



Fluctuating Flyways' (2024) Project, Unreal Engine render

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RIBA Part 1 Architectural Assistant – Brett Zamore Design

Houston, Texas, USA – Oct 2021 to Jun 2022

- Produced detailed BIM-modeled drawing sets for three small-scale residential projects, integrating architectural, structural, and MEP components.
- Contributed to drafting work for medium- and large-scale commercial projects
- Fully redesigned the practice website and created and curated social media presence

### RIBA Part 1 Architectural Assistant – Heritage Foundation of Pakistan (Yasmeen Lari Design Lab)

Karachi, Pakistan – Oct 2020 to Mar 2021

- Led and managed a UNESCO World Heritage Site archival project in collaboration with the British Council, involving teaching local history to a youth group, managing on site documentation work, and creating +120 page archival report including line drawings and site research
- Assisted on-site with bamboo and earth construction
- Managed website and social media content, including creating daily blog posts

### V&A 'Mosque Pavilion' Design and Detail – Makespace Architects and AKII

London, UK – Oct 2019 to Apr 2020

- Produced site analysis and design research documents, upon being among the selected 10–person student group to collaborate with architect Shahed Saleem and AKII
- Designed and detailed pavilion's timber dome structure with a fellow student partner

### Architectural Fabricator Placement – Mamou-Mani Ltd.

London, UK, Jan 2020 – Jan 2020

- Researched and refined connection details for a parametric triangular metal façade wall system
- Fabricated scaled mock-up models (1:5 and 1:2) of a parametric veneer façade system, integrating precision craftsmanship with material exploration
- Recognized for outstanding technical contributions, resulting in a full-time offer (declined due to academic commitments).

### Architectural Intern – Gianni Botsford Architects

London, UK, Jun 2019 – Jul 2019

- Assisted in producing and editing the renders and visuals for a large-scale concert hall competition
- Supported 3D modeling and drafting to contribute to the design development and presentations

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Visiting Architecture Critic – University of Westminster

London, UK – Sept 2022 to Sept 2024

- Invited to provide feedback to Year 3 BA architecture students at end-of-term presentations panels, contributing to their academic development three to four times per academic year

### Elected Studio Representative throughout Undergraduate and Masters – University of Westminster (UOW) and Architectural Association School (AA)

London, UK – Oct 2017 to Aug 2020, Sept 2022 to Jul 2024

- Elected studio representative for five consecutive years across undergraduate and postgraduate programs, demonstrating a strong passion for student advocacy
- Initiated and led the UOW Year 3 Student Mentoring Scheme, fostering peer support and guidance
- Facilitated dialogue between students and tutors to implement improvements in coursework delivery, diversity initiatives, and mental health resources within the architecture program

### Leader of Virtual Exhibition Design and Build – University of Westminster

London, UK – Jul 2020 to Aug 2020

- Led the 3D modelling and file coordination team for the University of Westminster's first virtual end-of-year 3D exhibition (during the COVID-19 lock-down), in collaboration with Fabrication Lab London

## NOTABLE DISTINCTIONS

### AA Diploma: Environmental Technical Studies Distinction

The Architectural Association School of Architecture – Masters final year 2 – 2024

- Awarded a highly selective Distinction for Environmental Technical Studies, for Master's thesis project, *Fluctuating Flyways (2024)*
- Developed a comprehensive 120-page research document exploring willow and cob (adobe) construction techniques, including material experimentation and application
- Designed and constructed three full-scale (1:1) willow-woven installation structures

### RIBA Bronze President's Medal Nominee

Global 'Royal Institute of British Architects' Competition Nominee – Undergraduate final year – 2020

- Nominated by the University of Westminster as outstanding architectural project from the graduating cohort for my undergraduate thesis, *Living a WILDlife (2020)*

## EDUCATION

### MArch (RIBA Part 2) – Architectural Association School of Architecture

London, UK, Sept 2022 to Jul 2024

- Year 2: Distinction in Technical Module  
Tutors: Inigo Minns and Manijeh Verghese
- Year 1: Distinction in Technical Module  
Tutors: George Massoud and Merve Anil

### BA Hons Architecture (RIBA Part 1) – University of Westminster

London, UK, Sept 2017 to Aug 2020

- First Class Honours in all years of Undergraduate

### A-Levels International Certification

Manarat Al-Riyadh International High School

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – Sep 2015 to Jun 2017

- AAA grading (GPA 4.0)  
(Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry)

## SKILLS

Unreal Engine Rendering	Adobe Suite
Video Editing (PremierePro)	Enscape
BIM Modelling	Lumion
Rhinoceros 3D	Auto-CAD
Digital Fabrication	Model Making
Grasshopper	AI Visualization

## LANGUAGES

English	–	Fluent
Urdu	–	Fluent
Arabic	–	Beginner

## INTERESTS

Furniture Construction  
Martial Arts (specializing in Wing Chun)  
ACAN – Architects Climate Action Network

## REFEREES

1. **Inigo Minns** – AA School, Diploma 12 Unit Master, Head of AA Media Studies  
Email: (available upon request)

2. **Brett Zamore** – AIA, LEED AP, Principal at Brett Zamore Design  
Email: (available upon request)

3. **George Masood** – Director at Material Cultures  
Email: (available upon request)