach Summer Camp, Mask Making summer class, Creative drawing camp

- Provided high-quality instructional teaching for various visual art classes, camps, and workshops of 5-30 junior and adult students aged 5-80
- Formulated activities and assignments to meet each student's individual needs and abilities

Intro to Fibers, Adjunct Faculty

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January 2016-Sep2019

- Taught dyeing, printing, sewing, and constructing fabric through exploring a variety of techniques to over 65 students
- Demonstrated All processes in class as well as provided slide lectures for students to discuss historical, cultural, and functional versus artistic applications of demonstrated techniques
- Discussed the design potential of each technique with each student to lead them in creating their compositions
- supervised students during studio hours, problem solved and assisted learners with developing an art project
- helped non-major students to be able to Discuss design concepts, evaluating the work of others, and learn critical analysis
- Assessed and graded assignments and provided extensive notes for each student throughout the semester to offer constructive feedback and monitor their progress.
- Explained the studio rules extensively and designed some group maintenance activities to reinforce the importance of teamwork and encourage students to respect a communal space and facility
- Performed other duties as assigned

Natural Dye Lab, Graduate Research Assistant

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, August 2014-January 2015

- Analyzed data for sustainability fashion project at Kansas State University; developed data themes
- Managed university's natural dye lab and collaborated with the lead artist to conduct dye research
- Assisted supervisor with textile projects and writing research reports for online sources
- Organized natural dye substances including weighing and labeling to allow the supervisor to use materials effectively

Gallery Experience

Exhibitions Coordinator

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS, November 2018-March2020

- Assisted the Exhibition director in managing, programming, and planning over 23 events and exhibitions annually
- Supported the development of all deadlines for various gallery events including rotating shows and annual art auction planning, review of exhibition proposals, artworks shipment and installation logistics, and gallery inventory
- Conducted correspondence with all artists involving introductions, inventory updates, discussion of new materials, availability and projects specific requirements
- Attended meetings of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Committee for acquiring permanent artworks for the hospital's new building and scheduling future rotating shows at the hospital
- Provided artist recommendation, research, and presentation for the LMH project
- Curated art and artists options for consultants' presentation
- Presented artists and managed Insight Art Talks held for each show and the discussion panel
- Directed resource for guests, public/private tours, and gallery talks
- Assisted with proactive community outreach initiatives through various activities such as organizing events at the gallery, collaborating with other vital art Institutions in the city such as the Visual Art department at the University of Kansas and Spencer Museum of Art on community-based projects

Design Experience

Design Development Intern

Peruvian Connection, high-end women clothing and accessories Company, Tonganoxie, KS, Sep 2018-Nov2018

- Provide project support to design development team
- Organize color palette, yarn swatches, fabric headers

Studio Intern

Porter Teleo, Home Furnishing Company, Kansas City, KS, June 2017-July2017

- Hand painting, printing and hand drawings patterns on paper and different kinds of fabrics
- Selected materials for the pre-production stage, ensuring appropriate selection for the final product

Artist Residency

Charlotte Street Foundation

Studio residency, Kansas City, MO, Sep 2018-Sep2019

Studio residency, Kansas City, MO, Sep2019-Sep2020

Exhibitions

It Is Not Everyone Who Could See Them, Johnson County Library, April 2020, Overland Park, KS

Prove me wrong, the AMOA Biennial-600 Textile/Fiber, Amarillo Museum of Art, Dec 2019, Amarillo, TX.

A slight, uncertain idea about something, the Disegno group show, Lawrence Arts Center, Sep 2019, Lawrence, KS.

Inkling, Cimarron National Works on Paper, Oklahoma State University, Sep 2019, Stillwater, OK.

Spatial experimentation, The Surface Design Association. July 2017, Portland, OR.

Environmental Abstraction, Art League of Lincoln. July 2017, Lincoln, CA.

An Aperture, Graduate show, Department of Visual Art. February 2016, Lawrence, KS.

Painting on Scarves. Artin gallery. September 2012, Mashad, Iran.

Tropicana: Design, Print, Make. University Technology MARA. October 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Installations

A refuge, Hallmark Headquarters, March 2020, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Very Walls are permeated, Plague gallery, Nov 2019, Kansas City, Missouri.

Raining Plarn, Spencer Museum of Art, Sep 2019, Lawrence, Kansas.

In the know, Lawrence Arts Center, Aug 2019, Lawrence, Kansas.

Brilliance of Silence, University of Kansas. March 2018, Lawrence, KS

Curation

Designo: On the Importance of Drawing, University of Kansas Graduate Alumni drawing show, Lawrence Arts Center, Sep 2019, Lawrence, Kansas.

Lawrence Memorial Hospital: 4 annual rotating shows at the designated gallery space in the hospital's building.