# **ROUA ATAMAZ SIBAI**

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#### Education

08/2023 - present CAMBRIDGE, MA

Masters of Urban Planning | Graduate School of Design, Harvard University

Recipient of the Presidential Scholarship

08/2017 - 06/2021 BENNINGTON, VT

Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies | Bennington College

01/2020 - 05/2020 NEW YORK, NY

Museum Fellows Term | Helen Frankenthaler Foundation Fellow

08/2015 - 05/2017 MAASTRICHT, THE NETHERLANDS

International Baccalaureate | United World College Maastricht

# **Relevant Experience**

11/2022 - 08/2023

HOMS, SYRIA

### Volunteer | Water and Rehabilitation Department, Syrian Arab Red Crescent

- Developed a Google Earth-based database for water sources and networks in Homs Province, streamlining access and facilitating maintenance project implementation
- Oversaw the rehabilitation of 28 houses in Al-Zara town and the rehabilitation projects of water networks in Arjoon and Ain Al-Tanour towns in Homs
- Assessed the needs of rural areas in Homs Province through meetings with sector leaders, producing reports to prioritize intervention areas for 2024
- Translated Arabic reports to English, enhancing communication with national and international organizations

06/2020 - 08/2020

NEW YORK, NY

#### Program Intern | Design Trust for Public Space

- Researched and analyzed the evolving trends in street design in New York City, focusing on the impact of the pandemic both during and post its occurrence
- Collaborated with the program team to conduct comprehensive research and organize materials for the upcoming Request for Proposal, contributing to the smooth execution of the proposal process
- Efficiently organized and updated the fellows' database, ensuring accurate and up-to-date information for streamlined program management

06/2018 - 07/2018

NEW YORK, NY

## Creative-placemaking Intern | The Trust For Public Land

- Conducted comprehensive research on creative placemaking projects, resulting in a detailed report provided to staff as a reference for a revitalization project in Philadelphia
- Engaged in interviews with local organizations in Boston and Kansas City to gain deeper insights into the pressing urban challenges within the respective areas, demonstrating a commitment to understanding and addressing community needs
- Produced a thorough literature review on the impact of public space on public health, contributing valuable insights to inform decision-making processes and enhance the understanding of the relationship between urban environments and public well-being

## **Additional Experience**

01/2020 - 05/2020

NEW YORK, NY

#### Curatorial Intern | Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum

- Collaborated with the curator of socially responsible design to conduct in-depth research and organize multiple museum projects, demonstrating strong organizational and research skills
- Researched and planned for a forthcoming exhibition in the socially responsible design department, titled Designing Peace, showcasing a proactive approach to exhibition development
- Prepared and organized visual content, including images, digital materials, and web content, contributing to a compelling and cohesive presentation for the Designing Peace exhibition

06/2019 - 08/2019

NEW YORK, NY

### Intern | caplan colaku architecture (formerly, project-space)

- Utilized AutoCAD, Rhino, and Photoshop to create comprehensive designs, drawings, and charts, providing clients with diverse perspectives on projects
- Produced physical models using foam core boards to offer tangible visualizations, aiding both staff and clients in better understanding design concepts
- Conducted in-depth analyses of building codes, by-laws, and air and light requirements, ensuring compliance and incorporating regulatory considerations into architectural designs
- Researched materials and sourced samples for various residential and commercial projects in New York City, offering informed recommendations to clients based on project requirements
- Organized and maintained the Art Library and the Inspiration Library, implementing classification systems using Adobe Lightroom for easy access to materials, streamlining research processes

01/2019 - 02/2019

LESVOS, GREECE

# Intern | Movement on the Ground

- Provided crucial support in refugee camps, including Moria Camp, Kara Tepe, and the Olive Grove, by facilitating daily life activities to enhance the well-being of residents
- Distributed essential resources such as clothing and food, while also organizing educational classes and social events to strengthen community bonds and foster a sense of normalcy
- Responded promptly to emergency situations, including fires and housing issues, demonstrating a commitment to ensuring the safety and security of camp residents
- Conducted a study of the camps' layout and interviewed residents and staff members to gain a deeper understanding of the plans and management processes

Skills

Autodesk 3ds Max | AutoCAD | Rhinoceros 3D | SketchUp | GIS | R | Adobe Suite | Microsoft Office Advanced English and Arabic | Intermediate French