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## EDUCATION &amp; ACADEMIC AWARDS

**23-25 University of California, Berkeley, CA, U.S.**  
(MLA) Landscape Architecture, College of Environmental Design  
GPA 3.9 / 4.0  
2026 ASLA NCC Honor Student Award  
2024-2025 LAF Scholarship (in Memory of Joe Lalli) \$ 10,000  
2024-2025 LAF Scholarship (Inclusive Community Design) \$ 5,000  
2024-2025 MIG Awards \$4,750.  
2025 Farrand & Freeland Fieldwork \$1,000  
2024-2025 Departmental Award \$2,000  
2023-2024 Departmental Award \$2,000

**16-18 University of Sheffield, England, U.K.**  
(MA) Urban Design, School of Architecture  
Total GPA: 71.5 / 100, Distinction: 70 or above  
Distinctive Graduate, 2018  
Distinctive Thesis (Design) Project, 2018

**08-12 Heilongjiang International University, CN.**  
(BA) Environmental Art Design, College of Art Design  
Total GPA: 94 / 100, Distinction: 90 or above  
2011-2012 National Scholarship (top 0.2%), 5,000 RMB.  
Excellent Undergraduate Honor in Heilongjiang Province, 2012.  
Excellent Graduation Design, 2012.

## DESIGN COMPETITION AWARDS

**24 2nd Prize (\$5,000), Fire-Resilience Landscape Design Competition, Individual Work**  
Fire-resilient courtyard design, sponsored by CSAA Insurance Group  
<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/zone-zero-mandates-near-completion-high-wildfire-risk-areas>

**21 Finalist Prize, UIA-HYP Cup, Teamwork**  
Rural planning and design, organized by International Union of Architects.  
<https://hycup.uedmagazine.net/HYPCUP/2021/result.html>

**21 Excellence Award, International Contemporary Art Design Competition, Teamwork**  
Landscape design, organized by International art and design association.

**20 Gold Award, Future Life on Mars, Teamwork**  
Architecture design, organized by China Center for Aerospace Science & Technology International Communications.  
<https://www.shejijingsai.com/2020/07/531996.html>

**20 Excellence Award, Exhibition of Architectural Design in Developing Countries, Teamwork**  
Urban design, organized by International Union of Architects.

## PUBLICATIONS

**14-21 Book**  
Assistant editor, Cui, Yanyao. (2015). "Hand-Drawn Typography Design", HIT Press.

**Essay**

- Co-author, Cui, Yanyao. (2021). "Strategies for Activating Historic District: Micro-Reform Implementation in Qiulin District, Harbin", EDP Sciences.
- Cui, Yanyao. (2014). "The Analysis of Regionalism of Landscape Design in Harbin." published in the Magazine of Modern Gardening.

**Artwork**  
"Traditional Dwelling Sketches of Guangxi," published in the Journal of Art Science and Technology, 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

**Currently SENSE Institute, CA, U.S.**  
**Program Coordinator & Climate Researcher, Full-time**  
Coordinate interdisciplinary teams to develop digital tools and public education programs. Conduct research on urban heat and mitigation strategies.

**PassionULab, SZ, CN**  
**Co-founder, Part-time**

Provide technical guidance on data-driven design projects and develop collaboration opportunities.

**25-26 (Part-time) SENSE Institute, CA, U.S.**  
**Associate Researcher, Part-time, 20 hrs/week, (3 months)**  
**Tom Leader Studio, CA, U.S.**  
**Project Designer, Part-time, 20 hrs/week, (7 months)**  
**UC Berkeley, CA, U.S.**  
**Student Assistant, Part-time, 20 hrs/week, (7 months)**

**24-25 (Internships) SWA Group, TX, U.S.**  
**Intern, Full-time, 2024 Summer Student Program**  
**Plural Studio, CA, U.S.**  
**Intern, Part-time, 8-16 hrs/week, 2024 Fall**  
**VITA, CA, U.S.**  
**Intern, Part-time, 8 hrs/week, 2025 Spring**

**21 - 24 (Full-time & Part-time) Arup, Shenzhen, CN.**  
**Urban Designer, Full-time & Part-time, 3 Years**  
Selected Projects and Roles:

- Ecological Restoration of Shenzhen Marine Industry Base (**Landscape Designer**, 2023)
- Feasibility Study of Liufushan (Hong Kong) Land Use Review (**Researcher**, 2023)
- Urban Design of Hengqin Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Deep Cooperation Zone (International Competition, Second Prize, **Urban Designer**, 2022)
- Planning and Design of Guangzhou Airport City Underground Space (International Competition, Second Prize, **Urban Designer**, 2021)
- International Competition of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Innovation Cooperation Zone (**Assistant Project Manager**, 2021)

**19 - 21 (Full-time) UPDIS, Shenzhen, CN.**  
(Shenzhen Urban Planning & Design Institute)  
**Urban Designer, Full-time, 2.5 Years**  
Selected Projects and Roles:

- Yancheng High-Tech Zone Urban Design (**Urban Designer, Project Coordinator**, 2020)
- Urban Design of the Central Area of Guangming Science City (International Competition, Top 5, **Urban Designer**, 2020)
- Landscape Planning and Design of Jinan City Main Road (**Landscape Designer**, 2020)
- Feasibility Study and Detailed Blueprint of Qingqing Tourist Farm Index Renewal (**Urban Designer**, 2020)
- Urban Regeneration of the Harbin Qiulin Business District (**Urban Designer**, 2020)
- Shenzhen and Harbin Industrial Park Launch Area Urban Design (**Urban Designer**, 2019)
- Overall Urban Planning and Design of Wuchang New District, Xinjiang (**Urban Designer**, 2018)

