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Creating meaningful stories through design, curiosity and charisma.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University,

Master of Science, Visualization, May 2024

University of Houston,

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design, 2020

SKILLS

Multimedia

Proficient in print, illustration, photography, videography, editing, motion graphics, storyboarding and animation.

Experienced in UI/UX, exhibition design, type design, environmental design.

Technical

Proficient in Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom, and Premiere Pro.

Experienced in Adobe After Effects, Audition, Maya Auto Desk, Procreate, Storyboard Pro, Unreal Engine

Additional

Silkscreen and Relief Printing.

EXHIBITIONS

Texas A&M Department of Visualization's Viz-a-GoGo, 2023

University of Houston School of Art

Student Exhibition, Blaffer Art Museum, 2019

UHGD19 FLUX, University of Houston Graphic Design Senior Exhibition, Ecclesia, 2019

Bring Your Own Beamer Exhibition,

The Menil, 2019

EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University, 2023-Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Responsible for assisting professors with maintaining class structure, grading and advising students.

Riojas Designs, 2020–Present

Freelance Visual Artist and Designer
Develop art and design work for a wide range of
clients, which includes, illustrations, invitations,
iconography and custom goods, etc.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 2018–2020

Nursery Worker

Responsible for the care of children ranging from toddler to newborns.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Blaffer Art & Design Project,

Blaffer Art Museum, 2021

Dean's List, 2015-2018

Dennis Holder Scholarship,

The Dennis Holder Scholarship Fund, 2014–2017

Houston Junior Forum Scholarship,

The Houston Junior Forum, 2014–2018

AFFILIATIONS

RUA, Rise Up Animation, Mentee

LXiA, LatinX in Animation, Member

UHGAP, University of Houston Graphic Design Alumni Partnership, Member

AIGA, The Professional Association for Design,

UHGD, University of Houston Graphic Design, Secertary, 2018 - 2020