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about

multipotentialite with a deep dedication to architecture, combining strong design sensibilities with an athlete's discipline

experience

aranda\lasch — new york, ny

may–august 2024 (full-time), september–november 2024 (part-time)

architectural design intern

- + contributed to the *making home* exhibition for the 2024 cooper hewitt design triennial by assisting with spatial layout, object placement, and visual alignment between wall layout, models, and graphics
- + created architectural drawings, physical models, and ai-generated renderings to support exhibit design and interior spatial concepts. also produced false-color satellite imagery of the arizona site using arcgis, applying geospatial analysis to communicate environmental and cultural context
- + developed detailed architectural and landscape drawings in illustrator, including a refined theater plan and collaborative site-specific diagrams
- + supported the 2024–25 architecture lecture series through event planning, outreach, and graphic coordination

art, architecture, construction & engineering (aace) lab — new york, ny

october 2023 – may 2024 (part-time)

graphics & communication lead, lab technician

- + led the graphics and communication team, producing visual identities for interdisciplinary design initiatives
- + operated and maintained digital fabrication equipment including 3d printers, cnc routers, and laser cutters to support student projects

elizabeth herrmann architecture and design (ehad) — bristol, vt

june 2023 – august 2023

architectural design intern

- + developed material palettes and interior design concepts for residential projects, supporting design intent through finish selection and product research
- + assisted with drafting construction documents and design layouts in archicad, contributing to drawing sets for client and contractor review
- + produced visualizations using twinmotion, enhancing presentations with photorealistic renderings

studio christian wassmann — new york, ny

june 2022 – august 2022

architectural design intern

- + participated in on-site furniture construction at rock'n'house, assisting with the fabrication of custom pieces including a sunken living room and judd-inspired elements
- + collaborated on the design development and presentation of a residential carriage house in brooklyn, contributing to plans, diagrams, and 3d models

education

the cooper union for the advancement of science and art

bachelor of architecture, class of 2025 — new york, ny

- + graduated with the toni and david yarnell merit award of excellence in architecture
- + thesis: *avalanche architecture* — through experimental mapping and material studies, this thesis examines the avalanche as both a physical and metaphorical event, constructing a spatial framework for disappearance
- + awarded the idc foundation scholarship — full tuition scholarship for my thesis
- + recipient of the william cooper mack fellowship — travel grant for thesis fieldwork in utah

awards

architect's foundation diversity advancement scholarship (2020–2025), george & selma klett full tuition scholarship (2021–2022), irma giustino weiss '45 full tuition scholarship (2020–2021), h2m architects + engineers steam scholarship, puerto rican/hispanic youth leadership institute college scholarship, cooper union innovator scholarship, aace lab materials grant

extracurriculars

aiare 1 avalanche safety certification (2024), new york cycling club member (2023–present), harlem river community rowing (2023–present): head of the charles competitor – women's club single (2024), nycxdesign days participant, architecture student council representative (1 year term)

skills

rhino, autocad, archicad, twinmotion, enscape, ai rendering, adobe illustrator, adobe indesign, adobe photoshop, arcgis, physical modeling, 3d printing, laser cutting, woodworking, photography, python, java, microsoft office