

◆ Education

2016 — 2018

Master of Fine Arts in 3D Design
Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

2010 — 2014

Diploma in Furniture and Spatial Design
Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru, India

◆ Teaching Experience

2022 — *Present*

Assistant Professor of Industrial Design
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

Serving as a tenure-track faculty member, I teach across both graduate and undergraduate programs. My research practice bridges community engagement, public space, and social practice with industrial design, integrating intervention and speculation as critical methods of inquiry and experimentation.

2020 — 2022

Clinical Assistant Professor of Industrial Design
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Teaching Industrial Design to undergraduate and graduate students at ASU. Some of my courses include Drawing for Industrial Design, Houseware Design, Sophomore Design Studio, and Design for Play. I also served in the search committee for Industrial Design Chair.

2018 — 2020

AICAD Post Graduate Teaching Fellow of Industrial Design
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

The Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design (AICAD) Fellowship program seeks to provide professional practice opportunities to high-achieving alumni, while also increasing the racial and ethnic diversity of faculty at these institutions. As a Fellow, I served as a full-time faculty member with a teaching load of three courses per semester. During this time, I developed and taught courses including Design for India, Design for Protest, and Body as Site.

◆ Selected Professional Experience

January — May 2016

Product Manager, Livspace
Bengaluru, India

Developed and managed eight product ranges in the category of Modular Furniture. Trained over 70 interior designers across nation in product specifications and innovation in interior design.

*March 2015
— January 2016*

Product Manager and Designer, Homelane
Bengaluru, India

Designed fixed modular furniture while creating standards for easy site adaptation. Assisted freelance interior designers in understanding of product details to be further communicated to the clients.

January — May 2013

Part-time Product + Urban Designer, SELCO Solar Pvt. Ltd.
Bangalore, India

Constructed houses and tents at multiple locations of slum dwelling. Worked with found material and sustainable energy systems to provide alternate solutions to rat infestation, lack of ventilation and poor indoor lighting.

◆ Grants & Fellowships

2026

The Climatebase Fellowship, Cohort 9 (Declined)
Climate Stories

2025

The Independent Project, The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and The Architectural League of New York
Climate Stories
Principal Investigator, \$10,000

2025

Taconic Fellowship, Pratt Centre, NY
Climate Stories
Principal Investigator, \$12,000

2024

Create and Connect, The Laundromat Project, NY
Know Your Rights Community Training
Principal Investigator, \$1000

2024

Faculty Development Fund, Pratt Institute, NY
Invited Workshop at University of Buenos Aires
Principal Lead, \$5000

2024

K-12 Fellowship, Pratt Institute, NY
Climate Stories
Principal Investigator, \$8,000

2023

Center for Teaching and Learning Fellowship, Pratt Institute, NY
Object Based Learning
Principal Investigator

- 2018-2020 **The Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design (AICAD) Fellowship, Pratt Institute, NY**
Highly Competitive

- 2020 **Strategic Funding Award, Pratt Institute, NY**
Inclusive Ecologies
Collaborator, \$21,500

- 2019 **Academic Initiatives Fund, Pratt Institute, NY**
Principal Investigator, \$750

- 2019 **SEED Grant Award, Pratt Institute, NY**
Principal Investigator, \$2500

- 2017 **Award, Studio Council, Cranbrook Academy of Art, MI**
Collaborator, \$2,000

◆ [Practice based Research](#)

- 2025 — *Present* **Participatory Ecologies Lab**
Founder
Parti-Eco is an interdisciplinary design laboratory that addresses local environmental and socioeconomic challenges through participatory action research, civic engagement, and design interventions.

- 2024 — *Present* **Climate Stories**
Principal Investigator
A mobile educational platform designed to introduce climate concepts, compassionate engagement, and actionable knowledge through interactive storytelling and play-based learning to 7-11 year old students in NYC public schools. The project has been awarded \$43,000 in the past two years and has been awarded 'Excellence in Community Engagement' at Pratt Research Open House.

- 2025 **Pratt's Mobile Library**
Invited Designer
A mobile cart designed to display and transport books to sites within Pratt Campus for events. It features customizable pegboard sides with detachable shelving in a folding "butterfly" design.

- 2022 — 2024 **Design Clinic**
Co-Lead
A collective of three designers working together to democratize design research, knowledge, and methodologies through collaborative and interdisciplinary efforts across various levels. It breaks down barriers for people who are unfamiliar with transformative power of design and don't feel confident in their ability to apply design on their own.

◆ Invited Lectures and Workshops

- 2025 **Workshop, Made in NYC**
Know your User: Persona and Customer Journey
- 2024 **Workshop, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Body as Site
- 2024 **Talk, EPA Administrator Micheal Regan, Pratt Research Yard, NY**
Climate Stories
- 2024 **Lecture, University of Palermo, Argentina**
- 2023 **Lecture, Faculty Spotlight, CTL, Pratt Institute, NY**
- 2021 **Workshop, Design, Sustainability & Culture, Kenyon College, OH**
- 2021 **Lecture, Design Pedagogy Symposium, School of Form, Poland**
- 2021 **Talk, Civic Art Lab: Regenerative Futures, NY**
- 2019 **Talk, Fall Forum: Frameworks on Equity and Inclusion**
Pratt Institute, NY
- 2019 **Workshop, Dekalb Gallery, Pratt Institute, NY**
Collaboration