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## SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite, Illustration, Comics, Reportage, Package design, Surface design, Advertising, Graphic Narratives.

**Languages:** English, Hindi, Marathi

## EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR - DESIGNER

(2016-Present), Selected Clients:

- Spotify
- Acrylicize
- Ole & Steen
- Simply Gum
- D & AD
- Accenture
- D & AD White Pencil Labs
- HP Indigo
- The New Yorker Magazine
- Queens Botanical Garden
- Food and Wine Magazine
- The Wilderness Society
- Leah Zallman Center for Immigrant Health Research X Cambridge Public Health Commission
- Next Street
- The Mcelroy Family podcasts
- Das Magazin
- Clos du Bois
- iHeart Radio
- Madame Poupon
- Uber India
- Pratham Books
- Rendez-vous Carnet Du Voyage
- Aval Cider
- Table Talk
- Street Lab NYC
- SPACE Gallery, Portland
- Institute of Psychiatric Health, Mumbai

## EDUCATION

### SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS, NY 2021

MFA in Illustration as Visual Essay  
Merit Scholarship Awardee : 2019, 2020  
Paula Rhodes Memorial Award for Exceptional Achievement in Master's Program : 2021

### PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN 2019

BFA in Illustration  
GPA: 3.94/4.00  
Departmental Honours,  
Dean's List : 2015 - 2019

## FULL TIME FACULTY

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

(September 2023- Present)

Department : Illustration

Courses: Illustrating Graphic Novels, Drawing: Observation to Concept, Word and Image, Junior Illustration, Digital Illustration, Digital Painting and Techniques.

## ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

(September 2022- 2023)

Department : Studio Foundation

Courses: Studio for Drawing, Visual Language, Local Ecosystems, Food Illustration.

## ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

Rhode Island School of Design

(2022- Present)

Department: Continuing Education

Course: Pre-College Illustration Major, Illustration major POD course.

## ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Parsons School of Design, The New School

(August 2021- May 2022)

Departments: First Year Department, Continuing Education Department

Courses: Drawing and Imaging, Drawing 101, Drawing the Imagination

## GUEST LECTURER

SVA (School of Visual Arts), Rutgers University, MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art), MassArt (Massachusetts College of Art), Crucial Comix, Sequential Artists Workshop.

## COMICS INSTRUCTOR at Zanbeel Art (2021)

Taught Zoom workshops titled, Visual Storytelling through Comics, to 5th Graders at The Watts Elementary School in South Los Angeles.

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR + ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

at Street Lab (2021)  
Organized, facilitated and taught non-profit workshops for all ages across NYC.

## STUDIO ASSISTANT

to Veronica Lawlor (2018) Helped with Production on her project with NYU Children's Hospital.

## DESIGN and PRODUCTION INTERN

at Valiant Entertainment (2018). I designed page layouts, advertisements, posters, shelf talkers, social media content and graphic printables for merchandise.

## ARTIST ASSISTANT and COLORIST

to Gabrielle Bell (2017). We worked on a comic for The Paris Review which won an Ignatz award in 2020.

## SOCIAL MEDIA and DESIGN INTERN

at Gaysi (2016). Brainstormed designed and illustrated content for social media campaigns for their Instagram account, blog and social events.

## DESIGN INTERN

at Ogilvy, Mumbai (2015). Worked with Senior Art Director on advertisement campaigns for:

- Tide (India)
- Amul Macho
- Hero Indian Super League
- Homecentre (Middle East)

## PEER ADVISOR + ORIENTATION LEADER

for the Parsons Advising Once (2016-2019)  
Mentored students, Communicated with parents, hosted and organized social events, and worked on social media campaigns across print, digital and video media.

