

# Alicia Valencia

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## Education

- 2021-2023 **Cornell University, Department of Human Centered Design**  
Human Environment Relations (MS)  
Environmental Psychology and Human Factors  
Advisor - Dr. Rana Zadeh  
Thesis Title: *Provider Perspectives for Managing Medications at Home: Evaluating Adherence and Home Care Settings for Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment*
- 2017-2019 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design**  
Art Design and the Public Domain (MDes)  
Advisor - Krzysztof Wodiczko  
Thesis Title: *Cultivating Aesthetic Play: A Case For Culture In Dementia Memory Care*
- 2010-2015 **Brown|RISD Dual Degree Program**  
Furniture Design (BFA), Rhode Island School of Design  
Psychology (ScB), Brown University  
Advisor - John Dunnigan

## Research Experience

- 2021 - Present Research Fellow and Social Science Officer,  
Health Design Innovations Lab (HDIL) - Cornell University  
Home Optimum Prescription Education and Smart Storage (HOPES) Program  
PI: Dr. Rana Zadeh
- Summer 2022 Fieldwork and Research Assistant, Designing Environments with/  
for Children and Adolescents (DECA) Lab - Cornell University  
- Present PI: Dr. Janet Loebach
- Summer 2018 Tirana Urban Design Fellow, Urban95 Project  
Bernard Van Leer Foundation / Municipality of Tirana, Albania  
Advisor: Simon Battisti
- 2014-2015 Exhibit Research Intern, Providence Children's Museum  
Advisor: Dr. Susan Letourneau

## Conference Presentations

- 2022 Zadeh, R; Reid, C; Wethington, E; Czaja, S; PhD, Capezuti, E; Shields, W; Traunstein, D; **Valencia, A**; Cramer, A; Kim, B; Tang, S. *Improving Medication Management for Home-Dwelling Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment: End-User Input*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Nov 2-6, Poster Session.

2022 Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)  
EDRA53: Health in All Design, Graduate Workshop, Clemson, SC, Jun 1-4.

### *Conference submissions in progress:*

June 2023 EDRA54  
Nov 2023 Healthcare Design Conference + Expo

## **Invited Talks**

2022 Cornell Institute for Healthy Futures (CIHF) Advisory Board Meeting Ithaca, NY, Oct 28  
Invited Group Presentation.

2022 *Transforming Home Medication Management for Older Adults: Students, Faculty, and Community Join Forces* - CIHF Brown Bag, Ithaca, NY, Oct 20, Invited Group Presentation.

2022 *Fostering Self-Directed Play through Aesthetic Inquiry in Dementia Memory Care*. San Diego Design Week, San Diego, CA, Sept, 21-25, Artist Presentation.

2022 *Trauma-Informed Space Design at Hillside Residential Care Center*  
CARE Community of Practice Monthly Meeting, Jun 21. Invited Group Presentation.

## **Manuscripts in progress**

May 2023 **Valencia, A**; Zadeh, R; Reid, C; Wethington, E; Traunstein, D; Capezuti, E; Sheilds, W.,  
*Provider Perspectives for Managing Medications at Home: Evaluating Adherence and Home Care Settings for Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment*

## **Grants / Fellowships**

2022-2023 CHE Engaged Research Seed Grant, "Needs Assessment Survey on medication management and medication adherence for older adults with cognitive impairment"  
Cornell University (\$4000)

2019 ArtTable Diversity Fellowship, Philadelphia Museum of Art (\$3000)

2019 Masters in Design Studies Project Research and Development Award, Harvard University Graduate School of design (\$250)

2018 International Travel Community Service Fellowship, Harvard University Graduate School of Design (\$1500)

2013 Andrew W. Mellon Internship Program Grant, RISD Museum (\$3000)

2012 LINK Internship Award, Brown University (\$3000)

## **Residencies**

2021 Bread & Salt Artist in Residence Program, Bread & Salt Gallery, San Diego CA  
3-month artist studio residency

2016 MYF Artist Residency Program, Staten Island Makerspace, Staten Island NY  
5-month artist studio residency

## **Teaching Assistantships**

- Fall 2022 **DEA 2020: Introduction to Sustainability and Design**  
**DEA 2201: Small Spaces Studio**  
Instructor - Leighton Beaman  
Cornell School of Human Ecology
- Summer 2022 **DEA 1500: Introduction to Environmental Psychology**  
Instructor - Elena Sabinson  
Cornell School of Human Ecology
- Fall 2021 **DEA 4500: Policy Meets Design: High-Impact Facilities of the 21st Century**  
Instructor - Dr. Rana Zadeh  
Cornell School of Human Ecology
- Fall 2021 **DEA 1110: Making a Difference by Design**  
Instructor - Dr. Cindy Kao  
Cornell School of Human Ecology

## **Curatorial / Installation Experience**

- 2019-2020 Stories of Innocence and Experience, La Jolla Athenaeum, La Jolla CA  
Installation Supervisor and Project Manager, Oct - Jan.
- 2019 Philadelphia Museum of Art,  
ArtTable Fellowship in Public Programs, May - Aug.
- 2018-2019 Kirkland Gallery, Harvard Graduate School of Design,  
Curatorial and Directive Staff Member, Feb'18 - May '19
- 2017 Boston Museum of Science  
Early Childhood Interpretation Intern, May - Aug.
- 2013-2015 Brown|RISD Dual Degree Exhibition  
Installation Lead and Curatorial Committee member
- 2013 RISD Museum, Decorative Arts and Design Department  
Andrew W. Mellon Curatorial Intern, May - Aug.

## **Exhibitions / Non Peer-Reviewed Publications**

- 2020 *ADPD Publication*, "Cultivating Aesthetic Play: A Case For Culture In Dementia Memory Care",  
Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

