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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Philadelphia, PA Master Of Architecture	Fall 2005-Spring 2008
	<b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI BFA Industrial Design & Graphic Design One Year Engineering School	Fall 2000-Spring 2004
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>TJOKEEFE</b> Chicago, IL <b>Owner &amp; Principal of Design &amp; Manufacturing Company</b> Furniture Design Lighting Design Graphic Design <b>Responsibilities</b> Design, Material-Sourcing, Prototyping, Construction Drawings, Manufacturer-Sourcing, Manufacturing (Woodworking, Finishing, LED Electrical, Wiring), Site-Scouting, Photography, Copywriting, Graphic Design, Promotion, Customer Service, Packing, Shipping, etc. <b>Press/Interviews</b> The New York Times, FRAME, Details, Dwell, Elle Decor, Architectural Digest, CS Interiors, Wallpaper, Chicago H&G, Icon, LUXE Interiors, Various Digital <b>Select Clients</b> Nike, Bergdorf Goodman, Ann Taylor, Ace Hotel, Poliform	Fall 2009-Present
	<b>University of Illinois at Chicago</b> Chicago, IL <b>Clinical Assistant Professor of Industrial Design</b> <b>Roles</b> Undergraduate and Graduate Level Studio Instruction <b>Committee Work</b> Chair of Studio Renovations Committee Co-Chair of Student Competitions Design Archive Committee Personnel Committee ICFF Student Show Committee	Fall 2012-Present

### Extra-Curricular Academic Contributions

*Design House + Matot Partnership Competition:* Directed a 5-week, extracurricular competition partnering with local design hub Design House and local, female-owned and operated metal fabricator Matot. Twelve junior ID students participated, developing functional prototypes which were presented to Matot who chose two winning designs to move forward with production in their facilities.

*IHA Competition Juror:* Represented UIC as a juror for two years (2016, 2017) for the International Housewares Association student design competition, inspiring an integration with junior ID studio curriculum so that all students end their semester with a submission to the international competition.

*ICFF Student Show:* Served as committee member and traveled to New York for the past two years (2016, 2017) to set up our school ID & GD booth at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair. Alongside student helpers, we installed display components and arranged student work, followed by two days of representing the school and student projects to the tens of thousands of visitors that came through.

*Richard J. Daley Pop-Up Library:* In partnership with the UIC Richard J. Daley Library—students will be designing a mobile, “pop-up” library in the form of a mobile cart in order to better engage with the community. This project will be run similar to the Design House/Matot project, as an extracurricular competition.

*Lend Lease Chicago River Birdhouse Project:* Through a referral from my colleague Felicia Ferrone, I directed a partnership with the architectural development company Lend Lease on their large, South Loop mixed-use development located on the Chicago River. We will be running a curriculum-integrated competition where a class of our junior students will be designing birdhouses—which they will eventually fabricate—which will be installed as permanent fixtures within the development’s nature preserve river-walk.

<b>Thoughtly Crew</b>	Chicago, IL	Spring 2011-Present
<b>Freelance Ideation &amp; Product Development</b>		
	Capital One, Lipton, Miller/Coors	
<b>COMMON</b>	Boulder, CO	Spring 2012
<b>Consultant</b>		
	High-Level Ideation for Wolfsonian Museum, Miami	
<b>SHARCHITECTURE</b>	Chicago, IL	Spring 2009 - Spring 2010
<b>Designer/Fabricator</b>		
	Design, Fabrication, Installation	
<b>HWKN Architects</b>	New York, NY	Spring 2008

