

JESSI OLARSCH

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Education

Pratt Institute / Masters in Fine Arts

2024 - 2026 (Expected)

Advanced Certificate in Art and Design Education

University of Pennsylvania / Bachelors of Arts

2017 - 2021

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Netter Center Award for Civic Engagement, Dean's List

Study Abroad: Queen Mary's University of London, 2020

Teaching Experience

Pratt Institute / Graduate Teaching Assistant - Painting Practices

2025. BROOKLYN, NY

Assistant instructor for sophomore foundational painting course - demos and critiques on critical processes involved with making and using materials in painting.

Pratt Institute / Graduate Teaching Assistant - Painting In Venice

2025. VENICE, ITALY

Assistant instructor for undergraduate and graduate mixed level painting studio course at Pratt in Venice.

University of Pennsylvania / Visiting Artist

2024 - PRESENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Panel speaker for undergraduate Fine Arts senior class on pursuing a career as an artist

Knit Knack / Fiber Arts Instructor

2024 - BROOKLYN, NY

Taught knitting and crocheting to students of varied levels. Developed lesson plans, demonstrated techniques, and guided students through individual projects.

Northern Valley Old Tappan Regional School District / Visiting Artist

2021 - 2024. OLD TAPPAN, NJ

Gave lecture to high school art students. Spoke about fostering an independent art practice, and gave examples of contemporary artists to look towards.

Harrington Park STEM Camp / Lower Level Teacher

2015 - 2018, HARRINGTON PARK, NJ

Developed and taught lesson plans for elementary and middle school age children in STEM and Arts classes.

Tutor

2015 - 2018, HARRINGTON PARK, NJ

Taught one-on-one elementary level math lessons to children aged 5-12

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Aquasteady / Graduate Assistant

2024 - PRESENT. BROOKLYN, NY

Analyzed data from field partners to determine the future of sustainability research project creating large-scale solutions to complex problems caused by climate change. Manually processed raw materials for in-field testing.

Pratt Institute / Graduate Assistant - Fine Arts Department

2024 - PRESENT. BROOKLYN, NY

Administrative work at the front desk at the Fine Arts department office

Art Handling

2021 - PRESENT. NEW YORK, NY

Handled, packed, and installed artworks. Experienced with galleries and private collections, including Visionary Projects, Warnes Contemporary, The Village, and others.

DoorDash / Strategy and Operations Senior Associate

2023 - 2024. NEW YORK, NY

Worked with product, design, engineering, analytics, and marketing teams to drive new user growth on DoorDash; ran A/B tests, wrote SQL, designed Figma prototypes, launched email campaigns, and collaborated across the organization to execute and bring strategies to life.

Bain & Company / Associate Consultant

2021- 2023. NEW YORK, NY

Worked with internal and client executive teams of Fortune 500 companies to address their most critical issues in strategy, operations, and organization. Applied analytical strategy, financial modeling, user research, and project management.

Penn Leads the Vote / Design Coordinator

2020 - 2021. PHILADELPHIA, PA

Designed and distributed informational materials to increase voter turnout in Philadelphia; led A/B tests with 18K+ participants in Philadelphia County measuring strength of messaging types; managed team of 10 volunteer designers.

On The Move / Design Intern

2019. NEW YORK, NY

Created one sheets, media kits, and proposals, built out website UX design, and created new company branding guidelines.

Ronald McDonald House New York / Graphic Design and Communications Intern

2018. NEW YORK, NY

Planned and executed Heroes Volunteer Event fundraiser which raised over \$440,000. Researched, designed, and launched RMHNY's first ever Giving Tuesday campaign.

PepsiCo / Marketing Intern

2020. NEW YORK, NY

Created local restaurant toolkit to bring in a projected \$80MM in net revenue. Presented case project to the Senior Leadership team including CMO and brand VP's.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Pop Up Show*, Navy Yard Dock 72, Brooklyn, NY
- 2025 *Synchrony*, Synchrony Offices, New York, NY
- 2025 *Pratt in Venice*, Dekalb Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 *Reflections of Us*, Warnes Contemporary Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 *Just Like Heaven*, Random Access Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 2024 *Cool Off*, Visionary Projects Gallery, New York, NY
- 2024 *A 3rd Place*, Elm Foundation, Brooklyn, NY
- 2024 *January Collection*, Collect Bean, virtual
- 2023 *Corpus Nexus*, Dacia Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *Vivid Vibrations*, Visionary Projects X The Shed, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 *At Summer's End*, Eyes on Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 *The Art of Access*, Visionary Projects, New York, NY
- 2023 *Seminal Moments, Reconstructed*, 7 House Gallery, Brooklyn, NY **
- 2023 *High Maintenance*, Tchotchke Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023 *Inside a Memory*, Visionary Art Collective, Virtual
- 2021 *Lightning Lectures*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 *Final_Final Project_Thesis*, Charles Addams Gallery, Philadelphia PA
- 2019 *Luminous Light*, National Association of Women Artists, New York, NY
- 2019 *Gen Z*, Teen Art Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 *Bergen County Art Show*, Montclair University Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2016 *Juvenilia*, Teen Art Salon, MILES Pop Up Gallery, New York, NY

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RESIDENCIES, AWARDS & GRANTS

Scholarship Recipient / Rogalski Scholarship

2024-2026. NEW YORK, NY

Scholarship Recipient / Pratt in Venice

2025. VENICE, ITALY

Artist in Residence / I'm In The Village

2024-2025. NEW YORK, NY

Civic Engagement Award / Netter Center

2021 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

Scholarship Recipient / Anne and Alan Schnitzer Endowed Scholarship

2017-2021 - PHILADELPHIA PA

Grant Recipient / Sachs Program for Arts Innovation

2019 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

VOLUNTEER / COMMUNITY WORK

SAGE Serves LGBTQ+ Elders / Reading Rainbow Book Club

2024 - Present, New York, NY

Monthly intergenerational queer literature book club at Edie Windsor SAGE center

FABSCRAP / Volunteer

2022 - Present, Brooklyn, NY

Sort scrap fabric for recycling processes; attended training on different fabric types.

VOLO / Team Captain

2021 - Present, New York, NY

Team captain for rec lesbian volleyball team; organize games, practice, and social events.

Unearthed Magazine / Designer

2018 - 2021, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Illustrated and designed layouts for semi-annual children's educational magazine students in West Philadelphia schools. Assisted in fundraising efforts for free distribution.

ICA Philadelphia / Student Board Member

2018 - 2020, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Developed programs with other student groups and community partners, helped create social media campaigns and outreach efforts,

University of Pennsylvania Fine Arts and Design Board / Founder

2019 - 2021, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Coordinated student run thesis show, wrote newsletter updates, and collaborated with faculty to promote the work of senior BFA thesis students. Planned and ran mentorship sessions for younger students.