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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California

Master of Fine Art

June 2026

- 1 of 13 to be selected for the Film department's Animation Workshop
- Will complete 3-year program in June of 2026

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Science in Global Studies

September 2016

- Selected to study for the highly competitive Global Studies Bachelor of Science degree

Saddleback College

Mission Viejo, California

Associate of Science in Fine Arts and Humanities

May 2014

- Received Associates of Fine Arts and Humanities and Associates of Social and Behavioral Sciences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

818 Design Studios

Remote

Assistant Architectural Designer/Drafter

February 2021-Present

- Drafts project blueprints like site plans, floor plans, elevations, and structural plans using Autocad.
- Creates 3D renders using Sketchup for clients.

Theology Bug

Remote

Digital Artist/ Graphic Designer

October 2021-March 2022

- Created visual representations of director's ideas for use in an animated online documentary
- Digitally painted character designs, environments, and icons for use in film.

Oita Board of Education

Usa, Oita, Japan

Assistant Language Teacher

July 2017-July 2019

- Selected by the Japanese Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to help promote foreign language education and grassroots internationalization in Japan; coordinated with Japanese teachers to plan curriculums, prepare lesson plans, and conduct seventeen classes a week at two high schools.

PROJECTS

"The Gloomwrath" Short Film

Los Angeles, California

Filmmaker

October 2024-Present

- Currently working on 2nd year film for the UCLA Animation Workshop

"A Day Out With Papa" Short Film

Los Angeles, California

Background Artist

August 2024-September 2024

- Created Backgrounds for Alice Park's Independent Student Film "A Day Out with Papa"

"Hijinx" Short Film

Los Angeles, California

Filmmaker

October 2023-June 2024

- Wrote, directed, designed, and animated a 2 minute short film at the UCLA Animation Workshop

"Wish You Were Here" Short Film

Los Angeles, California

Background Painter

April 2024-June 2024

- Created Backgrounds for Isa Moreno's Independent Student Film "Wish You Were Here"

FORMAL RECOGNITION

WonderCon

Anaheim, California

Los Angeles International Children's Film Festival

March 2025

- Film selected to be shown at the Los Angeles International Children's Film Festival at Wondercon for 2025

ComicCon

San Diego, California

San Diego International Children's Film Festival

July 28th 2024

- Film selected to be shown at the San Diego International Children's Film Festival at Comic Con for 2024

Saddleback College

Mission Viejo, CA

Vital Link Contest 2023

May 2023

- Selected by introductory animation professor to submit final animation project, *Soar*, to county-wide college student animation contest. Won 1st place.

Kyushu Art Gallery

Kokonoe City, Oita, Japan

Over the Bridge Art Exhibition

May 2019

- Had 3 paintings featured at an exhibit promoting diversity.

SKILLS

Hard Skills: Adobe Suite, Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Autocad, Sketchup, Maya, Storyboard Pro, Illustration

Soft Skills: Creativity, Communication, Problem Solving, Collaboration, Leadership, Enthusiasm, Conflict Resolution, Adaptability