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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Visionary Design Director and Associate Principal-track architect with a Master of Architecture, combining design excellence with executive leadership across institutional, healthcare, academic, and mixed-use environments. Proven track record directing multidisciplinary design teams, leading client relationships from programming through project delivery, and shaping design direction for major institutional clients. Equally skilled as a strategic thinker and hands-on designer with deep technical fluency in BIM, advanced visualization, and construction documentation. Entrepreneur and Creative Director of multiple independent ventures demonstrating the rare ability to conceive, brand, and execute design visions at the highest level across architecture, product design, fashion, and digital media.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Design Leadership + Creative Direction | Practice Development | Design Vision Articulation
- Client Relationship Management | Business Development | Executive Stakeholder Presentations
- Institutional Design | Healthcare + Wellness Design | Campus + Urban Planning
- Team Leadership + Mentoring | Project Portfolio Management | Design Excellence
- BIM Strategy (Revit) | Advanced Visualization | Construction Administration
- Brand Identity + Visual Language | Donor Presentation Design | Campaign Development
- Fashion Design (CLO 3D) | Digital Art + 3D Fabrication | AI-Assisted Design
- Financial Management (BSc Accounting) | Budget Oversight | Strategic Planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Design Lead | Project Architect, Temple University — Philadelphia,

PA | 2023 – 2024

Directed design and project delivery across a portfolio of institutional projects for one of the largest universities in the northeastern United States. Served as primary design authority, client liaison, and project manager on concurrent engagements.

- Directed a landmark long-range campus housing development study across 7 sites — a multi-year planning effort projecting 3,462+ new residential beds across three phased deliveries from 2027–2037; led all design presentations directly to university leadership
- Provided design direction for Temple University's institutional exterior signage program; navigated city council approval process and coordinated across disciplines
- Directed donor-facing design visualization for the College of Public Health clinic renovation; produced photorealistic before-and-after renderings to support major capital fundraising
- Led full architectural documentation and design management for Ritter Annex Hall Lobby Renovation and Carnell Hall Bursar's Office expansion

Graduate Design Researcher | Competition Architect *Graduate Architecture Program* |

2020 – 2022

- Directed all design, modeling, rendering, and presentation for "Turninn I Valhalla" — an international Bee Breeders architectural competition entry for an Iceland Cave Tower; led team through research, design, and full deliverable production
- Designed The Eden Sanctuary — an adaptive reuse community health clinic recognized for design quality and social justice impact framing

Creative Director — Multi-Brand Portfolio *Independent — Roxbury, MA |*

2023 – Present

Serve as Creative Director across a growing portfolio of independent ventures, shaping brand identity, visual language, and design strategy across product, digital, fashion, and physical art disciplines.

- Direct full brand identity and creative output for Red Remedy (premium functional beverage): label design, brochure, marketing materials, social media creative system, and corporate pitch materials
- Design and produce 3D Abstract Art collector pieces (Bambu Lab P1 printer); develop limited edition numbering systems and certificates of authenticity; design UV-bonded glass case collector packaging
- Design apparel collections using CLO 3D garment simulation and AI-assisted design tools; develop full design presentations and collection narratives
- Create concept boards, promotional posters, and Instagram design assets for RevAmp Gym as retained creative partner

Operations + Brand Contributor *Utonix Nigeria Limited — Nigeria / United States | 2015 – Present*

- Directed creative and marketing outputs for consumer-facing brand communications across a West African distribution network

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture + Environmental Design | Temple University, Philadelphia, PA | 2019 – 2022 Bachelor of Science — Financial Accounting + Audit Practice | Covenant University, Nigeria | 2012 – 2016 Academic Achievement Award | Temple University

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Architecture + Documentation: AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp 3D, Rhino 3D, Bluebeam Revu

Visualization: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, V-Ray, Enscape, CLO 3D

Fabrication: Bambu Lab P1 (3D Printing)

PM + Business: Procore, Microsoft Project, Notion, Microsoft Office

Languages: English (Fluent), Igbo (Native)