YASMEEN ABDAL

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EDUCATION

2023-2025

PRATT INSTITUTE, NEW YORK MFA COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN

2016-2021

PRATT INSTITUTE, NEW YORK
BFA INTERIOR DESIGN + MINOR IN MEDIA

EXPERIENCE

PRATT INSTITUTE, NEW YORK

graduate assistant, co-curator and designer

August 2024-May 2025

Planned and developed a Spring 2025 exhibition centered on the book Recipes for a Warmer World: Cooking Up Plants of the Futurescape as Colors, Scents, and Foods (Fruit&Rot, 2024), including the review and assembly of artifacts and materials. Led exhibition layout and planning, and produced supporting content such as video interviews, risograph prints, and related artifacts.

PRATT INSTITUTE, NEW YORK

graduate assistant

August 2023-December 2023

Provided evaluation and critique of student work submitted in the BFA Interior Design department, reporting feedback to all six professors overseeing the entire cohort. Ensured assessments were thorough, consistent, and aligned with academic standards.

THE ARCH LAB, KUWAIT

interior designer

August 2021-August 2022

Designed and contributed to a range of architectural and interior design projects from schematic design through construction. Produced presentations, construction documents, 3D models, drawings, and renderings using various software tools. Conducted material research and sourcing for local and international finishes, fixtures, and furniture. Performed site surveys and provided construction supervision support.

THAT DESIGNS, KUWAIT

creativer director + set designer

August 2021-August 2022

Served as creative director and set designer, leading campaigns from concept to execution while overseeing visual direction across platforms. Coordinated with vendors to plan and execute shoots, managed the brand's online graphic presence, and developed content strategies and creations aligned with brand aesthetics to drive audience engagement.

SKIILS

3D MODELING / DRAFTING

rhino, autocad, v-ray, lumion, enscape

POST PROCESSING

illustrator, photoshop, premiere, indesign, lightroom

FABRICATION

lasercutting, 3d printing, woodwork, model making

GRAPHICS & PUBLICATION

typography, print production, editorial + layout design, typesetting, risograph printing

EXHIBITIONS

FUTERSCAPE

exhibition layout, and curation - april 2025

KUWAIT'S NATIONAL PAVILION AT THE 19TH VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE

submitted drawings from personal project the architectural printscape - may 2025

KUWAIT'S NATIONAL PAVILION AT THE 18TH VENICE ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE

contributor and author of "desert architecture: diction a design methodology" - may 2023

PUBLICATIONS

KAHF MAGAZINE, ISSUE II

"the architectural printscape", mfa thesis research and design project – july 2025

PRATTFOLIO, CHANGE YOUR GAZE

"genesis: a bacterial taxonomy", mfa cross disciplinary studio, academic – spring 2025

INTERIOR DESIGN MAGAZINE, MAKING A

"a house and 7 doors", bfa interior design studio—emergency housing project, academic – april 2021

AWARDS

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP

awarded for the architectural printscape — mfa thesis project recognized for excellence in research and design in the fifth annual school of design social justice & sustainability awards, pratt institute - 2025

COMMUNICATION DESIGN GRADUATE - EXCELLENCE IN ACADAMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

awarded for academic excellence and creative leadership in communication design — recognizing outstanding performance across research, practice, and critical inquiry throughout the mfa program, pratt institute – 2025

REFERNCES

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