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Ceramicist · Visual Arts Educator · Teaching Artist · Bilingual (English / Spanish)

EDUCATION

M.S. Art and Design Education (Initial Certification)

December 2024

Pratt Institute · Brooklyn, NY

B.S. Applied Psychology

May 2021

New York University, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development · New York, NY

Minor: American Sign Language & Studio Art · GPA: 3.51

Study Abroad: NYU Berlin, Berlin, Germany — Spring 2019

CERTIFICATION

New York State Initial Certification in Visual Art, Grades PreK–12 — Active

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Art Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Oct 2025 – Nov 2025

Central Park East 1 · Manhattan, NY

- Independently managed a full PreK–5 art program, designing and delivering standards-aligned curriculum across all grade levels
- Applied developmentally appropriate, inquiry-based classroom management in an inclusive environment

Substitute Teacher

Feb 2025 – Present

NYC Department of Education · New York, NY

- Delivered adaptive instruction across diverse school settings and grade levels, maintaining continuity and positive classroom culture

Student Teacher — Ceramics & Visual Arts

Sep 2024 – Jun 2025

NYC Department of Education — Sunset Park High School & P.S. 32 · Brooklyn, NY

- Co-taught ceramics for grades 9–12 at Sunset Park High School, guiding students through hand building, glaze techniques, and kiln operations
- Co-implemented a justice-oriented visual arts curriculum for PreK–3 students at P.S. 32, centering student identity, family, and community

Sculpture & Ceramics Instructor

Sep 2023 – Dec 2024

Pratt Saturday Art School · Brooklyn, NY

- Lead teacher of middle school Sculpture class; designed and implemented a 10-week inquiry-based paper maché curriculum around themes of memory
- Assistant teacher of middle school Ceramics class; managed kiln firing schedule, prepared materials, demonstrated techniques
- Facilitated group critiques, peer reflections, and individual written reflections

Spanish & Enrichment Instructor

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024

Hopscotch Montessori · New York, NY

- Designed and taught Spanish language curriculum for elementary students using arts-integrated, inquiry-based methods

- Led after-school enrichment programming and substituted classes as needed

Visual Arts Instructor — After-School Program

Sep 2021 – Dec 2022

Manhattan Youth · Manhattan, NY

- Designed curriculum and lesson plans for Studio Art (grades 2–5) and Crafts (grades K–3)
- Structured instruction around student-centered, project-based learning with an emphasis on creativity and social-emotional wellbeing

Projects Coordinator Intern

Aug 2020 – Dec 2020

CITYarts · New York, NY

- Engaged youth and professional artists in creating public art including murals and mosaics
- Coordinated community-based programs including on-site coordination, community engagement, and volunteer organization
- Organized restoration of public artworks involving members of local communities

School Programs Intern

Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

Whitney Museum of American Art · New York, NY

- Collaborated with teaching artists to create educational material based on museum exhibitions through inquiry-based learning
- Managed student groups from a variety of schools across all age groups
- Conducted administrative work including organizing school visits and coordinating programming logistics

Program Intern

Jul 2019 – Dec 2019

Arts For All · New York, NY

- Assisted teaching artists in Literacy Through the Arts programs for NYC youth facing socio-economic, physical, or emotional barriers
- Created social media content and supported administrative work including data analysis and volunteer coordination

Youth Counselor & Group Leader

Sep 2014 – Jul 2016

Ken Jewish Community · San Diego, CA

- Led and organized weekly Saturday educational activities for Latin Jewish youth
- Served as mentor and counselor for groups of 1st-grade and 4th-grade girls
- Created and implemented lesson plans for informal educational programming

Camp Counselor

Jun – Jul 2015, 2016

Camp Israel Ami · San Diego, CA

- Designed, planned, and implemented informal educational lesson plans for campers ages 6–12
- Led outings and orchestrated weekly newspaper activity

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant — Mindful Education Lab

Jan 2021 – May 2021

New York University · New York, NY

- Assisted research focused on the psychological and neurological effects of mindfulness on student learning, teacher effectiveness, and school climate
- Conducted literature searches, compiled video resources, and assisted with IRB application and grant writing

Qualitative Research Assistant

Apr 2020 – Dec 2020

Andrea Becker, Ph.D. Candidate, CUNY Graduate Center — Sociology · New York, NY

- Assisted on a medical sociology research project about reproductive health and hysterectomies
- Transcribed qualitative interviews and supported qualitative data analysis

CERAMICS & STUDIO PRACTICE

Independent Studio Practice

2024 – Present

larsceramica.com · *Etsy: larsceramica* · New York, NY

- Hand-building and wheel-throwing practice in functional and sculptural ceramics including vessels, menorahs, candelabras, ceramic lamps, and ritual objects
- Active online shop launched January 2026; full production practice including clay prep, kiln loading, bisque and glaze firing (cone 6 electric), and fulfillment

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts — Session 2 Ceramics

Summer 2025

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts · Deer Isle, ME

- Intensive ceramics workshop at one of North America's leading craft schools

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Studio Art: Ceramics (hand building, wheel throwing, kiln management, glaze chemistry), Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Collage, Paper Maché

Teaching: Curriculum Development, Inquiry-Based Learning, Differentiated Instruction, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Justice-Oriented Arts Education, Student-Centered Assessment, Collaborative Teaching

Technology: Google Classroom, Smartboard, Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Microsoft Office

Languages: Spanish (Native — bilingual instruction capable) · American Sign Language (Intermediate) · German (Basic)