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Lighting Design

*project completion date
designated by year

- 2023
upcoming
to be
completed
- Kress Spa, Luxury Spa & Resort, El Paso, TX*
Kress Food Hall, Commercial & Mixed Use, El Paso, TX
Riverview Square Hotel, Commercial & Mixed-Use, Clarksville, TN
- 2022
upcoming
to be
completed
- Frenchman's Reef Marriot, Hospitality & Restaurant Lighting, St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Islands*
Starbucks, Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport, Restaurant Lighting, St. Paul, MN
CIBO Express, Minneapolis–St. Paul International, Retail Lighting, St. Paul, MN
Millcity Tavern, Minneapolis–St. Paul International Airport, Restaurant Lighting, St. Paul, MN
Amelia Gene's Machine Shop, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN
Rumi's Colony Square, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA
The Palm House Hotel, Hospitality Lighting, Palm Beach, FL
Midtown Union Exterior Feature Façade, RGBW Feature Lighting, Atlanta, GA
Carolina Country Club, Restaurant Lighting, Raleigh, NC
Peachtree Dunwoody Pavilion, Commercial and Retail Mixed-Use, Sandy Springs, GA
- 2021
- Spaceman Hyatt Buckhead, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA*
Mount Royal Hyatt Buckhead, Restaurant Lighting, Atlanta, GA
Cooper Carry Office, Office Lighting Redesign, Atlanta, GA
Casa Don Alfonso, The Ritz-Carlton, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO
The Cigar Club, The Ritz-Carlto, Restaurant Lighting, St. Louis, MO
Landing Fancy Fish, Restaurant Lighting, Memphis, TN
The Jimmy Italian Pasteria & Pizzeria, Restaurant Lighting, Charlotte, NC
Virtuoso Club House, Commercial Club & Spa Lighting, Huntsville, AL
Windstar Cruise ship Boutique, Retail Lighting, Seattle, WA
Assembly Food Hall, Commercial Food Hall, Rosslyn, VA
- 2019
- Sante MD Wellness Center, Commercial Medical Spa, Atlanta GA*
260 Stratford Road, Asheville NC, Residential Lighting Redesign, Asheville, NC
Lighting Loft Custom Chandelier Design, Industrial Design & Fabrication, Atlanta, GA
Moniz Mansion Blue Ridge Mountain Club, Residential Lighting, Blowing Rock, NC
1738 Marlbrook DR NE, Residential Lighting, Atlanta, GA
Kennesaw Loft B&B, Commercial Lighting, Kennesaw, GA
Tech Lighting Display Booth, Exhibition Design, Atlanta, GA
6580 Indian Creek Drive, Residential Lighting, Miami Beach, FL
- 2018
- Alon's Bakery Manufacturing Company, Commercial Warehouse Lighting, Atlanta, GA*
Bernes Warehouse 3230 DR. Cumberland, Retail Lighting, Chamblee, GA
Chabad of North Fulton, Commercial Sanctuary Lighting, Alpharette, GA
Guitierrez Residence, Residential Lighting, Vinings, GA
Jo-Jo's Family Style Home Cooking, Restaurant Lighting Redesign, Sausbury, MD

Art Exhibitions

*Denotes solo and collaborative
installations

- 2022
- Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 2, Atlanta Contemporary On-Site, Atlanta, GA*
Eso Tilin Project Group Exhibition 1, Atlanta Contemporary Courtyard, Atlanta, GA
- 2021
- Guesthouse (remix), Reeves House Visual Arts Center, Woodstock, GA*

- 2020 *Kress Building El Paso*, Cooper Carry Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA
Card-Mod Coffee Table, Industrial Design Charrette, Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA
- 2019 *Guesthouse*, installMINT, MINT, Atlanta, GA
Mirage 2, Atlanta Fringe Festival, Little Five Points, Atlanta, GA
Exterior 3: Wall, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 *PALACE (remix)*, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL*
LOADING CLOUD, *Yard Party for Art*, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL
PALACE, 2018 MFA Graduate Exhibition, Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
- 2017 *Exterior 2 (remix)*, 2017 MFA Biennial, Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
Fantasy, Day & Night Projects, Atlanta, GA
Mirage, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL*
Picket Fence, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL*
Exterior 2, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL*
Exterior 1, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL*
- 2016 *Fantasy*, Metropolitan 250 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Pompeii, SOUP experimental, Tallahassee, FL*
Memory Palace, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH
No Vacancy, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL*
Ceiling Feeling s., ARTMAZE, Exposure Gallery, Sioux Falls, SD
BEDAZZLED, 1511 NMLK BLVD, Tallahassee, FL*
- 2015 *A Human Record*, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls SD*
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
- 2014 *Senior Exhibition*, Conkling Gallery, Nelson Hall, MNSU Mankato MN
Studio 301, Everest Gallery, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD
It Takes a Village to Make a Monster, CSU Gallery, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato MN
Decay, Conkling Gallery, Nelson Hall, MNSU, Mankato MN
Hannabal Lester, CSU gallery, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN*
St. Peter Arts Center Membership Show, St. Peter Art Center, St. Peter MN
Belle Notte, Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato MN
Inspiration Show, CSU gallery, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
Annual Juried Exhibition, 410 Gallery, Mankato MN
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
- 2013 *Lester Boeh*, CSU gallery, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN*
Exploit Subject 2, 410 Gallery, Mankato MN*
The Librarian is the Juror, CSU Gallery, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
Exploit Subject 1, Nelson Courtyard, MNSU, Mankato MN*
Undergraduate Research Exhibition, Centennial Student Union, MNSU, Mankato MN
Annual Juried Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN
Annual Halloween Show, 410 Gallery, Mankato, MN
Scopophilia, Conkling Gallery, MNSU, Mankato, MN
One Million Bones, National Mall, Washington D.C
- 2012 *Laser Soap*, Anam Station, Korea University, South Korea*
- 2006 *High School Invite*, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
- 2022 *Nexus Fund/Andy Warhol Foundation 3 Month Studio Artist Residency*, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA

