

# KARINE SARKISSIAN

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## EDUCATION

### **General Assembly, New York, NY**

Product Management // April-June 2015

### **Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD**

BFA in Environmental Design // Minors: Art History, Curatorial Studies  
May 2013, GPA 3.98/4.0

### **MICA - Art in Berlin after 1989**

Summer exchange - Art History in Berlin // Summer 2012

### **Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark**

Semester Intensive in Urban Design // Spring 2012

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Selected Jury Member / Baltimore, MD**

Student Space Gallery Jury // Sept-May 2012  
Selected student artists for monthly exhibitions at MICA

### **Art Therapist and Program Leader / Baltimore, MD**

Sister Together and Reaching (STAR) // Sept-Dec 2010  
Created and ran a weekly art workshop for female African American AIDS victims

### **Marketing and Communications Intern / Beirut, Lebanon**

Beirut Art Center // Jun-Aug 2010  
Assembled press releases, gallery catalogs, assisted and communicated with artists

### **Art Therapist and Program Leader / Baltimore, MD**

Women Healing Our Lives Entirely (WHOLE) // Jan-May 2010  
Directed weekly art therapy workshops for National Women's Prison  
Project for trauma survivors

### **Art Teacher and Program Leader / Baltimore, MD**

Mount Royal Elementary and Middle School // Sept-Dec 2009  
Taught weekly art class to 3rd graders

### **Founder and Organizer / Beirut, Lebanon**

"Grow Green Campaign" for Forests of Lebanon // Sept - June 2009  
Created the program, raised funds to plant trees in the Red Cross vicinity of Lebanon

## SKILLS

Urban Design and Planning, Architecture, Architectural Drafting, AutoCAD, Model Making, 3D Modeling and Printing (CNC), Sustainable Design, Graphics, Wood and Metal working

Mac and PC platforms, MS Office Suite, Adobe Suite, AutoCAD, 3dsMax, Rhino 5

English, French, Arabic, Armenian

Nationality: American, Lebanese

## DESIGN EXPERIENCE

### **Carlos Zapata Studio**

New York, NY  
Architectural Designer // Jul 2013- Present

### **Design for Change**

Lille, France  
Selected Design Correspondent // Aug-March 2013  
Institutional representative of the competition submission from MICA

### **American University of Beirut, Neighborhood Initiative**

Beirut, LB  
Mapping Intern // Jul-Aug 2012  
Investigated the neighborhood, created database maps with ArcGIS

### **Zaha Hadid Architects**

London, UK  
Design Intern // Jun-July 2012  
Built an installation for London Architecture week modeled on Rhinoceros 3D

### **Ismael Leyva Architects**

New York, NY  
Architecture and Design Intern // Jun-Aug 2011  
Architectural drawings, project books, assisted the principal

### **Baltimore: Open City**

Baltimore, MD  
Curatorial and Communications team // Sept-May 2011  
Architectural design for the exhibition, collaborating curator  
baltimoreopencity.com

## HONORS

Mark Stempel Thesis Prize in Environmental Design // 2013  
Art History and Criticism Departmental Recognition Award // 2011  
France Merrick Special Project Fund // 2011  
Student Affairs Community Service Fund // 2011  
Foundation Recognition Award // 2010  
Dean's List // 2009 - 2013  
Trustee Scholar, MICA // 2009 - 2013

## EXHIBITIONS

American Institute of Architects (AIA), Baltimore, MD // 2010  
Artists Ball, ICO Chelsea Gallery, NY, NY // 2010  
Eco Friendly Expo, NY, NY // 2010  
International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF),  
Jacobs Javits Center, NY, NY // 2010  
Intramuros International Design Magazine // September 2010 issue