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EDUCATION

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

BFA, Double Major in History of Art and Architecture and Costume Design, expected June 2025

Capstone Paper: "Egon Schiele's *Russian War Prisoner* and the Restitution of Nazi-Confiscated Art."

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative Training Scholarship, American Theatre Wing, 2020

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Henri Matisse's *Daisies*, 1939 and Nazi-Confiscated Art" DePaul University Night at the Art Institute of Chicago. DePaul University and the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 15th, 2025.

"Egon Schiele's *Russian War Prisoner* and the Restitution of Nazi-Confiscated Art" 2025 Intercollegiate Art History Symposium. University of Chicago and School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 12th, 2025.

"Egon Schiele's *Russian War Prisoner* and the Restitution of Nazi-Confiscated Art" 20th Undergraduate History of Art and Architecture Symposium. DePaul University, Chicago, IL, March 13th, 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor Yun-Chen Lu, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant, January 2025 to Present

- Curated and analyzed scholarly literature on illness and disability in Chinese art, with a focus on artists Wang Shishen and Luo Ping of the Eight Eccentrics of Yangzhou.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pentel of America, Torrance, CA,

Pentel Student Ambassador, January 2025 to May 2025

- Represented Pentel on DePaul's campus through strategic promotional efforts, including social media campaigns, peer engagement, and collaboration with student organizations.
- Planned and hosted interactive tabling events, encouraging student participation through a campus mural project and distributing free Pentel products to enhance brand visibility and student engagement.

DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL,

Collections & Records Management Intern, June 2024 to August 2024

- Authored extended interpretive labels for 23 artworks in the museum's collection database, emphasizing 20th- and early 21st-century prints by artists including Salvador Dalí, Philip Pearlstein, and Chicago-based artists such as Nicolas DeJesus, Cathy Cajandig, and George Josimovich.
- Participated in the de-installation of *Selva Aparicio: In Memory Of* and the installation of *Edgar Miller: Anti-Modern, 1917–1967* and *The Spaces We Call Home* Exhibitions.
- Supported exhibition preparation by writing detailed condition reports and handling incoming loaned artworks according to museum best practices.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ryan Learning Center, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL,

Student Experience Volunteer, January 2025 to Present

- Welcome and orient K-12 school groups participating in teacher-led, self-guided tours at the museum.
- Provide logistical and interpersonal support to ensure a welcoming, enriching, and educational museum visit experience.

The Theatre School at DePaul University, Chicago, IL,

Goodman Orientation Detail Mentor, August 2022 to Present

- Selected as an upperclass mentor to support incoming Theatre School students through one-on-one guidance, academic and social integration, and community-building activities.
- Extended mentorship into production environments, collaborating with my mentee in a theatrical role such as a Wardrobe Crew Member (*A Wrinkle in Time*, 2023) and Assistant Costume Designer (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 2024)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DePaul University Student Centers Building Operations, Chicago, IL,

Student Building Operations Manager, August 2024 to Present

- Manage day-to-day building operations across the Student Center, Cortelyou Commons, and the Quadrangle.
- Supervise and train student staff during event setup and facility preparation, ensuring adherence to safety and university protocols.
- Serve as a liaison for clients and event organizers; coordinate event logistics and troubleshoot issues in real time to ensure successful event execution.
- Perform administrative tasks, including scheduling setup times, reporting, and inventory management, to support overall departmental goals.

DePaul University Student Centers Building Operations, Chicago, IL,

Student Crew, October 2021 to August 2024

- Executed all event setups, breakdowns, and general maintenance tasks for campus facilities.
- Supported university events by ensuring spaces were safe, accessible, and appropriately configured for a range of activities.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

College Art Association

LANGUAGES

English (Native Speaker), German (Basic Reading Knowledge)