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Born in Los Angeles, CA / Grew up in Hong Kong
Currently resides in Richmond, VA

Represented by FLXST Contemporary Art Gallery - Chicago, IL

Education

- 2019 Columbia University, School of the Arts, New York, NY
Masters of Fine Arts Visual Arts - Sculpture
- 2011 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI
Bachelor of Fine Arts - Furniture Design
Concentration in History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

Awards / Grants

- 2023 Virginia Museum of Fine Art Visual Arts Fellowship - Richmond, VA
Iridian Gallery BIPOC Grant Recipient - Richmond, VA
Michael Puryear Scholarship - The Furniture Society
- 2022 Hirshhorn Museum NY Gala: Artist x Artist Co-Honoree - New York, NY
American Craft Council Emerging Artist Cohort
CultureWorks Grant Recipient - Richmond, VA
Penland Winter Residency Distinguished Fellowship Grant - Penland, NC
Adjunct Faculty Grant for Research and Professional Development, VCU - Richmond, VA
- 2021 'Made in VA', Second Place Prize, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art - Virginia Beach, VA
Adjunct Faculty Grant for Research and Professional Development, VCU - Richmond, VA
- 2020 New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fellowship Recipient (Craft/Sculpture) - New York, NY
- 2019 The Furniture Society Ambassador at American Craft Council Conference - Philadelphia, PA
Fountainhead Fellowship Finalist, Craft/Material Studies Department, VCU - Richmond, VA
Adjunct Faculty Grant for Research and Professional Development, VCU - Richmond, VA
Columbia University Fellow - New York, NY
- 2011 Department of Furniture Design: Charlotte Perriand Award, RISD - Providence, RI

Selected Exhibitions

- 2024 (Upcoming) 'This Side Up', Houston Center for Contemporary Craft - Houston, TX
(Upcoming) W.O.W: Wood Invitational, Blue Spiral 1 - Asheville, TN
- 2023 'AND, OR, NOT' Solo Exhibition, FLXST Contemporary - Chicago, IL
'Ish', Tiger Strikes Asteroid - Brooklyn, NY
"The Medium is the Massage: Rafael Domenech" Pop-Up Intervention, ICA - Richmond, VA
'Turning it all Around', Messler Gallery - Rockport, ME
'Quality Control', FLXST Contemporary - Chicago, IL
- 2022 'Vessel' - Museum of Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
'Spectral Matter: A Tender Presence', John & Robyn Horn Gallery- Penland, NC
'Spectral Matter: A Tender Presence', Alma's - Richmond, VA
'Spectral Matter: A Tender Presence', Gallery 2052 - Chicago, IL
'Femme', FLXST Contemporary - Chicago, IL
'Essential', DePillars Gallery - Richmond, VA

- 2021 '(De)construction', Candela Gallery - Richmond, VA
 'Made in VA', Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art - Virginia Beach, VA
 'Splitting the Difference' Solo Exhibition, Iridian Gallery - Richmond, VA
 'Still Standing: An evening of poetry' Organised by Jeffrey Meris with White Columns - New York, NY
- 2020 'Spectral Matter: Slippery and Subversive', East Carolina University - Greenville, NC
- 2019 'Making a Seat at the Table', Center for Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
 'Inner Personal Connections', FAB Gallery - Richmond, VA
 'Aesthetically Functional Only', 1675 Broadway - New York, NY
 'Battleship Potemkin' Fredric Snitzer Gallery - Miami, FL
 Columbia University Visual Arts MFA Thesis Show, Wallach Gallery - New York, NY
 Poetry Reading for "Las Palabras Son Muros: Rafael Domenech", Socrates Sculpture Park - New York, NY
- 2018 42/18, LeRoy Neiman Gallery - New York, NY
 AllTurnAtives: Form and Spirit, Center for Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
 'Feel that Day Running Underneath This One', Times Square Space - New York, NY
 Columbia University MFA First Year Show, Wallach Gallery - New York, NY
 'In Residence' Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts – Houston, TX
- 2017 Asher Gallery, Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts – Houston, TX
- 2016 Club 157 – Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 Ka Kee Gallery of Objects – Hong Kong
- 2013 RISD Furniture Alumni Show - Ventura Lambrate, Milan
 RISD Furniture Alumni Show – New York, NY
- 2012 Providence Fine Furnishings Show – Providence, RI
 'RISD Furniture Triennial' Woods Gerry Gallery – Providence, RI
- 2011 Anderson Ranch Residents Gallery – Snowmass, CO
 WIRED Store – New York, NY
 NoHo Next – NoHo Design District, NY
 RISD Senior Invitational – Providence, RI
 International Contemporary Furniture Fair – New York, NY
 Furniture Design Senior Show – Providence, Rhode Island
- 2010 'RISD Expose' – Providence, Rhode Island

