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# Experience

### **Managing Editor** 2025

Human Rights Youth Education Network, Brussels, BE

Coordinated the editorial process for handbook outlining intersectional approaches to evaluating youth work. Responsibilities included:

- Providing copy + content edits for 90 pages of text within 2-week time frame
- Increasing readability and accessibility through concise grammar revisions Maintaining digital organization of all related documents

#### **Project Manager** 2025

Council for International Education Exchange, Amsterdam, NL

Oversaw 28 international students' exchange program, offering a range of support such as:

- Managing the course itinerary and guiding students through programming

- Ensuring students understand all program deadlines and timelines Intervening and mediating conflict among group when necessary Providing supervisors with feedback regarding necessary program improvements for coming semesters

### **Project Manager** 2024-2025

Nieuwe Instituut, Rotterdam, NL

Supervised editorial process of 5-part manual series on the responsibilities of working with architectural and urban archives, including:

- Researching subject matter, and inviting 15, international contributors
- Providing copy + content edits to 50 pages of text (grammar, spelling,
- Scheduling all internal and external meetings
- Coordinating distribution among global network of architects, urban planners and designers, and archivists

#### 2024 **Editor**

The Environmental European Bureau, Brussels, BE

Provided language review of community guidelines for responding to upcoming local mining projects. Offered:

- Copy + content edits to 70-page document
- Concise summaries of each chapter, improving accessibility and readability for all community members

### 2024-2025 **Tour Guide**

CityLoop Architecture Tours, Amsterdam, NL

Leading 90-minute private tours of Amsterdam's architectural and social histories, involving:

- Tailoring tour's route, and content, based off stated interests of group
- Completing any supplemental, necessary urban research prior to tour Engaging with group's questions and observations throughout tour Documenting group feedback for future tours

#### Co-Founder 2023-2025

Free Queer Library, Amsterdam, NL

Collaboratively founded Amsterdam's first free, queer library, particularly overseeing tasks such as:

- Establishing library's check-out/return protocols
- Coordinating the acquisition of queer + trans literature Writing promotional texts to expand awareness of library
- Writing and revising grant applications

### **Managing Editor** 2024

Bebe Books, Ghent, BE

Managed the editorial and publishing process of art + design publication, Bebe Magazine, by:

- Facilitating biweekly meetings with 15 contributors, providing feedback on concepts' structure and framework
  Providing copy + content edits for all written text
  Offering contributors resources + references when requested

- Writing promotional blurbs, and assisting publication distribution

# Education

### Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, C/O 2023

MA: Design Cultures (Urban Design)

Thesis: Public Space for Which Public? Towards Urban Design Beyond Binaries

### Bard College, C/O 2022

BA: Art History (Architecture)

Thesis: The Public Bathroom: Tracing a History of Architectural Symbolism and Social Control

# **Awards**

### **Fulbright Netherlands Scholar**

2022-2023:

Sponsored by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program and granted to 4 students in pursuit of a degree within their discipline of interest

### Ralph Ellison Scholar

2021, Bard College; Granted annually to a student that, determined by faculty and administration, contributed to the College's understanding of difference, inclusion, and access

### Jean M. French Travel Award

2021, Bard College; Granted annually to one student in order to support travel in relation to their proposed senior thesis research

# Projects + Publications

In Progress - t(4t)aking a seat Romantic Urbanism

In Progress - How To Use the Public Bathroom When Trans Self-Publishing

> March 2024 - for which self do we self-track? affect lab

February 2024 - The Working Group as a Tool Nieuwe Instituut

December 2023 - public space for which public? Trans Magazine #5

#### 2024 **External Thesis Coach**

Zuyd University of Applied Sciences, Maastricht, NL

As editing + writing coach to 5 Interdisciplinary Art students completing their theses on various artistic and architectural topics, offered:

- Biweekly meetings + feedback throughout students' conceptualization and brainstorming processes
- Edits to all written content

### **Teaching Assistant** 2023

Placemaking in Public Space, University of Amsterdam, NL

Provided course guidance to 30 students by:

- Contributing 20 texts on critical placemaking + urbanism to syllabus Offering additional perspectives throughout class discussions, and inviting relevant guest speakers
- Providing feedback and guidance throughout students' final projects on local public spaces
- Reviewing and grading students' final papers

### Research Assistant 2023

Nieuwe Instituut, Rotterdam, NL

Supported Instituut's Research Department, including:

- Writing and editing newsletters and blurbs for department initiatives

- Invited speakers to present at public programming
  Note-taking at weekly department meetings
  Researching the role of working groups within the Instituut, and writing analysis

### 2020-2022 Research Assistant

Olga Touloumi, Professor of Architectural History, Bard College, NY

Provided technical support for oral history project on architect Marie Christine Benglia-Bevington. Tasks included:

- Organizing all digital research materials Transcribing 20 hours of audio interviews between Professor Touloumi and Marie Christine Benglia-Bevington
- Conducting external research to supplement contents of oral histories

#### **Administrative Assistant** 2020-2021

Department of Art & Cultural Affairs, City of Kingston, NY

Assisted with tasks of Department Director and City Art Council, such as:

- Conducting research on historical and political contexts of city memorials to
- guide community discussions Connecting with local artists to discuss possibilities for monument removal and replacement
- Recording city's public art pieces, and respective artists, within spreadsheet

### Librarian Assistant 2019-2022

Research Center, Center for Curatorial Studies, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Overseeing daily operations of center, and responding to visitors' needs, including:

- Recording new acquisitions into cataloguing system Digitizing print materials to be readable online Reshelving materials

- Assisting visitors with locating materials

#### **Studio Coordinator** 2018-2019

Rezny Studios, Kingston, NY

Provided technical and logistical assistance to studio projects, such as:

- Scheduling meetings with all involved parties
- Maintaining the digital and spatial organisation of studio resources Making contact with researchers, artists, or architects relevant to projects
- Transcribing or digitizing any necessary video or print materials

### 2018-2022 Co-Director

The Scale Project, Bard College

The Scale Project addresses the classism found within higher education by intervening in exclusionary institutional policies, practices, and norms. As co-director, some responsibilities included:

- Acquiring funding from Bard College alumni and organized and maintained our budget
- Designing and monitoring 10 new initiatives responding to socioeconomic inequities (ex. purchasing students' textbooks, compensating unpaid internships)
- Managing all internal and external communications amongst administrators and student body

## Talks

Thoughts on the Public Bathroom (September 2025) Globe Aroma, Brussels, BE

Paper Archives for Architecture and Design (June 2025) Nieuwe Instituut, Rotterdam, NL

> City Talks, Urban Belonging (February 2024) Internationaal Theater, Amsterdam, NL

Bloody Architecture (January 2024) Independent School of the City, Rotterdam, NL

> Beyond Trans (December 2023) Savannah Bay, Utrecht, NL

The Public Bathroom (May 2022) Bard College, NY