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WOODWORKING EXPERIENCE

Independent Furniture Maker | Joshua Villegas Furniture • Cicero, NY 05/2017 – Present

Design and build every element of each furniture project
Carry out daily management operations
Perform general shop maintenance and upkeep and order supplies as needed

Furniture Maker | BLANK Japan • Koshi, Japan 02/2018 – 12/2018

Built handmade furniture from measured drawings
Hand cut traditional Japanese joinery
Promoted the brand to markets outside of Japan by managing an online international shop

Shop Manager | Stage 4 Designs • Waltham, MA 01/2017 – 05/2017

Was responsible for all projects in workshop, safety management, and machine maintenance
Built obstacles designed by company to customer spec
Was in charge of ordering all workshop supplies, including lumber, hardware, and other building materials

Furniture Making Apprentice | Tokunaga Furniture • Shimoichi-cho Nara, Japan 08/2016 – 01/2017

Created pieces based on company designs
Designed new pieces that fit aesthetically and functionally within the company's line of furniture
Finished all pieces with traditional Japanese kanna instead of sandpaper

Pool Cuemaking Apprentice | Lanz Custom Cues • Toledo, OH 05/2012 – 08/2016

Created one-of-a-kind handcrafted pool cues
Handled CNC machinery and wrote CNC programming
Collaborated creatively with superiors and customers to cater to their wants and needs

EDUCATION

North Bennet Street School | Boston, MA 02/2015 – 05/2016

Graduate of the Cabinet and Furniture Making Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NYC KEZ Featured Demo | Mokuchi Studio • 08/04/2017 – 08/05/2017

Performed traditional dai making for Kezuroukai event in Brooklyn, NY

Japanese Hand Plane Making Course | North Bennet Street School • 06/03/2017

Taught a small-size class about Japanese hand plane making, which involved having students make their own planes

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EXHIBITS

North Bennet Street School Student Alumni Exhibit | Boston, MA 05/2016

Boston Design Week | Maker's Guild • Boston, MA 04/2016

Boston Design Week | Boston Center for the Arts • Boston, MA 04/2016

Craft Boston Holiday 2015 | Boston, MA 12/2015

PUBLICATIONS

ISM Magazine | Summer 2018, Volume 07
Featured in article as a furniture maker for BLANK Japan

BLANK: Technique & Praxis of a Craftsman in Japan | August 2018
Co-authored this book meant to share more information about the craft of furniture making in Japan

SKILLS

Woodworking Skills

Traditional Japanese planing and joinery, Lathe Operation, Power Tool operation, Hand Tool use, CNC Machine operation

Software

C++ Programming, JavaScript, LabVIEW, AutoCAD, BobCAD-CAM, LibreCAD, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English & Japanese, Conversational Spanish