## EXCELLENCE IN CORE COURSES

- 23-nov** **University of California, Berkeley, U.S.**  
Geographic Information Science  
Remote Sensing  
Ecological Analysis  
Urban Informatics and Data Visualization  
Landscape Design Studio (Professor Walter Hood)  
• Legion of Honor Museum Garden Design  
• Virginia Theological Seminary Memorial Garden Design  
Landscape Design Studio (Professor Danielle Zoe Rivera)  
• Environmental Justice: Addressing Food Insecurity in Pajaro Valley  
Ecological Urban Design Studio (Professor Kristina Hill)  
• Floating City: Addressing Sea Level and Groundwater Rise  
Landscape Design Construction (Professor Richard Hindle)  
• Design and Construction of Botanical Walls
- 16-18** **University of Sheffield, U.K.**  
Urban Design Tools and Methods  
Participation in Architecture and Urban Design  
Trajectories in Urban Design Practice  
• Creative Storytelling through Filmmaking  
Urban Design Studio Project  
• Design for Equity: Refugee Campus in Berlin
- 08-12** **Heilongjiang International University, China**  
Landscape Design (I) & (II)  
Interior Design (I) & (II)  
Furniture Design  
Design Thinking by Sketches

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 24-25** **Graduate Student Council Representative, UC Berkeley**  
As the Landscape Architecture Student Representative, I advocated for students, proposed a Design Work Exhibit and Career Fair, secured the Dean's support, and am now collaborating with GSC to launch it.
- 17** **Student Representative for International Design Workshop, University of Sheffield**  
As the MAUD student representative, I participated in a 14-day international design workshop on design inclusion organized by MetroLab in Brussels, Belgium.
- 16** **"Mentor Scheme", University of Sheffield**  
I mentored an undergraduate Landscape Architecture student, offering design skill guidance biweekly for two semesters.

## SKILLSETS

- Analysis Tools**  
GEE (Google Earth Engine for Remote Sensing Data Analysis)  
GIS (Geographic Information System)  
ENVI-met (Environmental Simulation)  
Python (Urban Data Analysis & Visualization)  
Vibe Coding
- Modeling & Rendering Tools**  
Rhino  
Sketchup  
Revit (Learning & Practicing)  
Grasshopper (Basic)  
D5  
Lumion  
Enscape
- Drawing Tools**  
Hand Drawing  
AutoCAD  
Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere)
- Language**  
Native in Mandarin  
Proficient in English

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

- 18** **China Academy of Urban Planning & Design, Shenzhen, CN.**  
**Intern, Full-time, 5 months**  
Independently completed the landscape concept design for the first-place-winning Luohu Railway Station competition entry, including site analysis, design development, 3D modeling, and visualization.
- 17 - 18** **Passion Art Design Studio, Jiamusi, CN.**  
**Founder and Teacher, Part-time (10-20 hrs/week), 2 Years**  
I founded Passion Art Design Studio in partnership with a youth charity to offer free creative classes, fostering creativity and promoting educational equity for children from low-income families.
- 12 - 16** **Yuanchuang Hand-Drawing Training Institute, Harbin, CN.**  
**Co-founder & Instructor, Part-time (16 hrs/week), 3 Years**  
Contributed to studio operations through branding and marketing while teaching hand-drawing courses.
- 12 - 15** **Suihua University, Harbin, CN.**  
**Instructor, Part-time (30 hrs/week), 3 Years**  
Taught hand-drawing courses and co-taught undergraduate landscape design studios.

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES &amp; AWARDS

- 22** **Professional Title Certificate: Intermediate Engineer (Architectural & Landscape Design)**  
Reviewed by the Shenzhen Land and Spatial Planning Senior Title Review Committee and awarded by Shenzhen Human Resources and Social Security Bureau.
- 21 - 20** **Advanced Individuals (5/30)**  
Awarded by Shenzhen Urban Planning and Design Institute
- Outstanding Employee (20/1000)**  
Awarded by Shenzhen Urban Planning and Design Institute

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 26** **Youth4Climate Study Tour 2026, Italy**  
Team Representative | Youth4Climate 2026, supported by UNDP and the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security. (Upcoming, Oct. 2026)
- 26** **Youth4Capacity Retreat, Bonn, Germany**  
Invited Participant | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). (Upcoming, Oct. 2026)
- 25** **LA103: Nature and Culture Studio Final Review**  
Guest Reviewer | Invited by the Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley.
- 25** **Data-Driven Approaches to Child-Friendly Environments and Urban Space Development Panel**  
Guest Speaker | Organized by the Child-Friendly Cities Research Center & All-Ages-Friendly Cities Research Center, UPDIS, China.
- 21** **The Greater Bay Area Planning Forum**  
Attendee | Organized by China Academy of Urban Planning & Design Institute, China.
- 21** **TOD and Mixed-Use Development of New Communities Conference**  
Attendee | Co-organized by the Zhejiang University Institute of Architectural Design (UAD) and Architecture Research Center of Zhejiang University, China.
- 21** **The Urban Big Data Innovation and Application Forum**  
Attendee | Organized by Beijing Urban Lab, China.
- 20** **The Annual National Planning Conference**  
Attendee | Organized by the China Urban Planning Society, China.
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Attendee | Organized by the China Urban Planning Society, China.