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## EDUCATION

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

## SKILLS

## ACHIEVEMENTS

## PORTFOLIO



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**Rhode Island School of Design (RISD):** BFA Furniture Design.

**Employment Spring 2023 - Current: North Standard. Philadelphia, PA.** Part time fabricator. Building custom made furniture for hospitality interiors.

**Personal Sabbatical Spring 2022 - Current: Studio Artist. Philadelphia, PA.** Designer and maker of functional art utilizing glass and metal. Focused on developing personal artwork further with the addition of the Tula End Table, joining Imelda (2021) and Elena (2018) within the collection. Creating artworks for individuals' homes after the PMA Craft Show.

**Employment Spring 2021 - Spring 2022: Cottingham LTD. Cinnaminson, NJ.** Shop Lead. Wood fabrication and furniture design. Execution of custom designs for staircases, cabinetry, marquetry/ veneer work, millwork, cladding and CNC programs. Assists with scheduling and design executions as well as on site installations at residential and corporate settings.

**Employment Winter 2018 - Spring 2021: Amuneal. Philadelphia, PA.** Wood Fabricator. Role requirements consist of complex wood fabrication tasks for handrails, staircases, custom cabinetry, marquetry/ veneer work, bent laminations and cladding. Assists other employees in machine set up by providing guidance in safe execution and proper technique as well as answering any engineering questions. Partook in installations for residential and trade show settings.

**Employment Fall 2018 - Winter 2018: Bermingham & Co. Doylestown, PA.** Studio Assistant. Tasks include creating fabric swatches, assembling sample booklets, arranging ikat fabrics for showroom presentation, preparing antique furniture for reupholstery and learning traditional French upholstery to better assist Karine in such tasks.

**Employment Fall 2017 - Summer 2018: Erik Rueda Design Labs. Chelsea MA.** Woodworker. Duties and responsibilities focused on but not limited to: fabrication of furniture and millwork, maintenance of shop and its tools, installation, repair and maintenance of delivered furniture and basic carpentry as needed.

**Employment Fall 2016 - Summer 2017: Jay Stanger: Modern Method Designs. South Easton, MA.** Furniture studio assistant. Participation in designing and executing furniture pieces include tasks such as preparing cutlists, creating templates, rough cutting stock, glue-ups, sanding and spray finishing. Partook in residential installation of custom cabinetry.

**Internship Winter 2015: Reed Hansuld: Reed Furniture Design. Brooklyn, NY.** Assisted Reed with the preparations and installation for NY NOW tradeshow and current commissions. In exchange, he taught me the principles of Chair Design and introductory skills for steam bend-

**Wood/Metal Shop Monitor 2014-2016.** RISD Furniture Department. Supervised students, ensured safe use of machines and assisted in technical execution.

**Wood Shop Technician Assistant 2014.** RISD Furniture Department. Learned inner mechanisms of machines by assisting shop technician.

**Fabrication:** Wood, Glass, Metal, Ceramic | **Computer:** AutoCad, Photoshop, InDesign.

**Design Philadelphia:** Philadelphia, PA. Fall 2023. *Design is Inclusive* Exhibition.

**Studio Ambler:** Ambler, PA. Summer 2023. Showroom. *Imelda Table*.

**Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show:** Philadelphia, PA. Fall 2022. Emerging Artist Category.

**NextFab Artisan Accelerator Program:** Philadelphia, PA. Fall 2022.

**National Liberty Museum Annual Gala & Glass Auction:** Philadelphia, 2021. *Imelda Table*.

**Aunt Karen's Farm:** Mt. Vision, New York. Artist Residency. 2020

**Laurie Wagman Visting Artist Lecture:** Philadelphia, PA. Fall 2019. Tyler Glass.

**Featured: RISD Portfolios - 2015.** Ooccoo. Cast Iron.

**Featured: Behance Furniture - 2014.** *Cherry Pie*. Maple and Cherry.

**National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Exhibition:** Seattle, WA- 2012. *Wave & Shell*.

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