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Carnegie Mellon University 2027, Fine Art + Human-Computer Interaction

Experience

Senior Tech Advisor

IDEaTe @ CMU, Pittsburgh PA (Aug 2024 to Present)

As Senior Tech Advisor in the IDEATE (Integrative Design, Arts, and Technology) program, I oversee daily operations of the laser lab and 3D printing facilities. I provide technical support, safety oversight, and guidance on digital fabrication workflows for a diverse community of users—from undergraduate students to graduate researchers across disciplines including design, architecture, engineering, and the arts.

Sculpture + Printmaking Teaching Assistant

School of Art Pre-College @ CMU, Pittsburgh PA
(May 2025 to August 2025)

Worked with over 40 high school students in a pre-college program, supporting instruction in both sculpture and printmaking. Assisted with daily studio responsibilities, provided one-on-one guidance, and helped students develop technical and creative skills.

Designed and led an original laser cutting and file preparation workshop, teaching over 15 students how to translate their ideas into digital and physical forms.

Projects

Frontend Developer + Design Lead @ Locra

Designed the branding and UI/UX for a live music event search engine. Collaborated with a peer, Daniel Baytin, who focused on the backend while I led frontend development. Built the website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

Fullstack Developer @ pieces of you

Pieces of You is a project I created for my Advanced Creative Coding class. I self-taught myself PostgreSQL to build a backend for my frontend application from scratch. This project is a visual grief map for people who have experienced loss, allowing users to share their stories and memories in a visual and emotional way--creating a collective map of grief and remembrance.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University,

Expected graduation 2027

- Bachelors of Fine Arts
- Additional major in Human-Computer Interaction
- With a Minor in Design

Skills

Adobe Create Suite, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Figma, PostgreSQL, UI/UX, Web design, Rhino, Fusion 360, Digital Fabrication, Marketing, Teaching, Cooperation, Team management, Event-Planning

Clubs/Leadership

Haute Glue:Co-Organizer(2025-2026)

- Led a team of 30+ people & planned a student-run fashion show with over 200+ attendees
- Hosted weekly workshops & managed 15 designers.

Robotics Club:Design Chair(2026)

- Managed cross-organization coordination + creating both the interior & exterior design for a 9'x18'building.

Awards

- School of Art Award (2026)
- Frank Ratchye Further Fund Recipient(2025)| Issued by The Frank Ratchye Studio of Creative Inquiry

Gallery/Publication

Disconnected lovers
@ Wick Monet Gallery, 2024
Disconnected lovers
@ Frame Gallery, 2024
First Gen Guide to Dealing with Guilt 2024
@ Carnegie Library, 2025