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SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite

Photoshop
Illustrator
After Effects
Animate

Autodesk Maya

Blender
Maxon Cinema 4D
Procreate
Pixologic Zbrush
UCSF Chimera

LANGUAGES

English
Mandarin

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

IMI Graduate Student Committee

2020 – 2022

BMC Class External Representative

2020 – 2022

Rehab Ink Magazine Illustration Coordinator

2021

Virtual Medical Illustration Student Event Coordinator

2021

Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Interpreter

2018 - 2020

AWARDS & EXHIBITIONS

Versalius Trust Research Grant

2022

President Entrance Scholarship

2016

EDUCATION

2020 - 2022 **Master of Science in Biomedical Communications**

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

2016 - 2020 **Bachelor of Art & Science**

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Major in Human Biology, minors in Physiology and Biology

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present **Medical Illustrator**

SCISTORIES LLC, BOSTON

- Create accurate illustrations for scientific journals, grant applications and marketing materials
- Interpret research findings and develop creative visualizations for researchers, doctors, and other professionals
- Create customized websites for clients to highlight research focus in collaboration with the graphic design team
- Responsible for all aspects of the project, from client meetings to final deliverables

2021 **Freelance Medical Illustrator**

BIOHUES, TORONTO

- Create surgical illustrations for patient education on a mobile application for Tencent Medipedia
- Conduct research and post-edit 3D models for anatomical illustrations

2018 - 2020 **Scientific Illustrator**

BELINDA CHANG LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- Created 50+ scientific illustrations and drawings for lab presentations, conferences, and research papers
- One illustration was accepted by The Royal Society Journal
- Created illustrations for an infographic on Canadian fisheries for the American Fishery Society

2020 - 2021 **Lead UI & Website Designer**

BUILDING-U, RHODE ISLAND

- Redesigned existing websites to afford maximum flow between essential information with eye-catching graphics
- Collaborated with developer teams and created a wide variety of cross-media projects involving illustrations, interactive websites, and UI design for an online career-exploring event for students

2017 - 2019 **Research Lab Intern**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- Assisted in multiple research projects and performed basic lab work

PUBLISHED ILLUSTRATIONS

2020 Castañeda, R.A et al., A Brief History of Fisheries in Canada. 45: 303-318. Fisheries (2020) doi:10.1002/fsh.10449

2017 - 2019 Van Nynatten, A et al., To see or not to see: molecular evolution of the rhodopsin visual pigment in neotropical electric fishes. 286. Proc. R. Soc. B (2019) <http://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2019.1182>