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## EDUCATION

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- 2016 **MFA Furniture Design & Woodworking**, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) | Richmond, VA  
2013 **Advanced Woodworking and Furniture Certificate**, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT  
2012 **Woodworking and Furniture Certificate**, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT  
2001 **Bachelor of Science Journalism (BSJ), Journalism-Advertising Management**, Ohio University, Athens, OH
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- 2020 **Pinnacle Concrete Camp**, Concrete Design School | Eureka Springs, AR (*upcoming*)  
2019 **Concrete as Vessel**, Penland School of Craft | Penland, NC  
2018 **Concrete Mold Making**, A Workshop of Our Own | Baltimore, MD  
2017 **Cast Glass**, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
2015 **Emerging Artists and Innovators**, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Transference Glass Image Transfer**, Corning Glass Studio, Dana Foundation Scholarship | Corning, NY  
**Connections in Wood**, Anderson Ranch Wood Scholarship | Anderson Ranch Arts Center, CO  
**Maps, Charts, and Diagrams**, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts | Gatlinburg, TN  
2013 **Internship with Wendy Maruyama**, Artist and Educator | San Diego, CA  
**Mentorship Group with Garrett Hack**, NH Furniture Masters Member | Thetford Center, VT  
2012 **Clay Beginner Wheel Throwing**, Shelburne Craft School | Shelburne, VT  
**Advanced Fused Glass Imagery Workshop**, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
**Advanced Glass Fusing and Slumping**, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
2011 **Stained Glass Multi Level**, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
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## PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

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- 2018 **ZZQ Texas Craft Barbecue**, *Image Transfer Storywall* | Richmond, VA  
**Veterans and Athletes United (VAU)**, *Fallen Soldiers Memorial* | Richmond, VA  
**Chez Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education**, *The Threads That Bind Us - Patchwork Uniform Flag*  
| University of Illinois, Champaign, IL  
2017 **Pope Francis Laudato Si' Encyclical**, *Award Boxes for Annual Laudato Si' Startup Challenge* | Vatican City  
**Mellow Mushroom**, *The Forest for the Trees* | Midlothian, VA

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## SPEAKING, TEACHING, AND MENTORSHIP

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- 2020 **Carving a Path**, Instructor, 2-week workshop, Haystack Mountain School | Deer Isle, ME (*upcoming*)  
**Edinboro University of PA**, Guest Artist and Lecturer | Edinboro, PA (*upcoming*)  
**Spoon Carving**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
- 2019 **Furniture Society GroundWork Conference**, Speaker, *Grassroots Research* | Milwaukee, WI  
**Concrete as a Vessel**, Assistant to Mark Melonas, Penland School of Craft | Penland, NC  
**Hand Carving for the Kitchen**, Workshop Instructor, Appalachian Center for Craft | Smithville, TN  
**Carved Tray & Cutting Boards**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Spoon Carving**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Art Foundations Wood Project Course**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- 2018 **Carved Tray & Cutting Boards**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Hand and Power Carving for the Kitchen**, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts | Gatlinburg, TN  
**Renegade Seating: Concrete Bench**, Assistant to Mark Melonas, Arrowmont School of Crafts | Gatlinburg, TN  
**Veterans Woodworking**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Student Craft Institute**, Spoon Carving, Haystack Mountain School | Deer Isle, ME  
**Spoon Carving**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Bandsaw Box Weekend**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Mixed Media Image Transfers**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
**Woodshop Go-Carts**, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Woodworking for Kids**, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Make Space**, Wood Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Art Foundations Wood Project Course**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- 2017 **CreteVets Combat Veterans Intro to the Arts**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University in association with CreteVets, Chicago | Richmond, VA  
**Studio Based Learning**, Assistant to Heather McCalla, Haystack Mountain School | Deer Isle, ME  
**Intermediate Woodworking (Fall)**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Advanced Woodworking (Spring)**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Beginning Woodworking (Spring)**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Art Foundations Wood Project Course**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Space of Her Own (SOHO)**, Wood Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Mixed Media Image Transfer**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
**Woodshop Go-Carts**, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
- 2016 **Three's A Crowd**, Penland School of Crafts, assistant to Matt Hutton | Penland, NC  
**Woodblock and Relief Prints**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA  
**Space of Her Own (SOHO)**, Wood Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Planes, Trains, & Automobiles**, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Image Transfers**, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA  
**Graduate Mentorship Program**, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- 2015 **Woodcut: an Exploratory Approach**, Penland School of Crafts, assistant to John Pratt | Penland, NC  
**Graduate Mentorship Program**, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA

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**Beginning Woodworking**, Graduate Teaching Assistant, VCU | Richmond, VA

