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EDUCATION

Pratt Institute, Master of Interior Design

2023 – 2025

Modules include: Lighting Design; Environmental & Sustainable; Interior Design Regulations & Codes

Donghua University, Bachelor of Environmental Design (Fashion Interior Design)

2019 – 2023

Modules include: Residential interior Design Studio; Architectural Materials; Furniture Design; Exhibition Design.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Team Metric Inc , Interior Designer

Jul 2025 – Present

San Jose, USA (Full-time)

- Led interior remodeling projects from concept through permitting and construction coordination. Managed design development, consultant coordination (structural, civil, T24, geotechnical), and city review processes across multiple Bay Area municipalities. Focused on practical, code-compliant, and well-integrated residential design solutions.

Pratt Institute, Teaching Assistant — Interior Design Studio

Feb 2025 – May 2025

New York, USA (Part-time)

- Supported undergraduate interior design studios through student mentoring, technical guidance, and design communication. Assisted with design development, digital workflows, presentations, animation techniques, and studio reviews.

Areplus Group (Int'l) Co , Limited, Designer Assistant

Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

Shanghai, China (Part-time)

- Contributed to hotel and commercial interior design projects by developing innovative spatial layouts and functional solutions. Produced high-quality 3D models and visual presentations using Rhino, SketchUp, V-Ray, Enscape, and Photoshop to effectively communicate design intent.

PROJECTS & EXHIBITIONS

Pratt Institute Interior Design Studio, in collaboration with Noguchi Museum, Project Participant

New York, USA | 2024

- Proposed creative spatial strategies to enhance visitor engagement and flow in the Noguchi Museum.
- Designed immersive environments and layouts focused on inclusivity and sensory experience.

Equatorial Housing Initiative, in collaboration with Fourah Bay College, Project Participant

Freetown, Sierra Leone & New York, USA | 2024

- Developed a cultural center concept that balances modern functionality with spiritual and cultural symbolism.
- Integrated cultural research, flexible layouts, and courtyard planning to support community living.
- Contributed to open-source design resources promoting equitable access and sustainable development.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Technical Skills: Proficient in Space Planning, AutoCAD, Rhino 3D, Revit, SketchUp, Rendering, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office.

Innovative Thinking: Skilled in integrating cutting-edge technologies into design projects, creating smart, interactive solutions that enhance user engagement.

Interdisciplinary Capabilities: Able to synthesise and apply knowledge from diverse disciplines, enhancing design innovation.