# WILL C. LENTZ

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## **EXPERIENCE**

#### Virginia Museum of Fine Art | 2020 - | Richmond, VA **Exhibit Preparator**

Read drawings, fabricate casework independently or as a team member, perform basic in-house construction work, prepare gallery spaces for installation, install casework and temporary and permanent structures or fixtures, maintain wood shop, assist in improvements

#### Friends x Family | 2018-2019 | Brooklyn, NY Project Manager, Draftsperson, Lead Carpenter

Drafted, managed, and oversaw production and install for commercial and restaurant interiors through mechanical drawings, prototypes, and final products. Worked as a lead carpenter for same projects, managed purchasing, pricing, and assisted personnel managment.

#### Z-STUDIOS 2018 Brooklyn, NY

#### Waterjet Technician, Modeler/Draftsperson

Modeled for, programmed, operated, and maintained CNC water jet system. Managed incoming client requests and guided waterjet projects from beginning to end. Draftsperson and modeler for new projects. Improved inventory and other documentation processes.

#### YOUNGBUK ART SERVICES | 2017 - 2018 | Brooklyn, NY Shop Manager - Metal Fabrication

Maintained studio, drafted and executed project drawings, designed and implemented new in-house processes and facilities improvements, managed projects. Installed formal artwork in environments such as MAD, The Armory Show, and commercial galleries. Re-evaluated pricing models and acquired new clients.

#### VISIBLE FUTURES LAB | 2015 | Manhattan, NY Lab Assistant

Repaired and improved equipment, maintained the workshop space, consulted/assisted on student and other projects, and instructed students on equipment use, safety, and quality.

#### PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFT | 2015 | Penland, NC

#### Hospitality Services Coordinator

Managed housing and housekeeping demands, work-study scheduling, student needs, and facilities improvement on campus in a nonprofit setting. Strengthened pest control methods and oversaw implementation of new laundry facilities and practices. Managed bi-weekly housekeeping overhauls, overseeing crews of 30+ workers.

#### JAMES HAYES ART GLASS | 2011 - 2012 | Pine Bluff, AR Studio Assistant

Improved showroom space and grounds. Produced, expedited, and delivered jewelry, blown wares, and sculpture. Given creative license with sculpture and jewelry design.

## **EDUCATION**

#### SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS | 2017 | Manhattan, NY MFA Products of Design (Design Research) **Events Committee Team Lead**

PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFT | 2015 | Penland, NC **Core Fellowship** 

One of nine Fellows who lived and worked on the grounds. Attended workshop classes full time, planned menus and prepped meals as kitchen staff, executed facilities and grounds improvement, managed work-study students in daily tasks, and assisted with special events and public representation. One of four Fellows chosen in 2012.

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE | 2012 | Conway, AR

**BA Studio Art** Service to the Department Award **Departmental Distinction** 

## SKILLS

#### MATERIAL

Woodworking Metal Fab/Forging Ceramics Mold Making Physical Prototyping **Digital Prototyping** 3D Modeling Soldering/Electrical Photo and Video (DSLR)/Audio

#### OTHER

Design Research Personnel Management Scheduling Event Planning Exhibition Design Art Handling/Installation Warehouse Equipment Commercial Kitchen Exp.

#### SOFTWARE

Adobe CC Arduino Rhinoceros/CAD/CAM Keyshot LiveSurface Microsoft Office iWork Google App suite

#### **INTERESTS**

**Fine Craft** Food Systems Innovative Toys Material Studies **Rock Climbing** 

## FREELANCE

#### LEV RADUNSKY WOODWORKING 2017 | Brooklyn, NY

Mill Work and Finishing

Executed designs and drawings for mill work and furniture for the interior of Hungry Ghost Cafe in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

#### ANNIE EVELYN WOODWORKING | 2015 | Penland, NC

Assembly and Finishing

LITTLETON-VOGEL GLASS | 2015 | Bakersville, NC

Model and Mold Maker Produced and altered wax primaries, mold parts, and positive multiples.

#### JASON BIGE BURNETT | 2013, 2014 | Bakersville, NC

**Production Assistant** 

Mixed glazes, applied surface finish, and expedited production batch orders of ceramic tableware.

#### CHEN CHEN AND KAI WILLIAMS | 2016 | Brooklyn, NY

**Production Assistant** 

Increased in-house production in materials ranging from cast iron and marble to resin and expansion foam. Finishing of both unique show pieces and wholesale work.

## SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### WANTED DESIGN : NYCxDESIGN | New York, NY

2016 | ACCESS LTD. - Designer 2017 | Coincident Times - Contributing Designer

### CALDWELL ARTS COUNCIL | 2015 | Lenoir, NC

Penland Artists Exhibition- Contributing Artist, Art Handler/Shipper

#### PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFTS | Penland, NC

- 2013 | 18 Hands- Contributing Artist
- 2014 | CORE- Contributing Artist, Exhibition Designer, Preparator
- 2014 | Penland Winter Residency Planned, organized, and co-led a
- multi-day firing of Penland's 3-Chamber wood kiln.
- 2015 | Annual Benefit Auction- Contributing Artist

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE | 2012 | Conway, AR

Senior Exhibition - Contributing Artist

Coordinated exhibition design, liaised between faculty/maintenance staff and artists, managed construction and installation of pop-up gallery space.

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

#### Visual Arts Center of Richmond | 2020 | Richmond, VA

Wood Shop Monitor - Assist in maintenance of the wood shop, assist students and renters when needed.

#### HARLEM GROWN | 2018 | Manhattan, NY

Volunteer labor tasks and working with kids on the local urban farm.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR THE CERAMIC ARTS (NCECA) | 2014 | Milwaukee, WI

Assisted in the execution and facilitation of the 2014 NCECA conference, serving guests needs and monitoring presentations.

#### FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN BLACKSMITHING FESTIVAL | 2013 | Spruce Pine, NC

Volunteered as a teaching blacksmith for children and young adults.

#### OZARK MISSION PROJECT | 2003-2008 | Arkansas, statewide

Small-team service work throughout rural Arkansas, ranging from yard maintenance to house painting and construction for families with financial hardship or disability.