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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)**, MFA Furniture Design & Woodworking | Richmond, VA
Three's A Crowd, Penland School of Crafts, assistant to Matt Hutton | Penland, NC
- 2015 **Emerging Artists and Innovators**, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
Woodcut: an Exploratory Approach, Penland School of Crafts, assistant to John Pratt | Penland, NC
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, Arromont School of Arts and Crafts | Gatlinburg, TN
- 2014 **Exploring Tambours**, Haystack Mountain School, assistant to Wendy Maruyama | Deer Isle, ME
- 2013 **Internship with Wendy Maruyama**, Artist and Educator | San Diego, CA
Mentorship Group with Garrett Hack, NH Furniture Masters Member | Thetford Center, VT
Advanced Woodworking and Furniture Certificate, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT
- 2012 **Woodworking and Furniture Certificate**, Vermont Woodworking School | Cambridge, VT
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
- 2001 **Bachelor of Science Journalism (BSJ), Journalism-Advertising Management**, Ohio University, Athens, OH

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2016 **Mellow Mushroom**, *The Forest for the Trees* | 1409 Huguenot Rd, Midlothian, VA
- Veterans and Athletes United (VAU)**, *Fallen Soldiers Memorial* | Richmond, VA (*working*)
- Chez Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education**, *Battle Beyond the Battlefield* | University of Illinois, Champaign, IL (*working*)

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

- 2017 **CreatiVets Combat Veteran Intro to the Arts**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University in association with CreatiVets, Chicago | Richmond, VA
- Advanced Woodworking**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- Beginning Woodworking**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- Art Foundations Wood Project Course**, Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
- Mixed Media Image Transfer**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center | Richmond, VA

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2017 (*upcoming*)

Woodshop Go-Carts, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
Image Transfers, ArtVenture Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
Bandsaw Boxes, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA

2016 **Woodblock and Relief Prints**, Adult Education Instructor, Visual Arts Center | 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 **Space of Her Own (SOHO)**, Wood Instructor, Visual Arts Center of Richmond | Richmond, VA
Graduate Mentorship Program, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA
Beginning Woodworking, Graduate Teaching Assistant, VCU | Richmond, VA

2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Intermediate Woodworking, VCU | Richmond, VA

EXHIBITIONS

2017 **Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**, *United By Hand* | Houston, TX
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
Artspace Raleigh, *Reflections* | Raleigh, NC (*upcoming*)
Umpqua Valley Arts Association, *Downrange* | Roseburg, OR (*upcoming*)

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 | *1st Place, Student*
Gumbo Art Exhibit, selected works of Burlington College | Burlington, VT

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 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 | 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 | 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 | **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
- 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

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2001 | **Cum Laude Honor Graduate**, Ohio University, Athens, OH
Distinguished Military Graduate, Ohio University, Athens, OH

PUBLICATIONS

2017 | *Richmond Times Dispatch*, “Bridging a Divide” Sunday Flair Section | June 25
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
New Hampshire Home “On the Town: Fine Furniture.” | Jan-Feb
The Journal of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers “Mentoring Makers.” | December
Woodworker’s Journal eZine, “Alicia Dietz: Piloting Her Career into Woodworking” | November
Vermont Standard “Annual Vermont Fine Furniture Woodworking and Forest Festival A Hit.” | October 3

MEMBERSHIPS AND BOARDS

The Mighty Pen Project, board member, Virginia War Memorial | Richmond, VA (2016-present)
United States Veterans’ Artists Alliance, Virginia Representative | Culver City, CA (2015-present)
Armed Services Arts Partnership, member | Arlington, VA (2016-present)
Team RWB, member | Richmond, VA (2015-present)
Graduate Artist Association, Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, VA (2014-2016)
The Furniture Society, member | Winston-Salem, NC (2011-present)
American Craft Council, member | Minneapolis, MN (2014-present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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.