## Contact

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Top Skills Drawing Illustration Fine Art

## Languages

Arabic (Elementary) English (Native or Bilingual) Hindi (Elementary)

Certifications TEFL/TESOL Certification Zumba Instructor License

PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Certification

Bachelor's Degree of Fine Art Cum Laude

Lara

### Elementary Visual Arts Teacher

Summary

American Expat, 29, currently based in Fujairah United Arab Emirates. Skilled and passionate for Fine Arts, Interested in professionally contributing to the foundational development of Art Education in the Gulf Middle East. Classroom experience exceeds 4 years, working with students in Nursery and Kindergarten, as well as students in Grades 1-7. Secretly enjoys writing art curriculum, designing lesson plans, assisting new teachers, and making classroom decorations.

Teaching is an amazing life-changing career, one which leaves deep and lasting influences in the lives of students as well as teachers.

The process of becoming an Extraordinary Art Educator is itself amazing, and one must never stop learning!

Experience

Elementary Visual Arts Teacher August 2017 - Present

Fujairah, United Arab Emirates

Responsible for teaching elementary visual arts, specifically levels KG1, KG2, and Grade 1.

Assisting in building the foundations of the Art Department from scratch. Designed the Base Art Curriculum Year Plan and Art Lesson Plan Themes for all of the grade levels in the school; Specific curriculum term & lesson plans for levels KG1, KG2, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5, and Advanced Elective Course Material. Assisted in organizing and implememting the NYSED Visual Art Standards and writing detailed supply lists.

Participating in extra curricular school functions on behalf of the Art Department, such as assisting in making decorations for school activities, decorating bulletins, and including student Artwork in the annual Art Exhibition.

#### KG-7 Art Teacher

August 2016 - June 2017 (11 months)

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Responsible for creating all art curriculum material, building the school's art department from scratch. Designing and implementing art lesson plans, teaching the art lessons, displaying student art for all levels KG to grade 7, and designing/ frequently changing the student art decorations on all the class bulletins in the school.

#### Doode Art Teacher

February 2015 - June 2017 (2 years 5 months) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Founded through a social meetup oganization. Lead weekly meetings to teach stress-relief doodling and art for relaxation. Doodlers joined the group online, which grew to more than one thousand followers. 15-20 people would come to the real weekly meetings.

#### Nursery English Teacher Age 2-3 Class

May 2016 - July 2016 (3 months) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Maintaining a class for ages 2-3 children

Teaching English, Music, Arts & Crafts, and Dance. Assisting nursery administration with various tasks.

#### Nursery English Teacher for age 2-3 group

October 2015 - February 2016 (5 months) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Maintaining a class for ages 2-3 children, Teaching English Art and Music.

#### Nursery English Teacher

February 2014 - October 2015 (1 year 9 months) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Teaching Nursery material in English to a class of ages 3-4. Creating specialized Art & Craft lessons, English music & dance activities, leading the whole-school daily morning assembly, and assisting in school administrative/ creative tasks.

#### Student Worker

April 2012 - December 2013 (1 year 9 months) San Marcos, Texas

Teacher's Assistant in the Ceramics lab and maintinance crew member. Engaged in various activities such as pugging recycled clay, making glaze recipes, firing gas and electric kilns, cleaning the workspaces, organizing storage items, assisting new students, and helping during classtimes.

#### University Newspaper Illustrator

August 2011 - December 2013 (2 years 5 months) San Marcos, Texas

Drawing about one or two illustrations a week based on the "Main Point" article in the Opinions section of the University Star Newspaper at Texas State University.

#### Ceramics Lab Work Study

June 2011 - August 2011 (3 months) Columbus, Ohio Area

Learned about ceramic studio maintinance, firing gas and electric kilns, conducting different firing techniques, making glaze recipes, and a variety of unconventional clay making tecjniques.

#### Menu Artist

August 2010 - August 2011 (1 year 1 month)

Illustrated the lunch specialties daily; drew on the glass windows in the cafeteria.

#### Creative Coach

August 2010 - August 2011 (1 year 1 month)

Member of a group of skilled and passionate students dedicated to supporting other students, typically freshmen. Served as an accessible source for constructive criticism and creative guidance. Student tutor.

### Freelance, self-employed

#### Freelance Portrait Artist

2008 - August 2011 (3 years 8 months)

Columbus, Ohio Area

Commissioned various portraits to clients per their requests. The majority of the commissions were in charcoal.

Substitute Assistant for the SMAC Program May 2010 - May 2011 (1 year 1 month)

Helped to Assistant Teach art to young children 12-14 years old.

# Education

### Texas State University-San Marcos

BFA, Ceramics · (2011 - 2013)

### Columbus College of Art & Design

Fine Art Foundations thru Intermediate Illustration Courses · (2009 - 2011)

### International TEFL Academy Online

TEFL/TESOL Certification, Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language/ESL Language Instructor · (2013 - 2013)

### Columbus State Community College

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### Sinclair Community College

Fine Art · (2008 - 2010)