

# SABA N. MAHEEN

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## EDUCATION

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**Mason Gross School of Art, Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ **May 2025**  
*Master in Fine Arts in Design* **GPA 4.0**

Relevant Coursework: Research Methods; Publication & Display; Forensic Architecture

Honors/Awards: Techné Award for Distinguished MFA in Design; Inclusive Teaching Award Grant, Scarlet Arts Rx Grant

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH **June 2020**  
*Bachelor of Arts: Major in Studio Art (Photography); Minors in Human Centered Design & Arabic Language* **GPA 3.6**

Relevant Coursework: Design Thinking; Systems & Policy Design; Photography I-III; 3-D Modelling; Architecture I; Curation 101

Honors/Awards: Robert Dance '66 Grant, Dartmouth Centers Forum Grant, Leslie Center for Humanities Art Award

**Cultural Center for Learning and Training**, Rabat, Morocco **Summer 2018**  
Dartmouth Arabic Language Study Abroad Program; Courses in Advanced Modern Standard Arabic and Darija

## EXPERIENCE

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**Mason Gross School of Art**, New Brunswick, NJ **Sept 2023 - present**  
*Lecturer of Design Thesis and Exhibition* **Sept 2024 - May 2026 (reappointment)**

- Taught and mentored 45 senior design majors in developing their capstone thesis projects, guiding conceptual development, material execution, and professional gallery installation. Led critiques, coordinated exhibition logistics (layout, documentation, deadlines), and collaborated with faculty/technicians to ensure successful student showcases.
- Coordinated between 3 graduate TA's and 2 co-lecturers to align critique schedules, grading standards, and exhibition logistics, ensuring consistent student support.

*Teaching Assistant for Design Thesis and Exhibition* **Sept 2023 - May 2024**

- Assisted instructor with installation troubleshooting and project tracking, and supported students in refining thesis projects through 1-on-1 feedback, group critiques, and technical demos for physical/digital exhibitions meeting standards & deadlines

**Dartmouth Center for Professional Development**, Hanover, NH **Jan 2018 - July 2019**  
*Peer Ambassador*

- Advise on resumes and cover letters for fellow peers of all classes and backgrounds on appointment and drop-in basis
- Train new Peer Ambassadors on advising process, serve as liaison between CPD Director and Advisors on in-house development and increasing student interaction and success
- Plan and host recruiting, career training and preparedness events in office and around campus, pilot new programs with focus groups, contact potential alumni employers to create field-based databases

**Dartmouth Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies Department**, Hanover, NH **Fall 2018 & Spring 2019**  
*Arabic Drill Instructor*

- Facilitate Modern Standard Arabic speaking drills with 8-10 beginner students using Rassias method; supplement to improve on students' accuracy and confidence, making conversation second nature
- Prepare lesson plan for daily drill, adapting to milestones of individual & class progression

**Dartmouth Book Arts Workshop**, Hanover, NH **Jan 2018 - July 2019**  
*Studio Assistant*

- Educate and advise community on various bookmaking projects by utilizing various presses and bindery tools; troubleshoot typography, typesetting and techniques
- Steady increase in visitors by posting content on BAW Instagram in order to maintain library funding
- Integrated workshop visits to 3 courses' syllabi

**Georgia Teen Institute**, Lawrenceville, GA **June 2013 - July 2016 (Summer)**  
*Youth Action Staff - Lead*

- Facilitate anti-substance abuse prevention with 15+ youth action teams (MS & HS) across GA with targeted action plan development to specific counties' issues informed by statistical analysis
- Collaborate with 20-30 staff members (teen & adult volunteers) to run dual-session camp on college campus; supervise ~180 campers to lead healthy lifestyles and interactions at camp and beyond
- Raise funds to cushion state funding for under-resourced teams by writing grants, developing creative fund-raising techniques

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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**DESIGN:** brand/ social media management, front end UI/UX/CMS, product, package, graphic, typography, web (HTML)

**ART:** photo/video (+ retouch/cut analog & digital), ceramics, fiber, oil paint, illustration (+ digital)

**PROFICIENCY IN:** Adobe Suite, Maya, Rhino, STELLA, Office Suite, Salesforce, Figma

**COMMUNICATION:** Public Speaking, Arabic (Intermediate), Spanish (Conversational), Bangla (Conversational)