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Education

2022 – 2026 **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design**
Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts

Professional Experience

2024 – Present **The Commonwealth Times, Art Director (2025 – Present)**
Co-directing a team of three other designers while guiding layout and printing operations for the weekly print and social media issues. My contributions to the branding and design of the weekly independent newspaper have drastically boosted digital and physical engagement. From Spring to Fall 2025, the newspaper's Instagram profile has experienced a 622% gain in followers, a 710% gain in viewers, and a 312% increase in average views per post.

The Commonwealth Times, Graphic Designer (2024 – 2025)
Designed print layouts, infographics, and social media posts for issues, working with writers and editors effectively and promptly. Led a redesign of the logomark, nameplate, print, and digital assets in Spring 2025.

2024 – Present **Studio Two Three, Studio Monitor + Instructor**
Supporting studio operations by maintaining equipment, organizing spaces, and participating in/preparing spaces for events. Assisting with screen printing, risograph, and traditional print studios. Currently instructing Letterpress 101 and 102 classes and leading intermittent Screenprinting workshops.

2024 **VCUarts The Anderson, Social Media Intern**
Created graphics for the social media page dedicated to community outreach for gallery events, developed visual identities for gallery exhibitions, and organized archival material for introspective projects on past events and shows.

2023 – Present **Freelance, Designer/Printer**

2022 – 2023 **Institute for Contemporary Art, Student Council Member**
Developed print and social media graphics for two student-led events on the communications team in coordination with museum directors. Organized and volunteered in workshops for the VCU and Richmond community.

Awards/Honors

2024 **VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant**
2022 – Present **VCUarts Dean's List**

Notable Projects

2025 **Diasporica Prints, Francheska Alcántara** Silkscreen printing and editioning
2025 **The Commonwealth Times Rebrand** Print issue and Social media rebranding
2024 **Scales of Indifference** Open Call exhibition and catalog organized with Jenna Casey

Skills

Adobe Creative Suite InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro
Printing Inkjet, Laserjet, Letterpress, Photopolymer, Risograph, Screenprinting
Production Art Handling, Binding, Vinyl Install
Digital Production/Fileshare Dropbox, Figma, Google Suite, HTML/CSS, Shopify
Typesetting, Layout/Editorial Design