

Education

- 08/2023 - present CAMBRIDGE, MA
Masters of Urban Planning | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and The Aga Khan Foundation's International Scholarship
Second place in the Affordable Housing Development Competition | Federal Home Loan Bank
Co-chair | Community Development Project
- 08/2017 - 06/2021 BENNINGTON, VT
Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies | Bennington College
- 01/2020 - 05/2020 NEW YORK, NY
Museum Fellows Term | Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Fellow
- 08/2015 - 05/2017 MAASTRICHT, THE NETHERLANDS
International Baccalaureate | United World College Maastricht

Experience

- 10/2024 - present CAMBRIDGE, MA
Research Assistant | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- Conducting research 70 influential figures in data visualization across diverse locations and historical periods, analyzing their contributions and impact on the field
 - Creating infographics to visually connect research findings, illustrating the relationship between each figure's location, influence, and role in shaping data visualization practices
- 06/2024 - 08/2024 BOSTON, MA
Direct Vision Fellow | Department of Innovation and Technology, City of Boston
- Streamlined the RFI process for Direct Vision vehicles, collaborating with vendors to build a comprehensive database of compliant vehicle options aligned with safety and visibility guidelines
 - Synthesized RFI responses into a report, providing actionable insights that informed city leaders' decisions on truck safety improvements
 - Coordinated the launch of a public communications campaign for Boston's Direct Vision initiative, creating a web page and assisting with an educational video that reached stakeholders
 - Drafted a press release on truck safety initiatives, highlighting the installation of cameras and sensors on 80 city trucks, boosting public awareness of Boston's commitment to safer roads
 - Led bi-weekly Safer Vehicle Task Force meetings, facilitating cross-departmental collaboration and tracking progress on vehicle safety initiatives
- 11/2022 - 08/2023 HOMS, SYRIA
Project Manager | Water and Rehabilitation Department, Syrian Arab Red Crescent
- Designed a Google Earth-based database to map water sources and networks across Homs Province, improving data access and expediting maintenance project decisions
 - Managed the rehabilitation of 28 houses and coordinated water network restoration in war-affected communities, enhancing infrastructure resilience
 - Conducted needs assessments in rural Homs, engaging sector leaders to produce reports prioritizing 2024 intervention areas, influencing resource allocation
 - Translated Arabic reports into English, facilitating communication and strengthening collaboration with national and international organizations

- 06/2020 - 08/2020 NEW YORK, NY
Program Intern | Design Trust for Public Space
 - Researched street design trends in New York City, analyzing the pandemic's impact to provide insights that informed adaptive urban planning strategies
 - Collaborated with the program team to conduct research and prepare materials for a Request for Proposal (RFP), ensuring a smooth and informed submission process
 - Streamlined program management by organizing and updating the fellows' database, ensuring accuracy and efficiency in program operations and reporting
- 01/2020 - 05/2020 NEW YORK, NY
Curatorial Intern | Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum
 - Researched and contributed to the planning of the Designing Peace exhibition, demonstrating a proactive approach to exhibition development by aligning content with the theme of socially responsible design
 - Prepared and curated visual content, including images, digital materials, and web assets, enhancing the Designing Peace exhibition with cohesive and visually compelling presentations
- 06/2019 - 08/2019 NEW YORK, NY
Architectural Intern | caplan colaku architecture (formerly, project-space)
 - Developed designs, drawings, and charts using AutoCAD, Rhino, and Photoshop, offering clients diverse project perspectives
 - Created physical models to enhance understanding of design concepts for clients and staff
 - Ensured regulatory compliance by analyzing building codes, by-laws, and air and light requirements
 - Researched and sourced materials for NYC residential and commercial projects, providing informed recommendations
 - Streamlined research processes by organizing the Art and Inspiration Libraries with Adobe Lightroom
- 01/2019 - 02/2019 LESVOS, GREECE
Intern | Movement on the Ground
 - Responded to emergencies, such as fires and housing issues, ensuring resident safety and swift resolution of critical situations
 - Assessed camp layouts and management processes through interviews and analysis, providing insights to improve operations
 - Facilitated daily activities in refugee camps, improving residents' well-being by distributing resources and organizing educational and social programs
- 06/2018 - 07/2018 NEW YORK, NY
Creative-placemaking Intern | The Trust For Public Land
 - Researched creative placemaking projects nationwide, producing a key report that guided staff in planning a Philadelphia revitalization project with innovative strategies
 - Authored a literature review on the relationship between public space and public health, providing insights that informed urban planning decisions and enhanced understanding of public well-being
 - Conducted interviews with local organizations in Boston and Kansas City to gather insights on urban challenges, contributing to community-centered solutions

Skills

Rhinoceros 3D | Autodesk 3ds Max | AutoCAD | SketchUp | QGIS | R | Adobe Suite
 Discounted Cash Flow Analysis
 Advanced English and Arabic | Intermediate French