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## AWARDS

### Comics and Illustration

- **Ignatz Award for Outstanding Comic Series 2025**
- The Athenaeum Gives Grant 2025
- Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo Mini-Grant 2024
- Comics Advocacy Group Grant 2024
- Center for Cartoon Studies BIPOC Scholarship 2024
- Short Run Seattle's Katie Kelso Travel Grant 2023
- ADC Young Ones Portfolio Award 2021
- D&AD New Blood Portfolio Award 2021
- SVA Alumni Scholarship Award 2021
- MoCCA Arts Festivals Awards for Excellence 2021
- Paula Rhodes Memorial Award for Exceptional Achievement in Master's Program 2021
- Merit Scholarship from School of Visual Arts 2020, 2019
- Departmental Honors at Parsons Graduation 2019

### Writing

- Pushcart Prize Nominee for Fiction 2023
- Subnivean poetry Award Finalist 2023-2024

## COMICS FAIRS

- MoCCA Arts Festival 2018 -- 2025
- Comic Arts Maine Portland Festival 2025
- Small Press Expo 2024, 2025
- Comic Arts Los Angeles 2025
- Berlin Art Book Fair 2024
- Philly Comics Expo (PCX) 2024
- Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo 2024,25
- Toronto Comic Arts Festival 2018, 2024
- Vancouver Comic Arts Festival 2019, 2024
- RISD Unbound 2023, 2024
- Short Run ,Seattle 2023
- Queer Trans Zine Fair 2023
- Boston Book Arts Fair 2022, 2023
- Pictobeach Bazaar 2023
- Rendez-vous Carnet Du Voyage  
(A Travel Illustration Festival in France) 2018, 2019
- Pittsburgh Zine Fest (PZF) 2019
- NY Independent Art Book Fair 2019
- Comic Arts Brooklyn 2018
- Women That Rock, NYC 2018
- Optikal Asylum (Mumbai) 2020

## GALLERY EXHIBITIONS:

- **United Nations 2024**
- Museum of Fine Arts Boston 2023
- 'Eat At Your Own Risk' at Out of Box Gallery,  
Jamestown 2023
- Gallery 263, Cambridge 2024
- Urbanica Gallery, Boston 2024
- Field Arts Gallery, NYC 2024
- Providence Public Library 2024
- Pao Arts Center, Boston 2023
- Jersey City City Hall 2021, 2022
- SVA Gramercy Gallery 2021
- Space Gallery, Portland 2021
- Zanbeel Art Gallery: Mapping Out A Field 2021
- Push Pull Solo Show 2019
- Secrets Risograph show (Hamburg, NYC) 2019
- School of Visual Arts Book Show 2019
- 12th Street Journal 2018
- OCD Chocolate 2019
- Smush Gallery 2018
- Parsons Gala 2017, 2018, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

- The New Yorker: Culture Desk
- The New Yorker: Daily Shouts
- The Nation: Opp Art
- Food & Spectacle Magazine
- Paper Planes Magazine
- Fruition Magazine
- Cake Zine: Vol 1
- VICE
- Subnivean Issue 9
- Subnivean Issue 10
- 12th Street Journal : Art
- 12th Street Journal : Fiction
- Hollywood Life
- The Gullet
- Smoke Signal 2018 : The Coney Island Issue
- Beholder Magazine Issues 1 and 2
- Chill Mag: Issue 2
- Chill Mag: Issue 0

## PRESS

- PRINT Mag: Graphic Design
- PRINT Mag: The Daily Heller
- American Illustration 38
- American Illustration 41
- Boston Art Review
- Boston Globe
- Creative Boom
- Seattle Times
- The Comics Beat
- TCAF Digital Showcase
- Paper Planes Magazine (Interview)
- Speciwomen Magazine (Interview)
- True North Country Comics  
(Podcast Interview)
- Vagabomb
- Rendez-vous Carnet Du Voyage Newspaper

## COMICS READINGS

- **United Nations 2024**
- Crucial Comix Workshop 2024
- Sequential Artists Workshop 2024
- Queer Trans Zine Fair 2023
- Carousel Comics Reading 2020, 2022, 2023
- Pao Arts Center, Boston 2023
- Panels To The People 2019