Residencies

Education

- 2022-2025 Master of Architecture Candidate: Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM), Prague, Czechia
- 2018 MFA Studio Art: 2D & 3D Design, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2014 BFA Studio Art: Ceramics, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2012 Ceramic Apprentice, Chul-Soo Kim, Itaewon, Seoul, South Korea
- 2012 Study Abroad: Experimental Drawing, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

Professional Experience

- 2019 - 2022 *Designer II*, The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry, Atlanta, GA
- 2018-2019 *Designer & Social Media Strategist*, The Lighting Loft, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Exhibition Preparator, Christopher Cutts Gallery, Art Miami Basel, Miami, FL
- 2015 - 2017 *Sculpture Lab Technician*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2015 - 2019 Director and Founder, SOUP experimental, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 *Gallery Guard*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
Raku and Ceramics Technician, Paid Internship, Dakota Pottery, Sioux Falls, SD
Exhibition
Ceramics Studio Assistant, Internship, The Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD
- 2012 *Ceramics Studio Apprentice*, Chul-Soo Kim, Itaewon, Seoul, South Korea

Honors

- 2022 *1 of 2 M.Arch Candidates selected for 2022 in-take*, Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design in Prague (UMPRUM), Prague, Czechia
- 2020 *Nexus Fund Artist Award*, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 *2018 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award [Honorable Mention]*, International Sculpture Center, Hamilton Township, NJ
- 2017 *MFA Award*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
*awarded to top student in the department
- 2016 *Excellent Opportunities Award*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2015 *Full-Tuition Scholarship*, MFA Florida State University class of '18, Tallahassee, FL
Undergraduate Scholar, Posters at St. Paul, Capital Mall, St. Paul, MN
South Dakota Artist Career Development Grant, South Dakota Arts Council, Pierre, SD
- 2014 *Undergraduate Research Student Spotlight*, Department of Graduate Studies, MNSU, MN
Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, MNSU, Mankato MN
Inspiration Show, Honorable Mention, CSU Gallery, MNSU, Mankato, MN
Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship, MNSU, Mankato, MN

- 2013 *Scopophilia*, Exhibition Award, Conkling Gallery, MNSU, Mankato, MN
Undergraduate Research Grant, Department of Graduate Studies, MNSU, Mankato, MN
- 2012 *Undergraduate Research Grant*, Department of Graduate Studies, MNSU, Mankato, MN
- 2008 *Excellence in 3D Design*, Elk Point Jefferson High School, Elk Point, SD

Publications

- 2017 *Day & Night's FANTASY shows multiple worlds mingling*, ArtsAtl, Atlanta, GA -
SOUP experimental, Venison Magazine, San Francisco, CA
Council on Culture and Arts Connection video interview, WTXL Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL
SOUP experimental garners creative collaboration, FSview, Tallahassee, FL
- 2016 *Top Art Exhibits and Events in Philly This November*, UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA
Top Picks for First Friday in Philly this November, UWISHUNU, Philadelphia, PA
SOUP experimental shows the creative side of Tallahassee, FSView, Tallahassee, FL
Department of Art MFA Student, Ashton Bird & SOUP experimental, Department of Art, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Ashton Bird Redefines Art Galleries, Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, FL
Season 12 Manifest Exhibition Annual, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH
Goliath Magazine Issue 1, Minneapolis, MN
A Human Record Interview, JAM ART and SUPPLY, Sioux Falls, SD

Presentations

- 2018 *Graduate Thesis presentation*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2015 *Scholar Poster Session*, Capitol Mall, St. Paul, MN
Undergraduate Research Symposium, MNSU, Mankato, MN
Open Portfolio Session, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Woodcut Demonstration Assistant*, Red Rock Center for the Arts, Fairmont, MN
Undergraduate Research Symposium, MNSU, Mankato, MN
- 2013 *November Alumni Meeting*, MNSU, Mankato, MN
Minnesota Conference, MNSU, Mankato, MN
Undergraduate Research Symposium, MNSU, Mankato, MN

Volunteer

- 2020 -
2021 Volunteer Craftsmen, Habitat for Humanity, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 -
2021 Event Volunteer, Cat Family Records, Tallahassee, FL
Event Volunteer, Alliance Theater, Atlanta, GA
Event Volunteer, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta, GA
Event Volunteer, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
Event Volunteer, Museum of Design, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 Vice President, Florida State U. Sculpture Club, Tallahassee, FL
President, League of Graduate Artists, Tallahassee, FL