

MAHDER KEBEDE

EDUCATION

Parsons School of Design, The New School

MFA Interior Design

Graduated 05.2020

Dean's Merit Scholarship, Parsons, The New School

Virginia Commonwealth University

BS Business Marketing

Graduated 05.2017

VCU Globe Living - Learning Program

Certificate of Global Education

Graduated 12.2016

SKILLS

Sketchup

V-Ray for Sketchup

Rhinoceros

AutoCAD

Illustrator

InDesign

Photoshop

G Suite

Microsoft Suite

Hand drafting

iMovie

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: fluent

Amharic: fluent

French: intermediate

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Henrico County Adult Education Program

Teaching Assistant *Richmond, VA 08.2015 -*

05.2016

- Created tools for creative writing to bring ease in the learning experience for the adult bilingual individuals learning English
- Presented guides to encourage students to adjust to new ways of learning and adapting without judgement of their norms and culture
- Demonstrated care in the approach to assisting adult learners with the difficulties they were facing as I employ my own experiences in assimilating to

An Interior Designer with experience in market and customer satisfaction research. Devoted to creating spaces based on cultural attributes and underlying values which can offer opportunities to bridge boundaries.

INTERIOR DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Dani Arps LLC

Design Assistant *New York, NY 05.2019 - 11.2019*

- Drafted floor plans, elevations and furniture design for Day One Agency's new residential office using AutoCAD and Photoshop
- Organized and attended meetings with clients and team members to serve as a scribe by recording and reinterpreting meeting minutes
- Developed models from floor plans using Sketchup, to showcase concepts to clients
- Created mood boards for the secondary meetings with clients using Photoshop and InDesign

Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA)

Dining by Design Installation *New York, NY 02.2019 - 04.2019*

- Came first place in the Dining by Design competition and awarded a \$2000 sponsorship to design, build and install a 100 square feet dining space
- Developed a concept that integrates diverse communities and raises awareness of ways to mitigate negative stigma towards HIV/AIDS utilizing Sketchup, Photoshop and InDesign
- Designed and built the installation that was later exhibited at the Dining by Design dinner event hosted on 04.03.19

Parsons School of Constructed Environments (SCE)

Thesis Project: Be'te Efoyta *New York, NY 08.2019 - 05.2020*

<https://sites.google.com/newschool.edu/sce-mahder-kebede/home>

- Conducted research on-site in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and proposed a design for a re-imagination of an existing public restroom in the city

MARKETING EXPERIENCE

Center for Public Scholarship, The New School for Social Research

Event Assistant *New York, NY 08.2018 - 02.2019*

- Created new content using the organization's Twitter and Mailchimp handle which increased viewership and engagement from interested viewers
- Designed visual content for conference advertisement flyers to post on the Center for Public Scholarship (CPS) official website