2014 | **Exploring Tambours**, Haystack Mountain School, assistant to Wendy Maruyama | Deer Isle, ME  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Intermediate Woodworking, VCU | Richmond, VA

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## EXHIBITIONS

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2019 | **Conflict Exchange: NVAM Triennial**, *collaboration with Wafaa Bilal & Combat Papers* | Chicago, IL  
**Rhode Island Center for Photographic Art**, *Collective Cadence & Art of War* | Providence, RI  
**Juror - Hygienic Art Galleries and Visual Art Library**, *Journeys Onward* | New London, CT  
**Australia National Veterans Art Museum**, *International Veterans Art Exhibition '19* | Sydney, Australia  
**Visual Arts Center of Richmond**, *[WORK]* | Richmond, VA  
**Furniture Society GroundWork Conference**, *Member Gallery* | Milwaukee, WI  
**Northern State University**, *The Path to Reintegration* | Aberdeen, SD

2018 | **Australia National Veterans Art Museum**, *International Veterans Art Exhibition '18* | Sydney, Australia  
**National Veterans Art Museum**, *Artifacts* | Chicago, IL  
**Haystack Mountain School of Craft**, *Reflections* | Deer Isle, ME  
**Artspace Raleigh**, *Art of War* | Raleigh, NC  
**Southern Pennsylvania Public Arts**, *RethinkVets* | Pittsburgh, PA

2017 | **Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**, *United By Hand* | Houston, TX  
**Virginia War Memorial**, *Art of War Expo* | Richmond, VA  
**The Depot Gallery**, *CreatiVets, Aftermath* | Richmond, VA  
**November Gallery at Westminster Canterbury**, *Homegrown* | Richmond, VA  
**Hygienic Art Galleries and Visual Art Library**, *Journeys Onward* | New London, CT  
**Umpqua Valley Arts Association**, *Downrange* | Roseburg, OR

2016 | **The Depot Gallery**, **VCU MFA Thesis Exhibition**, *Collective Cadence* | Richmond, VA  
**Center for Art in Wood**, *On the Edge of Your Seat: Chairs for the 21st Century*, Jurors: Nora Atkinson, Jasper Brinton, Benjamin Colman, Susie J. Silbert | Philadelphia, PA  
**Art League of Rhode Island**, *Support and Defend* | Providence, RI  
**Flanagan Art Gallery**, *Home: There and Back* | Lincoln, RI  
**Artober RVA**, *Collective Cadence* | Hull Street Library, Richmond, VA  
**Community College of Rhode Island**, *Service* | Warwick, RI  
**Arrowmont School of Crafts Gallery**, *Touch: Interactive Craft*, Emily Zilber, Juror | Gatlinburg, TN

2015 | **Riverviews Art Space**, *7th Annual Juried Show*, Mary Holland, Juror | Lynchburg, VA | *3rd Place*  
**Frederick Center for the Creative Arts**, *Raw Emotions* | Fredericksburg, VA | *Best in Show*  
**Candidacy Show**, *Warehouse 22* | Richmond, VA  
**American Tobacco Campus**, *Home: FS15, The Furniture Society* | Durham, NC  
**American Craft Council Show**, selected works of VCU | Baltimore, MD

2014 | **FAB Gallery**, *Forefront* | Richmond, VA

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- 2013 **Vermont Fine Furniture and Wood Products Design Show** | Woodstock, VT | *Best in Show*  
**New Hampshire Furniture Masters Gallery, *Fast Forward: Mentoring Makers*** | Concord, NH  
**Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center, *Student Work: Legacy of an Instructor*** | Burlington, VT  
**Gumbo Art Exhibit**, selected works of Burlington College | Burlington, VT
- 2012 **Vermont Fine Furniture and Wood Products Design Show** | Woodstock, VT | *1<sup>st</sup> Place, Student*  
**Gumbo Art Exhibit**, selected works of Burlington College | Burlington, VT

