

Education **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI. September 2006-June 2010.**
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design. Concentration in Environmental Studies.

Brown University, Providence, RI. Material Culture Studies. Spring 2010.

European Honors Program, RISD, Piazza Cenci, Rome, Italy. January-June 2009.
Prestigious Independent Study, Art History, Studio, Italian, and Travel Program.

New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts, Ewing, NJ. Visual Art Scholar. Summer 2005.

Skills **Design, Wood, Metal, and Plastic Fabrication, and all types of design processes.**
Skilled with hand tools, power tools, MIG welding, plastic forming, hand carving, bent lamination, slip casting, model making, sketching, rendering, machine sewing and upholstery techniques. Strong knowledge in graphic design and product photography.

Computer, Solidworks, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Maya, Microsoft Office.

Fine Art, 15 Years of Experience in Pottery, Ceramics, and Figure Sculpture.

Relevant Experience **Fulbright, Japan, Research Fellow, Design. Pending 2010-2011.**
Awarded a study and travel grant for a 12 month period. Will conduct a study of Japanese design philosophy and its role in culture and production by fabricating functional objects that embrace design principles inherent to Wabi Sabi philosophy.

Waste for Life Studio, RISD Industrial Design Dept, Providence, RI. Fall 2009.
Worked with the Waste for Life organization based in Argentina, whose goal is improving the lives of Cartoneros: impoverished trash collectors. Fabricated a press to turn plastic bags collected by Cartoneros into sheet material, then used it to developed products to be returned to the Cartoneros to manufacture and make a profit.

Study in Japan, Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara, Japan. Winter 2008.
Studied traditional Pottery, Sculpture, and Bamboo Art throughout historical regions of Japan. An emphasis was placed on Japanese philosophy and the environment. The trip culminated with a traditional Bizen Wood Firing.

Service Trip to Mexico, Rosarito, Mexico. March 2007.
Developed and implemented a mural painting project at an orphanage.

Internships **Uhuru Design, Furniture Design Internship, Brooklyn, NY. Summer 2009.**
Worked with environmentally friendly design/build company, fabricating sustainable furniture using materials that have been recycled, repurposed, or otherwise rejected from their original function. Operated all woodshop machinery, tools, and techniques.

eShave, Product/Graphic Design Internship, New York, NY. Summer 2008.
Worked in tandem with company president in designing new shaving accessories. Created ads and posters for store and website using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, took professional quality photographs of new products, and gave input on marketing and advertising strategies during meetings.

Artist's Assistant, Kurt Lightner, New York, NY. Summer 2008.
Assisted sculptor with hand carving an installation piece for an upcoming gallery show.

Work Experience **Woodshop Monitor, RISD Industrial Design Dept, Providence, RI. Fall 2008-Spring 2010.**

Provided technical help with all tools and machinery and maintained shop equipment.

Gallery Monitor, Woods Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI. Fall 2006-Spring 2010.

Assisted Gallery Director with the installation of shows and monitored the gallery.

Resident Assistant, RISD Residence Life Office, Providence, RI. Fall 2009-Spring 2010.

Helped with students' transition to campus, served as mentor to students, developed and implemented educational and social programs, and enforced school policy.

RISD Student Affairs Office, Providence, Rhode Island. August 2007-Fall 2008.

Office Assistant; answered phone, filed confidential information, and other office tasks. Selected and trained as an Orientation Leader; assisted in freshmen move-in, acclimated freshmen to campus, and served as a mentor to new students.

Counselor, New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts, Ewing, NJ. July 2007.

Selected and trained as counselor, resident and teaching assistant for Summer visual art program. Provided personal and group critiques and created assignments to aid in the development of drawing ability. Monitored students' well being and safety in dorm.

Ceramic Studio Monitor, Visual Art Center of New Jersey, Summit, NJ. 2003-2006.

Ensured proper usage of all machinery, tools, equipment, glazing and firing facilities.

Teacher's Assistant, RISD Departments, Visual Art Center of New Jersey. 2003-2008.

Assisted RISD Foundation Department faculty, RISD Museum guest artists, and Visual Art Center of New Jersey faculty with implementation of ideas and skills, group demos, and one-on-one instruction and critique. Worked with children aged 3 to 10, teens, and college students teaching ceramics, painting, drawing, and mixed media.

Exhibitions

SHFT sustainable design exhibit in downtown Los Angeles, 2010
ZEITmagazin, Discovery of the Week, renown German magazine, issue 17, 2010
Green RISD 2010: Nature, Culture, Innovation: An Exhibition, 2010
Treehugger.com, 2010
Notcot.org, 2010
Billes Design Contest Finalist Show at Design Within Reach, 2009
Visual Art Center of New Jersey International Juried Show, 2009
Hilton Head Art League National Juried Exhibition, 2008
RISD Industrial Design Triennial Show, 2007
Visual Art Center of New Jersey Member's Show, 2004- 2007
Clay in Mind Exhibit, 2005, 2006

Awards

Thomas Alva Edison Award, achievement in process of innovation and invention, 2010
It's in the Bag Competition, Finalist 2010
Billes International Design Contest, Finalist 2009
Bernice Bienenstock Furniture Library Scholarship Award, 2009
Mary E. Wardwell Scholarship Award, 2009
OFS Metropolis The Hotseat 3, Viewer's Choice Award 2009
Hilton Head Art League National Juried Exhibition, Honorable Mention 2008
Visual Art Center of New Jersey Member's Show, Honorable Mention 2007
Edna Lawrence RISD Scholarship Award, 2007
American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists Scholarship Award, 2007
200 Club Scholarship Award, 2006
Quill and Scroll Society Inductee, 2006
Visual Art Center of New Jersey Member's Show, Sculpture Award 2004