

## CRISTINA SCIARRA

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### EMPLOYMENT

#### RIVER STREET STUDIO, LLC

*Principal* | Jersey City, New Jersey (January 2020-Present)

River Street Studio is a Jersey City-based interior design firm, offering full-service design to the tristate area, and distance design services for projects further afield. Particular focus on children's spaces, small/compact spaces, built-ins, and custom furniture design.

- On-going: furniture design and development for a wall-mounted "office".
- On-going: comprehensive interior design / architecture for a home office; built-in closets; and full-floor suite, including bedroom and two play spaces with built-in features, for two children. (Winston-Salem, NC)
- On-going: interior design for a sunroom dining room, family room, and master bedroom (Monclair, NJ)
- Space planning and Interior Styling for a toddler bedroom. (Jersey City, NJ)

#### FREELANCE DESIGN WORK | (June 2019-January 2020)

- Interior Styling for an Upper East Side one-bedroom apartment. (NY, NY)
- Assembled concept images; created CAD plans and elevations; rendered in Rhino: an arbor, garden, and built-in seating area for a house extension. (Angoulins, France)
- Nine disparate concept boards; full design and execution of three model units for The Mint apartments. (Rahway, NJ)
- Design and Comp research for a 340-unit building. (Jersey City, NJ)

#### KANIBAL & CO.

*Junior Designer* | Jersey City, New Jersey (April 2019-April 2020)

- Attended 2019 NYC Design Week shows, met with vendors and increased knowledge of sourcing processes.
- Principally focused on two buildings dated 1890 in Pond Eddy, New York, with the goal of maintaining original details, while updating said spaces to accommodate an independent apartment, an event space, a cottage, and five room-suite with 1.5 bath and kitchenette. My work included measurements, design development, and design drawings (plans and elevations) of: bathrooms, closet, kitchenette in five room suite; and cottage kitchen. Participated in: overall design concept development; material research and sourcing; and phase 2 design development, graphic drawings.

#### URSA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC

*Senior Project Manager* | Hoboken, New Jersey (August 2012-June 2018)

Full-scope real estate development, from land acquisition through delivery of residential housing in Hoboken, NJ. Notable projects include 1125 Jefferson (59 rental units, 1 commercial space), The Jordan (159 rental units, 4 commercial spaces), and 502 Madison (18 condos). Experience collaborating, but also leading assignments. Due to long-term projects, skills in planning ahead, organization, and setting the bar high over time. I am self-directed and motivated, and enjoy solving problems.

- Brand Creation Project Management: Determine the culture of a building through color, naming, design, logo, style.
- Marketing Project Management: Oversee website creation and implementation, social media campaigns, SEM, digital banner advertisements, PATH advertisements, vinyl and outdoor signage, print advertisements, A-frames, email blasts, and floor plans and brochures.
- Design Project Management: One-on-one work with a team of architects and engineers, pouring over the details of each unit, to ensure maximum utility of space, functionality, and luxury. Liaise with a team of designers to devise the overall style of a building, and then implement with the selection of appliances and finishes. Determine common space programming decisions and designs. For 1125 Jefferson and The Jordan, full execution of 2-bedroom model units, from design selection through staging. For 502 Madison, selecting the design aesthetic and individual design elements while working with a 3D model renderer.
- General Project Management: Work with a team of engineers, designers, architects, and lawyers to ensure all deadlines are met. Site selection-based research.

## **PROFESSIONAL FOOD WRITING AND RECIPE DEVELOPMENT**

***Food and Travel Writer, Editor and Photographer*** (May 2012-Present)

Award-winning essays, creative nonfiction, recipes. Work featured in Remedy Quarterly, Life & Thyme, Food52, People Magazine, Cup of Jo, among others. Full list of publications here: <http://theroamingkitchen.net/publications/>.

- I wrote thirty-five original recipes for Food52's book, [Ice Cream and Friends](#). (Ten Speed Press, Spring 2017)
- **Founder, *theroamingkitchen.com*** (June 2011-Present): Writer, editor, recipe developer, photographer at online recipe journal focusing on seasonal, whole food with travel pieces. Website photography shot on a Nikon D80.

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## **EDUCATION**

**PARSONS at THE NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY** | New York, New York (January 2018-December 2019)

Interior Design (AAS). GPA: 3.97

- Constructed Environments Award (Significant contributions to community building, as well as high academic achievement.)
- Sustainable Vision Award (Excellence in creative work, and dedication to design for sustainability and social justice.)

**THE NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY** | New York, New York (2010-2012)

Master of Fine Arts: Fiction Writing

Editorial Staff; Lit Literary Journal (2010-2012) • Teaching of Writing (2011-2012)

**LE CORDON BLEU** | Paris, France (2010)

Diploma in Basic Cuisine—Intensive

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** | Washington, D.C. (2004-2008)

Bachelor of Arts: English and Creative Writing (Cum Laude); Minor: Psychology

- Lannan Fellow in Poetry at the Folger Shakespeare Library (2007-2008)
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain: Junior semester abroad (2006)
- GW Hatchet Arts Section writer: restaurant and film reviews; coverage of the Tribeca Film Festival (2007-2008)

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**Languages:** English, French, Spanish

**Computer Programs:** AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, Rhino, SketchUp, V-Ray