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Education

Xavier University – New Orleans, LA

May 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Education

Southern Methodist University – Dallas, TX

Fall 2025 -

Master of Arts, Arts & Non-profit Leadership,

Skills/Interests

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- Public Speaking
 - Community Engagement
 - Visitor Relations & Customer Service
 - Art Education
 - Storytelling
 - Team Collaboration
 - Grant Writing
 - Program Development
 - Art Handling & Installation
 - Emotional Intelligence
 - Communication
 - Event Coordination

Professional Experience

Southern Polymath Creative Consulting – Houston, TX

Jan. 2026 – Present

Assistant Curator & Communications Resident

- Support active exhibitions through research organization, artist communication, installation/deinstallation planning, and interpretive material development across multiple institutions.
- Assisted with marketing outreach, partner correspondence, and content coordination to strengthen exhibition visibility and engagement.
- Contributed to developing and documenting sustainable curatorial workflows, helping shape the structure for future support roles within a growing arts organization.

St. Augustine High School – New Orleans, LA

Jan. 2020 – May 2025

Art Educator, Visual Arts Teacher

- Implemented strategic event planning techniques to organize dynamic tabling events and competitions, aimed at enhancing educational outreach and community engagement.
- Facilitated hands-on instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, accommodating diverse learning styles and abilities.
- Curated student work for annual exhibitions, school-wide showcases, and community art events, promoting student pride and parental engagement.

Young Aspirations Young Artists, – New Orleans, LA

Sept. 2024 - Mar. 2025

Co Curator of Rooted Echoes Exhibition

- Collaborated with artists, community partners, and cultural stakeholders to conceptualize and deliver a cohesive exhibition theme focused on identity, ancestral memory, and cultural storytelling
- Managed project timelines, installation logistics, and cross-team communications
- Promoted the exhibition through social media and community partnerships, helping expand its audience reach
- Oversaw budget planning, including artist honoraria, materials, installation costs, and promotional expenses, ensuring resources were allocated efficiently and equitably

St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory High School – New Orleans, LA

Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2019

Art Teacher

- Integrated art history and cultural studies to enhance students' understanding of visual storytelling and creative expression.
- Assessed student progress using rubrics, critiques, and portfolio reviews, resulting in measurable skill improvement and increased student confidence.

- Designed and implemented an engaging visual arts curriculum aligned with state and national standards for grades 8-12.

Leadership and Volunteer Experience

Young Aspirations Young Artists, – New Orleans, LA

Jan. 2021 – May 2023

Director of Commissions

- Directed the full lifecycle of commissioned art projects from concept to completion, ensuring alignment with organizational goals, community impact, and artistic integrity.
- Developed and implemented commission policies, timelines, and budgets across multiple simultaneous projects, maintaining on-time and on-budget delivery.
- Acted as a liaison between artist, clients, and curators, and board members to ensure mutual understanding, transparency, and successful execution.

Leadership Council : Ana & Adeline Foundation – New Orleans, LA

Dec 2025-April 2026

Council Member

- Collaborated with executive leadership to review program performance, identify improvement areas, and ensure mission alignment.
- Contributed to the development and evaluation of strategic plans, ensuring alignment with community needs and organizational values, in order to become a permanent council for the Ana & Adeline Foundation.

Recent Art Exhibitions, Recognitions, & Leadership

Selected Exhibitions:

YA YA Arts Center – New Orleans, LA

Rooted Echoes: Co-Curated Art Exhibition for Prospect.6 2025

Manship Theatre Gallery - Baton Rouge, LA

A New Frame of Mind Group Exhibition 2025

Ashe Cultural Arts Center - New Orleans, LA

Katrina 20 Group Exhibition 2025

Dillard University - New Orleans, LA

“We are an Endangered Species” - Solo Exhibit 2023

Ogden Museum of Southern Art - New Orleans, LA

Louisiana Contemporary Group Exhibition 2021

Grants, Residencies, & Leadership Roles:

Southern Polymath Creative Consulting – Houston, TX

Assistant Curator 2025-Present

Ana & Adeline Foundation – New Orleans, LA (Hybrid)

Leadership Council: Ana & Adeline Foundation 2026

Rau Of Art Foundation – New Orleans, LA

Art Teaching Grant Recipient 2024-2025

YAYA Arts Center – New Orleans, LA

Board Member of YAYA Arts Center 2021

Joan Mitchell Center – New Orleans

AIR Residency 2021