Collections

Museum For Art In Wood - Philadelphia, PA

Professional and Teaching Experience

- 2019 - 2023 Adjunct Professor (Wood Area), Craft/Material Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, VA
- 2023 Summer session Faculty, Penland School of Crafts - Penland, NC
 Summer Session Faculty, Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft - Columbia, NC
 Young Scholars Workshop Faculty, Sculpture Space - Utica, NY
- 2022 Furniture Society Portfolio Reviewer
 Summer Session Faculty, Anderson Ranch Arts Center - Snowmass, CO
 Guest Faculty Lecture, Anderson Ranch Arts Center - Snowmass, CO
 Visiting Critic / Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison - Madison, WI

- 2021 Lecturer, Tulsa Artist Fellowship - Tulsa, OK
- 2020 Lecturer, Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Boston, MA
- 2019 Visiting Critic / Lecturer, Rhode Island School of Design - Providence, RI
Intro to Woodworking Workshop, University of Richmond - Richmond, VA
Teaching Assistant, Columbia University - New York, NY
Sculpture I with Jon Kessler - Spring 2019
- 2018 Visiting Critic / Lecturer, University of the Arts - Philadelphia, PA
Teaching Assistant, Columbia University – New York, NY
Sculpture II with Serra Victoria Bothwell Fels, Spring 2018
Columbia University Shop Fellow – New York, NY
- 2017 – 2019 Mentor for BFA Visual Arts Majors, Columbia University – New York, NY
- 2012 – 2017 Studio Assistant, Ursula von Rydingsvard Studio – Brooklyn, NY
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Penland School of Crafts – Penland, NC
'Joinery Joinery Joinery' with Yuri Kobayashi, Summer 2018
Studio Assistant, Penland School of Crafts – Penland, NC

Residencies

- 2023 Center for Furniture Craftsmanship Endowed Fellowship - Rockport, ME
- 2022 Winter Residency Distinguished Fellow, Penland School of Crafts - Penland, NC
- 2018 Windgate ITE International Residency Program, Center for Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Houston Center for Contemporary Craft Residency - Houston, TX
- 2016 Bemis Center for Contemporary Art Residency - Omaha, NE
- 2015 Sculpture Space Artist Residency - Utica, NY
- 2014 Haystack Mountain School Open Residency - Deer Isle, ME
- 2011 Anderson Ranch Emerging Artists Residency - Aspen, CO

Committees / Jury / Panels

- 2021 - Present Iridian Gallery Committee - Richmond, VA
- 2019 - Present Juror: Center for Art in Windgate ITE Program - Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Juror: Sculpture Space Artist-in-Residence - Utica, NY
Fireweed Community Woodshop Woodworking Panel
- 2022 Panelist: 'Vessels', CraftNOW Symposium - Philadelphia, PA
Panelist: 'Queering Woodworking' Center for Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
Panelist: 'Artful Insights', Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art - Virginia Beach, VA
Juror: Crossroads Art Center Mixed Media Show - Richmond, VA
Juror: Crossroads Art Center LGBTQ+ 'Love Happens' - Richmond, VA
- 2021 Juror: Contemporary Crafts Grant / Arkansas Arts Council - Little Rock, AR
Panelist: 'Capitol One Celebrates Diversity and Inclusion' - Richmond, VA
- 2020 Panelist: 'Turning it all Around' Center for Art in Wood - Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 Panelist: 'Asiani-sh', Dedalus Foundation - New York, NY

- 2019 - Present Stonewall Sports DEI Committee - Richmond, VA