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Creative interior designer dedicated to crafting inspiring, personalized spaces that reflect clients' unique visions while delivering functional and aesthetically pleasing solutions. Dedicated to delivering exceptional client experiences through collaboration and innovative design.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Interior Design

Virginia Commonwealth University
School of the Arts in Qatar
(VCUarts Qatar)

Education City, Doha, Qatar

Skills

Computer

Rhino 3D ●●●

Photoshop ●●●●

InDesign ●●●●

Sketchup ●●●

Revit ●●●

AutoCAD ●●●●

V-ray ●●●●

Enscape ●●●●

Microsoft Office Suite ●●●●●

Languages

- English (*fluent*)

- Urdu (*native*)

- Hindi (*conversational*)

Multi-media Arts

- Still-life drawing

- Free-hand sketching

- Perspective sketching

- Marker rendering

University Awards

5 Dean's List Certificates (2020,
2022, 2023)

Cum Laude Latin Honors

Experience

Part-time

VCUQ, Interior Design Professor's Assistant - Aug to Dec 2024

- Collaborate with the professor to support classroom instruction and enhance student learning experiences.
- Provide academic assistance to students during designated office hours, addressing questions and offering constructive feedback.
- Facilitate communication between students and the professor, ensuring timely responses to inquiries.
- Assist in evaluating student assignments and providing insightful feedback to promote academic growth.
- Organize and coordinate educational trips to deepen students' understanding of course material and real-world applications.
- Contribute to the development of course materials and resources to support diverse learning styles.
- Organization and compilation of past records of students and classes.

VCUQ Print Lab Monitor - Aug 2023 to May 2024

- Gained knowledge of various printer types, including inkjet, laser, and risograph.
- Developed problem-solving skills to address issues with different printer models.
- Assisted students in document preparation, utilizing the university's booking system, and troubleshooting any arising issues.
- Supported the Print Lab Technician in maintaining machinery to ensure optimal functionality.

Internship

Design House Interiors (DHI), Interior Design Intern - May to June 2023

- Completed over 160 hours of internship, gaining exposure to various departments, including Furniture, Design, Concept, and Technical.
- Developed luxury design concepts for diverse spaces, including a nursery and a majlis, collaborating with my manager to refine ideas before submitting to clients. Enhanced knowledge of materials, wall finishes, and sophisticated design principles.
- Supervised the installation team on-site, acquiring experience in accessorization and site preparation.
- Created schedules for sanitary fixtures and furniture as part of the furniture team for ongoing projects.
- Produced mock technical drawings for all spaces, including electrical plans, sectional elevations, and partition layouts.

Interests

- Still-life drawing and free-hand architectural sketching
 - Volunteering at local and international organizations
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Achievements

Publications

AZADI, Featured in Dezeen - June 2024 <https://shorturl.at/mqf31>

- My thesis project, AZADI, focuses on providing financial independence and respite to the battered women of Baluchistan.
- Dezeen is the world's leading Architecture, Interior, and Design magazine.

Awards

Arts Thread, Global Creative Graduate Showcase - Shortlisted, 2024

- A global competition focusing on graduate projects from various disciplines of design to be judged by industry leaders as well as the public.
- My thesis project, AZADI, was shortlisted for the Product / Architectures / Interiors category under the specialisms "design for social good" and "design research".

Exhibitions

Art and Design as a Form of Cultural Expression, VCU Richmond, Qatar Week - Oct to Nov 2024

- Qatar week is an event in which undergraduate and graduate art and design projects from VCU Qatar are displayed in VCU Richmond as a method of cultural exchange.
- My thesis project, AZADI, will represent the Interior Design Department of VCU Qatar.

Activities

Student Trip

Sweden - 2024

- Attended Stockholm Design Week and the Stockholm Furniture Fair, gaining insights into diverse woodworking techniques.
- Explored various design firms to understand their work methods, expertise, and clientele.
- Engaged with multiple universities to learn about their design programs and establish valuable connections.

Volunteering

Doha International Centre for Special Needs, Interior Design Workshop - 2023

- Aided participants with Down Syndrome in creating a model of an interior space.

FIFA World Cup Qatar, Media Operations - 2022

- Collaborated with Media Operations volunteers to prepare media zones for events.
- Conducted equipment checks and monitored zones ahead of matches.
- Ensured compliance with FIFA protocols through effective communication with team members and officials.

Conferences

Tasmeem Doha Forensic Architecture Masterclass by Eyal Weizman - 2022

- Learned how architecture can be used to investigate human rights violations through model making, architectural analysis, and immersive technologies.
- The class particularly focused on the experiences of Eyal Weizman with investigating the violence committed against Palestinians.