	<b>Design Consultant</b>	
	Design Development Consulting for: ECOBRAS, Eco-Museum, Brazil MINI Cooper Manhattan Rooftop	
	<b>MoTo Designshop Philadelphia, PA</b>	Summer 2007
	<b>Architectural Design Associate</b>	
	Design Development/Physical Model Anthill Concept Rowhome Graphic Design Firm Identity Booklet	
	<b>Orange Skin Chicago, IL</b>	Summer 2006
	<b>Design Associate</b>	
	3D Modeling/Design Work Murphy/Jahn Architects Fordham Spire Kreme Restaurant/Club Graphic Design	
<b>EXHIBITIONS</b>	<b>University of Lisbon, Lecture</b> Lisbon, PT	May. 2021
	<i>Lecture and studio visit at Belas Artes School</i>	
	<b>Exhibitionisms</b> Chicago, IL	Nov.- Jan. 2020
	<i>Virtual and in-person by appointment group exhibitions in Tiger Strikes Asteroid and Space &amp; Time galleries</i>	
	<b>Molteni &amp; C + dSpace Studio</b> Chicago, IL	Sep. 2019
	<i>River North Design District Gallery Walk</i>	
	<b>Adidas x Notré Product Launch</b>	June. 2019
	Collaboration with <i>Visual Feeder</i> on light and projection installation.	
	<b>Gallery Aesthete</b> Chicago, IL	Dec. 2018
	<i>H &amp; Vertical 3, Window Installation</i>	
<b>Ace Hotel</b> Chicago, IL	Dec. 2018	
<i>SERIES, Gallery Installation</i>		
<b>Salone del Mobile</b> Milan, Italy	Apr. 2016	
<i>45 Light Featured in Poliform Exhibit</i>		
<b>Poliform Catalog</b> Como, Italy	May 2016	

45 Light Featured in Product Catalog

	MAD Museum Ball 2016 Auction Donation	New York, NY	Sep. 2015
	<i>Loop Table</i> Prototype		
	Maison et Objet, LM/d Gallery	Paris, France	Jan. 2015
	Museum Tinguely	Basel, Switzerland	Fall 2015
	Haroon Mirza/hrm199 Ltd. Other contributing artists: Alexander Calder, Anish Kapoor, Mattia Bosco, Jeremy Deller, Francesca Fornasari, Gaia Fugazza, Alexander Heim, Gary Hill, Channa Horwitz, Guy Sherwin, Richard Sides, & Jean Tinguely.		
	Serpentine Sackler Gallery	London, UK	Mar. 5 - Apr. 21, 2014
	Martino Gamper: Design Is a State of Mind Influential London-based Italian designer Martino Gamper guest-curates.		
	ICFF Design Tradeshow	New York, NY	May. 2013,'14,'15,'16
	Guerrilla Truck Show	Chicago, IL	Jun. 2012,'13
	QUBIQUE Design Tradeshow	Berlin, GER	Oct. 2011
	Only American Company to Show		
RECOGNITION	Architizer A+ Awards		Sep. 2021
	Finalist, Decorative & Freestanding Lighting Pavilions		
	German Design Awards		May, 2017
	Nominee, Excellent Product Design Circuit Lounge Chair		
	Architizer A+ Awards		May, 2015
	Winner, Popular Vote, Outdoor Furniture Circuit Lounge Chair		
	History Channel's 'City of the Future Competition'	Atlanta, GA	Jan. 2008
	IBM Innovation In Technology Award (Architecture)		
	222 Gallery, <i>The Evolving Drawing</i>	Philadelphia, PA	Feb. 2007
	Periodicals		

**Print**

The New York Times, FRAME, Elle Decor, Architectural Digest, Details,  
CS Interiors, Chicago H&G, Icon, LUXE Interiors, +

**Digital**

Wallpaper, Dwell, Design Milk, SwissMiss, MocoLoco, +

**Podcast Interview**

Summit, Architecture & Design Podcast, Stockholm, SWE

**PROFICIENCIES**

**Digital**

Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Rhino3D, KeyShot, AutoCAD

**Physical**

Drawing/Sketching, Model-Making, Woodworking, Metalworking, Photography,  
LED & Electrical Wiring, Ping-Pong

**INTERESTS**

Music, Nature, Hiking, Photography, Sailing, Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Frisbee, Being Uncomfortable