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Education

- 2025 **Master of Architecture** / University of Michigan / Ann Arbor, MI
Thesis: *Concealed Command(ment)s*
- 2023 **Bachelor of Science in Architecture** / University of Detroit Mercy / Detroit, MI
Minor in Leadership, graduated Summa Cum Laude

Design Practice

- Current **rvtr** / Research Assistant / Ann Arbor, MI
- Summer 2025 **CJ Lim's IMAGINARIUM** / Workshop / London, UK
- 2023–2024 **ArcPrep** / Instructional Aide / Detroit, MI
- 2022–2023 **Detroit Collaborative Design Center** / Emerging Designer / Detroit, MI
- 2018–2022 **Little Buildings, Inc.** / Draftsperson / Romeo, MI



Selected Awards

- 2024 **Albert Kahn Scholarship and Fellowship**, \$30,000 Award
- 2023 **Design Excellence Award** / Silver, Faculty Choice
Design Excellence Award / Silver, Student Choice
- 2022 **Design Excellence Award** / Bronze, Faculty Choice

Publications

- 2026 *Concealed Commandments* / forthcoming in Dimensions 39
- 2025 *Re-Grand Marais* / **Agora 19**
- 2022 *An Exterior Perspective* / **[sic] 29**



Exhibitions

- 2025 *Transect: 31°52'11" N, 111°07'29" W to 37°04'42" N, 116°01'49" W* / Section as Cosmogram: From the Heavens to the Earth, Handwerker Gallery at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.
- 2024 *Redacted Lands & Re-Grand Marais* / Faculty Selected Student Show / University of Michigan
- 2022 *Anything But Studio* / curated selection
- 2022 *Agorforum* / Faculty Selected Student Show / University of Michigan

Design & Editorial Work

- 2025 **M.Arch Thesis Book 2025** / Designer
- 2024–2025 **Dimensions 38** / Design and Interview Teams
- 2024 **Agora 18** / Cover and Layout Editor

