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Education

- 2023 Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA
MFA in Painting
- 2008 American University in Dubai Dubai, UAE
BFA in Visual Communication, concentration in Creative Advertising

Fellowships & Residencies

- 2024 Penland Winter Residency NC, USA
- 2017 Salama bint Hamdan Emerging Artist Fellowship Abu Dhabi, UAE

Awards

- 2023 Nominated for the AICAD Teaching Fellowship (in process) USA
- 2021 Full MFA Scholarship from the Salama bint Hamdan Al-Nahyan Foundation Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2016 1st Place Winner – Fine Arts category, Sheikhha Manal Young Artists Award Dubai, UAE

Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Traversing Terrain*, Gilman Gallery RI, USA
Rota Fortuna, Field Projects NYC, USA
RISD Grad Show 2023, Convention Center RI, USA
Fractals of Fabulations, Nightingale–Brown House RI, USA
The Space in Between, Old Library, RISD RI, USA
Field Works, Red Eye Gallery, RISD RI, USA
- 2022 *Triennial Exhibition*, Woods Gerry Gallery, RISD RI, USA
While the Coffee Grounds Settle, Fathom Gallery WA, USA
A Moment That Lasts Beyond, Sol Koffler Gallery, RISD RI, USA
- 2021 *Connected, Collected*, Sotheby's Dubai, UAE
The Disappearing Art Show, Warehouse 44, Alserkal Avenue Dubai, UAE
- 2020 *Playing Spaces*, Warehouse 44, Alserkal Avenue Dubai, UAE
- 2019 *House of Failure*, Tashkeel, Sikka Art Fair Dubai, UAE
- 2018 *Cry Me a River*, DAMAC Smart Heights Dubai, UAE
- 2017 *Art: Process & Practice (SEAF)*, Warehouse421 Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2016 *Sheikha Manal Young Artist Award*, Citywalk Dubai, UAE
Rebirth/Transitions, Pro Art Gallery Dubai, UAE
Mother Series, Sikka Art Fair Dubai, UAE
- 2008 *VC '08 Senior Show*, The Courtyard Gallery Dubai, UAE

Bibliography

- | Nadine Khalil, "The Suffering Body" Alserkal Avenue, October 06, 2021
- | Melissa Gronlund, "11 Artists in the UAE to Watch in the Coming Year" The National, December 04, 2020
- | Alexandra Chaves, "101 Presents New Ways of Buying and Experiencing Art" The National, November 23, 2020
- | Safa' Shebly, "OMG Boobies!" Raseef 22, December 26, 2018
- | Ghazal Salah, "Between Art and Taboo" CNN Arabic, December 19, 2018
- | Sarah Ben Romdane, "The Syrian Artist Celebrating Women's Bodies" Mille World, October 24, 2018
- | Fatma Atfeh, "15 Promising Artists Mark their Graduation in Community & Critique" Ittihad, September 18, 2017

Panels

- 2020 'Is Bauhaus Possible Today?' part of a public programme designed by Kevin Jones at Jean-Paul Najjar Foundation Dubai, UAE
- 2019 'Taboo Art' with a presentation of my sculptural series OMG Boobies! on BBC Arabic's BBC Xtra* Beirut, Lebanon
- 2017 SEAF Cohort 4 'Community & Critique' at Warehouse421 Abu Dhabi, UAE

Assistantships

- 2023 Teaching Assistant to Leigh Tarentino, *Accessorizing Painting*, Brown University RI, USA
2022 Teaching Assistant to Kevin Zucker, *Junior Painting*, Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA
2022 Teaching Assistant to Dennis Congdon, *Sophomore Drawing*, Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA
2021 Teaching Assistant to Craig Taylor, *Junior Painting*, Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA

Teaching & Workshops

- 2023 STEAM Instructor (current/part-time), iCamp Westchester NY, USA
Color Theory (visiting instructor), University of Rhode Island RI, USA
2022 *(Re)Starting Your Creative Practice*, Blank Canvas Abu Dhabi, UAE
2021 Hirfati Youth Program, Irthi Contemporary Crafts Council Sharjah, UAE
2020 *Portraiture Painting (Acrylic)*, Manarat Al Saadiyat and Warehouse421 Abu Dhabi, UAE
Colour, Texture, & Shape, Jameel Art Center Dubai, UAE
2019 *Clay Sculptures*, Jameel Art Center Dubai, UAE
Portraiture Painting (Oil), Jameel Art Center Dubai, UAE
2018 *Portraiture Painting (Acrylic)*, Blank Canvas and Medaf Dubai Dubai, UAE

Other Projects

- 2019 *In-Transit Archives*, a series of recorded conversations with women based in the UAE from the MENASA diaspora.
Mural project with Blank Canvas at Al Wasla Festival, Burj Park Dubai, UAE
2015 Apprenticeship with visiting Columbian artist, Nicolas Paris, Sheikha Salama Program, Art Dubai, UAE
Restart The Art, thejamjar Dubai, UAE
2006 *Flight of the Falcons* public art project, American University in Dubai, UAE

Professional Experience

Nov – Sept 2023	The Dirt Palace RI, USA Assistant (internship)	Jan 2016 Aug 2015	Canvas Magazine Dubai, UAE Editorial Assistant
Sept 2023	Field Projects NY, USA Exhibition Assistant at SPRING/BREAK (internship)	Aug – July 2015	Brownbook Dubai, UAE Freelance Contributing Writer
Aug 2023	Heimbold Visual Arts Center NY, USA Gallery Installer (freelance)	June 2015 Oct 2014	ITP Dubai, UAE Editorial Assistant
Aug 2023	The Peanut Factory NC, USA Residency Assistant (internship)	Sept 2014 Nov 2010	Virgin Megastore Dubai, UAE Graphic Designer
Sept 2022 May 2023	V.1 Student Publication RI, USA Editorial Manager		
June 2021 Oct 2018	Motivate Media Group Dubai, UAE Publishing Manager - Books Division Jan – June 2021 Project Manager - Books Division Oct 2018 – Jan 2021		
Jan 2018 Feb 2016	Scratch Advertising & Communication Dubai, UAE Account Manager		

Other Experience

- 2021 – 2023 | Woodshop monitor, Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA
2022 – 2023 | Art handler and gallery installer, Rhode Island School of Design RI, USA
2022 – 2023 | Volunteer, Refugee Dream Center RI, USA
2020 | Volunteer, Covid Care Packages Dubai, USA
2010 – 2013 | Volunteer, Ramadan Care Packages Dubai, UAE

Languages

English **strong** / Arabic **native** / French **beginner**

Computer Skills

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop
MS Office / Google (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)