

Valeria Watson

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Education

- 2016 — **School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)**
Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis in Fashion Design
and Construction

Experience

- Sept. 2020 — **CIPRIANAMÍA / Design Assistant**
Assisted head designer Nelissa Carillo with fashion design, fabric cutting and construction of prototypes for the collections. Wardrobe assistant and stylist assistant during the brand's photoshoots.
- Sept. 2020 — **Arts Research Collective (ARC) / Teaching Assistant at WORKCOAT with Abigail Glaum-Lathbury**
Oct. 2020 Assisted students during Zoom classes with personal questions. Created detailed step-by-step instructions for students to construct their WORKCOAT.
- Aug. 2020 — **Lola Élan / Design Assistant**
Oct. 2020 Assisted head designer Lola Élan with pattern making, draping, and construction of prototypes for her latest collection. Assisted Lola at the 'Flying Solo NYC Fashion Week', in fitting garments to the models, organizing the collection and with garment alterations.
- July 2020 — **Anke Loh / Art + Tech + Fashion Internship**
Aug. 2020 Research and conceptual development for the project and the forefront of wearable tech. Created Illustrator and Photoshop sketches for prototypes. Made wire and embellishment sculptures for art and tech headpiece.
- Sept. 2019 — **Sewing Techniques-Below the Belt / Teaching Assistant at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago with Jamie Hayes**
Jan. 2020 Assisted students with personal projects, pattern making, and finishing details. Conducted flat pattern making demonstrations, organized model fitting and fitting demonstrations.
- June 2019 **Comtemporary Fashion Intensive / Teaching Assistant at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago with Jamie Hayes**
Assisted students with research and collection development. Conducted draping and Fashion Illustration demonstrations. Organized photoshoots and photographed student's final projects.

Skills

Industrial Machine Sewing
Hand Sewing
Pattern making
Embroidery
Embellishment
Fashion Illustration
Technical Flats
Footwear Design and Construction
Headwear Design and Construction
Heat press
Dyeing Fabric
Weaving Basketry
Coiling
Screen printing
Neon Techniques
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Lightroom
Wacom tablet
Microsoft Office Suite

Awards

- 2016 **SAIC Distinguished Scholarship**
- 2020 **The Shirley Schnackenberg Student Grant in Fashion Design**

Exhibitions

- Fall 2019 **SAIC Art and Technology Exhibit**
Handbag with neon light
- Spring 2019 **SAIC Fashion Show**
Ready to wear garment collection + Footwear
- Spring 2018 **SAIC Fashion Show**
Ready to wear garment

Languages

Fluent in Spanish and English
Knows basic French