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## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2019 **American Craft Council 2019 Conference Scholarship** | *Present Tense* | Philadelphia, PA  
**Penland Scholarship in Wood** | *Studio Assistant Scholarship* | Penland School of Crafts, NC
- 2018 **Armed Services Arts Partnership** | *Continuing Education Scholarship* | Alexandria, VA
- 2017 **Culture Works Artist Building Capacities Grant, *Collective Cadence Project*** | Richmond, VA  
**VCU Adjunct Grant** | Richmond, VA
- 2016 **NICHE Awards, *Fallen Soldiers***, Finalist in Student Wood Category  
**American Craft Council 2016 Conference Scholarship, *Present Tense*** | Omaha, NE  
**VCU Graduate Research Grant, *Collective Cadence*** Thesis Exhibition | Richmond, VA  
**VCU Travel Grant, *Reintegration*** Installation | Philadelphia, PA  
**Penland Scholarship in Wood** | *Studio Assistant Scholarship* | Penland School of Crafts, NC
- 2015 **VMFA Visual Arts Fellowship (Graduate Student)**, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts | Richmond, VA  
**Emerging Artist and Innovators VMFA Product Award Recipient**, VMFA | Richmond, VA  
**Furniture Society Educational Grant**, The Furniture Society | Winston-Salem, NC  
**Anderson Ranch Scholarship in Wood** | Anderson Ranch Arts Center, CO  
**Dana Foundation Scholarship in Glass** | Corning Museum of Glass, NY  
**Dr. Judith Temple Scholarship in Textiles** | Arromont School of Arts and Crafts, TN  
**Penland Scholarship in Printmaking** | *Studio Assistant Scholarship* | Penland School of Crafts, NC  
**Wall of Fame**, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT  
**Honor Society**, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA  
**Best in Show, "Raw Emotions"** October Regional | Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, VA
- 2014 **NICHE Awards, *The High One***, Finalist in Student Wood Category  
**Samuel J. and Eleanor Rosenfeld Scholarship in Wood** | Haystack MT School of Crafts, ME
- 2013 **Haystack Mountain School of Craft** | *Studio Assistant Scholarship* | Deer Isle, ME  
**Best In Show, *Through the Looking Glass***, Vermont Fine Furniture and Wood Products Design Competition  
| Woodstock, VT  
**First Place – Student Apprentice, *Through the Looking Glass***, Vermont Fine Furniture and Wood Products  
Design Competition | Woodstock, VT  
**Inaugural Robert Fletcher Memorial Award**, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT

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- 2012 **First Place – Student Apprentice**, *Patriotic Poker*, Vermont Fine Furniture and Wood Products Design Competition | Woodstock, VT
- 2007 **Communicative Skills Award**, Aviation Captain’s Career Course, Fort Rucker, AL
- 2003 **Commandant’s List Graduate**, U.S. Army Officer’s Basic Course, Ft. Rucker, AL
- 2001 **Cum Laude Honor Graduate**, Ohio University, Athens, OH  
**Distinguished Military Graduate**, Ohio University, Athens, OH

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## PRESS

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- 2019 *Style Weekly*, “In the Studio” | June 12, 2019
- 2018 *R•Home Magazine*, “Richmond’s Furniture Makers” | January/February  
*Virginia Currents*, PBS WCEV Richmond | April  
*USAA Artist Highlight*, “Fallen Soldiers and Memorial Day” | May
- 2017 *Richmond Times Dispatch*, “Bridging a Divide” Sunday Flair Section | June 25  
*Houston Chronicle*, “Art Daybook: A Roll Call That Never Ends” | April ( )  
*Visual Arts Center Newsletter*, “Alicia Dietz: Former Blackhawk helicopter pilot is back with ArtVenture’s popular go-cart making class” | May
- 2016 *American Craft*, “Zoom: On Our Radar” | June/July  
*On the Edge of Your Seat: Chairs for the 21st Century* (book), Center for Art in Wood, Schiffer Publishing
- 2015 *Rooted: Creating a Sense of Place: Studio Furniture* (book), Steffanie Dotson, Douglas Congdon-Martin, Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.  
*The Herald-Sun*. “Rags to Riches: Combat Paper Project transforms military uniforms into works of art” Durham, NC | Jan 30
- 2014 *Fine Woodworking*, “Readers Gallery” | August  
*Woodwork Magazine*, “Recent Work Gallery: The Furniture Society” | Winter Issue  
*The Journal of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers* “Mentoring Makers.” | December  
*Woodworker’s Journal eZine*, “Alicia Dietz: Piloting Her Career into Woodworking” | November

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## MEMBERSHIPS AND BOARDS

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- The Mighty Pen Project**, Board/Advisory member, Virginia War Memorial | Richmond, VA (2018-present)  
**Armed Services Arts Partnership**, member | Arlington, VA (2016-present)  
**The Furniture Society**, member | (2011-present)  
**American Craft Council**, member | Minneapolis, MN (2014-present)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **United States Army, 2001 – 2011**

Served ten years in combat and in peace keeping operations as a U.S. Army Officer, UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot, Maintenance Test Pilot, and Company Commander two separate times in charge of over 125 soldiers. As a pilot, I flew over 1,000 accident-free hours. As a commander, I was accountable for over \$92 million worth of equipment and earned numerous awards for service. But more importantly, as a leader of troops, I developed a climate of teamwork, loyalty, and trust. The skills I developed in the military are evident every day of my life, both inside and outside the workshop.