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EDUCATION

2016-2018 Harvard University. Graduate School of Design. Master in Design Studies in Critical Conservation

Cambridge, United States Interdisciplinary masters based on conservation philosophy and architecture.

Thesis on rivers as historical centers. Magdalena River, Colombia

2015 Schumacher College. Certificate in Holistic Science

Colombia/UK Biology, philosophy and Politics.

2012 Civic Centers. Certificate in Anthropology Photography

Barcelona. Spain 9-month photography travel through Asia, Africa and Europe

2007-2012 Universidad de los Andes

Bogotá, Colombia Bachelor in Architecture + Art Minor

2010 Universidad de Sao Paulo

Sao Paulo, Brasil Study abroad (Facultade de Arquitectura e Urbanismo)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 Third Price. Architecture Competition. Infrastructure River Restoration

Pavia, Italy Healing With Water. In collaboration with Valeria Paez Cala

2021 Winer Short Film

Madrid, España On Time. Collage Short Animation on Manzanares River. Matadero Madrid Animario.

2021 Selected Artist. The Climate Collection

USA Awarded Illustration for Fine Acts+ TED

2021 Honor. Re Naure Rome. Urbanism and Illustration

Rome, Italy Water Infrastructure in Rome. In colaboración with Valeria Paez Cala

2020 First Price. Sea Level Rise. Landscape and Urban Design International Competition

Vejle, Denmark The Membrane. In collaboration with 2Latitudes

2019 First Price. Architecture and Master Plan for Kalapa Holistic School

Bogotá, Colombia Landscape as a learning ground. In collaboration with Estudio Palafito

2017 Harvard University. Asian Center Summer Research Grant

Tokyo, Japan 3 month research on Japaneese Conservation methods. Shinto temples, wood craft and landscape.

2016 Fulbright Scholarship

Bogotá, Colombia Ministry of Culture for the Arts. Bogota, Colombia

2013 Cum Laude

Bogotá, Colombia Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia

EXHIBITIONS and Art RESIDENCIES

2022	Feria del Millón. Female Group Exhibition. Photography	Bogotá, Colombia
2019	UNION DOCS. Summer Documentary Lab for Research & Development.	New York, USA
2019	Galeria La Cometa. Auction. Cuerpos de Agua. Drawing.	Bogotá, Colombia
2019	CAD+SR Fellow at Seminar/Workshop on Indigenous Planetary Ways of Knowing.	Mérida, México.
2018	NARH. Art Residency. Research on Water. Public Art Installation	Bergamo, Italy
2017	Kura Gallery. Solo Exhibition. Line as Process. Video Installation+Collages.	Tokyo, Japan
2016	Harvard Student Art Show. Group Exhibition. Mythology and Memory.	Boston, USA
2016	Galería el Museo. Auction. Borders of Magdalena. Drawing.	Bogotá, Colombia
2015	Espacio Odeón. Group Exhibition. Travel Landscapes. Drawing.	Bogotá, Colombia
2015	Feria del Millón. Group Exhibition. Street Games. Drawing.	Bogotá, Colombia

ARTICLES AND PRESS

2021	Habitar Magzine. Proyects. Denn	nark Water Edge Design First Prise (with 2 Latitudes)	Bogota, Colombia
2020	Oblique. Harvard Architecture Co	nservation. 2nd Editor + Article on River Cosmology	Boston, USA
2018	Artefacto Visual. Estudios Visuales LatinoAmericanos. Lo Visto y lo Leído. Essay		Madrid, Spain
2017	Colombian Embassy in Japan	Colombian exhibition in Tokyo	Tokyo, Japón
2016	Caras Magazine	Culture Section. Invited Artist	Bogotá, Colombia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-Currently Illustration and Visual Design

Bogotá, Colombia

Possible Territorries Exhibition. Biblioteca Banco de la República

Banco de la Republica´s Exhibition on Magdalena Rivers Basin. Will be exhibited Nov 2023

2021-2022 Architecture Conservation: Facade Design. In collaboration with Valeria Paez

Madrid, Spain Centro Creciendo. Childrens Clinic

Architecture Conservation and Re-design of old Cinema´s facade of Rafael de la Hoz, to a

Children's Clinic of Centro Creciendo.

2020-Currently
Ibague, Colombia

Project Manager. Urban Design and Landscape
Master Plan and Urbanism: Cauchitos

Coordinating the design and development of a 160 hect urban project in Ibague, Colombia.

2020-2021 Professor. Research on Architecture, Art and Geography

Bogotá, Colombia

University of los Andes

Comunication and design course for last year students, focused on researching a geography or

other than human being, while exploring collage, film shorts and art installation.

2020-2021 Professor. Architecture and Landscape

University of los Andes

Bogotá, Colombia First year architecture studio. 3rd year Landscape Studio. Faculty of Architecture and Design.

Jan 2019-2021 Joint Senior Architect; Kalapa.

Architecture and Landscape Design of Private Montessori School

Bogotá, Colombia Architecture design of the Master Plan of a private School in Bogotá called Kalapa. In

Collaboration with two other main architects and an Ecologist.

First Prize Design Competition.

2019 Project Collaborator; Marco Antonio Castro Cosio.

New York, United States New York Hall of Science

Design in Residence.Bridging agriculture and urban surfaces through art and design.

2018 Project Manager; Katarina Burin

Cambridge, United States Now and There. Public Art Fund

Project manager of Public Art installation, event programming and web design.

2017-2018 Curator/ Co-Director of Exhibition Design; Kirkland Gallery.

Cambridge, United States

Harvard University. Graduate School of Design

A student organization dedicated to supporting the School of Design emerging artists/designers.

Multi-media exhibitions seeking out trans-disciplinary proposals that expand the creative ground.

2015-2018 Independent Research Based Project. Art and Policies.

Colombia Magdalena River. Colombia

Cultural Landscapes. Traveling 1500 km of Magdalena River by sailing, walking, and hiking. The project is an ethnographic, video installation and theory based research on the Heritage sites methodology in Colombia, where rivers are not part, but rather conceived as political borders, and

not as cultural connectors. This project asks to re-image and re-imagine rivers as borders or lines.

2013-2015 Junior Architect

Bogotá, Colombia Taller de S http://www.eltallerde-s.com

Projects worked in include Research, Architecture Restoration, Architecture design, and Landscape

design. Mostly focused on the relation between heritage and re-use.

2013 Junior Architect Lorenzo Castro Arquitectos

Bogotá, Colombia Competition Winners In partnership with OMA (Office of Metropolitan Architecture NY).

Urban Planing and Urban Design International competition of Urban Planing in South America won in Collaboration with OMA. The design of the 14 year Regional Plan (POT) for Sincelejo.

2013-2014 Art Director

F- L 2022

Bogotá, Colombia Crosswalks for Life https://cebrasporlavida.com/

Civic initiative that uses art and public space to address pedestrian infrastructure and civic

Medellin, Colombia culture. A call of attention on public policies. Walking Visionaries Award

LECTURES, REVIEWS AND GUEST CRIT

Feb 2023	Columbia University. Lecture on Water. Research Practice through Art and Design	Bogota, Colombia
Feb 2020	Universidad de los Andes. Regional Planing. Lecture on Art and Research	Bogotá, Colombia
Sept 2019	Pratt University. Urban Planing Dept. Guest Crit	New York, USA
Sept 2019	Columbia University. Anthropology Dept. Lecture on my Art Work Process	New York, USA
Jul 2019	Universidad de los Andes. Urban Planing Dept. Workshop on Representation.	Bogotá, Colombia