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SUMMARY

I am a craft, technology, and socially driven product designer with a passion for creating functional home and lifestyle products filled with a depth of story and culture.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – present **Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA**
Teacher assistant for sophomore product design studio classes
Responsible for coordinating project details with teachers and working closely with students to give them advice on their projects.
- May 2014 – August 2014 **ANDesign Lab, Costa Mesa, CA**
Product Design Intern
Responsible for assisting designers by researching, ideating, 3D modeling and printing for clients, and creating client presentations and technical drawings.
- August 2013 – January 2014 **Mattel Sponsored Barbie Project, Los Angeles, CA**
Life-size Barbie furniture for her new home in Malibu
Coordinated with Mattel designers to create furniture for a "real-life" Barbie and exhibited final work at Santa Monica Place.
- June 2013 – August 2013 **Strotman International, Irvine, CA**
Toy design intern
Responsible for assisting creative team by ideating and developing ideas, creating presentation art for client meetings, and assisting the team on technical drawings.

EDUCATION

- 2011- Present **Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA**
BFA Product Design
- 2007-2011 **Saratoga High School, Saratoga, CA**
Studied conversational Japanese

AWARDS

- 2011- Present **Otis College Dean's List**
- April 2015 **2015 Windgate Fellowship Award Recipient**
- January 2014 **Best Project in Product Design**
Awarded by Mattel for full-scale chair and ottoman set.
- May 2013 **Best Overall Project**
Awarded by popular vote for Occasional Bar Table

SKILLS

Adobe Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, AfterEffects	Rapid prototyping/ Laser cutter/ CNC
Rhino 3D and T-splines Plugin	Sewing and embroidery
V-Ray Rendering (Rhino 3D)	Mold making (silicone and plaster)
Basic SolidWorks Skills	Experience in Wood and metal
	Ceramics: Hand-building

LANGUAGES

English, conversational Japanese