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Education & Certification

2023 - 2026 Certified Medical Illustrator (CMI)

2017 - 2019 Master's in Medical and Biological Illustration,
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHU), Baltimore, MD

2013 - 2017 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Scientific Illustration & Minor in Biology,
Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts (VCU), Richmond, VA

Group Exhibitions & Presentations

2026 *The Power of Touch*, Peale Museum, Baltimore, MD (forthcoming)

2025 *Delicate Realms: A Return to Self*, BLIFTD Studios, Baltimore, MD
COVID Memorial Showcase, virtual poetry reading
Queer Mubarak! exhibitor and artist talk, Gül Gallery, New York City, NY
Eroscape, Nightowl Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Note to Self, Fishbowl Gallery, Seattle, WA

2024 *The Role of Illustration in Gender Affirming Care*, artist talk, Hidaya Conference via the
JHU Bloomberg Center, Washington DC

2019 *Graduate Show*, JHU
Department of Medicine Research Presentation, JHU

2017 *Intersections of Science and Art I & II*, VCU and the Science Museum of Virginia

Selected Publications & Projects

2025 *you cannot let the screen go dark*, GARLAND: issue no. 6, fifth wheel press
sick portrait I, The New River Journal of Electronic and Digital Literature, issue no. IX
It's My Body and I'll Hack at it If I Want To, Women's Studies Quarterly:
Body Matters by Feminist Press
tide patterns, Humana Obscura "Blue" Anthology
heavy sums, Riddle Fence Mag, issue no. 55
our body is a web, Disability Arts and Culture: A Collaborative Zine (forthcoming)

2024 *noodles and company*, Tilt Zine by Queerabad
fever, dream, self-published zine
Digital Kinship: Oral Histories by Disabled and/ or Chronically Ill South Asians,
South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA) Virtual Exhibit

2022 *The Sex Talk: A Muslim's Guide to Healthy Sex and Relationships*,
HEART Women and Girls
At the Altar, Womanly Magazine, issue no. 7: S.E.X.

2018 *Jaci Has Diabetes*, self-published graphic novel

Residencies & Fellowships

- 2026 *NYC Crit Club: Canopy Independent Study Program*, New York City, NY
James Bernard Haggarty Scholarship for Community-based artists
- 2025 *Creating Homes in Apocalyptic Times: Writing Residency*, Mineral, VA
Labs for Liberation Summer Institute, Disability Arts & Culture Fellowship, Vanderbilt University and Northwestern University via the Carnegie Foundation (remote)
Our Art Room Agency Fellowship, Baltimore, MD

Work Experience & Teaching

- 2026 *Visual poetry: multidimensional technologies for expression and access*, workshop led at Restfest Film Festival, Virtual
- 2025 Exhibiting artist and vendor, *Hot Bits Erotic Film Festival*, Baltimore, MD
- 2024 Exhibiting artist and vendor, Queermade market by Inky Cap Co-op, Baltimore, MD
Exhibiting artist and vendor, Asia North, Baltimore, MD
Guest lecturer, Visual Storytelling and Molecular Pharmacology courses, University of Illinois Chicago, Biomedical Visualization Program (remote)
- 2020 - 2023 Illustrator, HEART Women and Girls (remote)
Collaborating artist, SAADA (remote)
Medical Illustrator, University of Virginia Orthopedic Surgery
- 2019 - 2026 Senior Medical Illustrator, American Medical Association, Chicago, IL (remote)
- 2018 Illustrator, National Aquarium, Baltimore, MD
Animator, Center for Biomedical Innovation and Design, Baltimore, MD
Artist vendor, Richmond Zine Fest, Richmond, VA
- 2017 Exhibiting artist and vendor, *That's What She Said: A Showcase*, New York City, NY
Studio assistant, *Ryoko Kanke Art Studio*, Reston, VA

Awards & Recognition

- 2026 *James Bernard Haggarty Scholarship for Community-based artists*, NYC Crit Club
- 2025 *Award of Excellence & Social Impact Award*, AMI Annual Salon
- 2024 *Awards of Excellence*, AMI Annual Salon
Artwork Feature, Association of Illustrators: World Illustration Awards
- 2022 *Award of Excellence and Award of Merit*, AMI Annual Salon
- 2021 *Awards of Excellence*, Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI) Annual Salon
- 2019 *William P. Didusch Scholarship*, JHU
- 2017 *Mallory Callon Scholarship*, VCU
Undergraduate Research Grant Award, VCU