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EDUCATION

2011 MFA 3D (Sculpture/Furniture Design), University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI
2008 Ph.D. Furniture Design & Manufacturing, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
2005 M.S. Wood Science-Furniture Design, Northeast Forestry University, Harbin, China
2001 B.S. Interior and Furniture Design, Northeast Forestry University, Harbin, China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012 Instructor "Studio Furniture", Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
10-11 Instructor of Record, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, (3D Design)
08-10 Woodshop Supervisor, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, (teach woodshop safety, supervising wood/furniture classes and manage entire shop)
06-07 Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, (Design for Computer Numerical Controlled Manufacturing and Introduction to Environmental Conservation)
01-05 Assistant Professor, Furniture Design Department and Landscape Architecture Division, Northeast Forestry University, Harbin, China (Foundations, Interior and Furniture Design, Sculpture and Ice & Snow Art)

SELECTED HONORS/AWARDS

2012 BLINK Grant, Madison Arts Commission, WI
2011 Fellowship Award-Sculpture, Vermont Studio Center, VT
2010 Silver Medal, International Snow Sculpture Competition (Team Captain), Quebec, Canada
2010 Art Department Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI
2010 Neha Suri Award, Merit Award, Wisconsin Union Directorate, Madison, WI
2009 Honorable Mention Award, AWFS Fresh Wood Competition, Las Vegas, NV
2009 Eugene F. Dana Art Scholarship, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI
2008 3rd Place, International Design Awards (IDA) Competition, Los Angeles, CA
2008 Bill and Helen Swain Award, Purdue University, IN
2007 Merit Award, Taiwan International Design Competition, Taipei, Taiwan
2006 First Place Trophy, Design Emphasis 2006, International Woodworking Fair, Atlanta, GA
2004 Merit Award, 18th Harbin International Ice Sculpture Competition, China
2003 Silver Trophy, 18th Harbin National Snow Sculpture Competition, China
2000 21st Century Student Grant, Ministry of Education of China, (Top 0.1 % nation wide)
1999 Star Award of Art Design, Heilongjiang Province, China

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

12-13 "The Tool at Hand", Originating: Milwaukee Art Museum, travels: Philadelphia Art Alliance, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Museum of Contemporary Craft in Portland
2012 "A Chair to Remember", Charles Allis & Villa Terrace Decorative Art Museums, WI+
2012 "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now", Charles Allis Art Museum, WI+
2012 "Stevens Point Sculpture Park Juried Exhibition", Stevens Point, WI+
2012 "Take a Break", Madison Rotary Club Centennial Plaza, Sequoya Library, WI*
2012 "Seats"Jishengweibang Gallery, Qingpu District, Shanghai, China+
2012 "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now", Charles Allis Art Museum, WI+
2012 "Chairs"+86 China contemporary Design Museum, 798 Art District, Beijing, China+
2012 "Ossuary", Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin, WI+
2012 "Failing Winter", Madison Children's Museum, WI*
2011 "The Tool at Hand", Curated by Ethan Lasser, Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
2011 "A Chair Grows Out of a Hotpot " performance, Sweet Water Organics, Milwaukee, WI*
2011 "Design for Sitting", Central Academy of Fine Arts Museum, Beijing, China+
2011 "International President Network of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Architecture Exhibition", Central Academy of Fine Art-Art Museum, Beijing, China
2011 Beijing International Design Triennial, National Museum of China, Beijing, China+
2011 IDEX/NeoCon, Canada's National Design Expo & Conference, Toronto, CA+
2011 "Reconstituted", Memorial Union Porter Butts Gallery, University of Wisconsin, WI*
2011 "The Beast in Me", Madison Public Library, Madison, WI
2010 "Nature of Ice", Art Attack 2010, Northrup King Studios, Minneapolis, MN
2010 "Outdoor Furniture Exhibition", 2010 Furniture Society Conference, MIT, MA+

- 2010 "CACHE", an Exhibition of Madison Artists, Art Industry, Madison, WI
 2010 "International/Globalism Exhibition", Overture Center, Madison, WI+
 2010 "Forward", Co-Prosperity Sphere, CAA Conference, Chicago, IL+
 2010 "Leaking Glacier", Plains of Abraham, Quebec City, QC, Canada+
 2010 "15 Seconds", University of Wisconsin, Art Loft Gallery, Madison, WI
 2010 "Dancing Snow Furniture" Performance & Installation, Milwaukee Art Museum, WI*
 2009 "Green Furniture", Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
 2009 "AWFS Fresh Wood", Las Vegas Convention Center, NV+
 2009 "Talking", Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery, Oshkosh, WI
 2009 "Ice & Snow Furniture Raised From Lake Mendota", Madison, WI*
 2008 "New Kids on the Block", Project Lodge Gallery, Madison, WI
 2007 "International 2007 Taiwan Design Expo", Hsiao-Long Cultural Park, Taiwan+
 2006 "Design Emphasis", International Woodworking Fair, Georgia World Congress Center, GA+
 *denotes solo exhibition; +denotes juried exhibition

COLLECTIONS

- Sequoia Library of Madison, WI 2012
 Stevens Point Sculpture Park, Stevens Point, WI 2012
 Madison Public Library, Madison, WI 2012
 Chipstone Foundation, Milwaukee, WI 2010, 2011, 2012
 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Provost Office, WI 2011
 Vermont Studio Center, VT 2011
 Madison Children's Museum, Madison, WI 2010
 Purdue Wood Research Lab, West Lafayette, IN 2006
 Taiwan Design Center, Taipei, Taiwan 2007
 UW-Madison, campus photo library 2009, File ID: 9678

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 Visiting Artist, Studio Furniture program, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
 2012 Visiting Artist, Kohl's Art Generation Family Sundays, Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
 2012 Guest Curator, Chipstone Foundation at Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
 11-12 Chief Designer, Drift Studio, WI
 2011 Instructor and Residency, Walden Project, Willowell Foundation, Vergennes, VT
 2011 Honorable Visiting Professor, Inner Mongolia Agriculture University, Hohhot, China
 2010 Conference Speaker, "The Lifecycle of Furniture", 2010 Furniture Society Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
 2010 Lecturer, "Object Lab" Workshop, Chipstone Foundation, Milwaukee, WI
 2010 Speaker, "Global Warming, Water and the Planet's Future", Quebec City, Canada
 2010 Speaker, Green Furniture Grad Seminar, Beijing Forestry University, Beijing, China
 2009 Instructor, "Chair, No Chair", Jiangnan University, China, co-teach with Tom Loeser
 09-10 Guest Curator, "Green Furniture Design", Milwaukee Art Museum, WI
 2009 Class Assistant for Professor Tom Loeser, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wood 334/534
 2007 Culture Seminar Lecturer, Klondike Middle School, West Lafayette, IN, Teach Ice and Snow Sculpture Art, Chinese Calligraphy and Painting
 2007 Speaker, "My Creation in Harbin", Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
 06-07 Graduate Student Council Committee Member and Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University, IN
 2007 Vice President, Purdue Chinese Student & Scholar Association, Purdue University
 2004 Industry Instructor in Furniture Design and Manufacturing, teach Furniture Design and Drawing to staff from furniture corporations in North China
 2002 Committee Member of Art Design Exhibitions, 50th Anniversary of Northeast Forestry University of China
 01-11 Captain and CEO, International Ice and Snow Sculpture Team of China and the Club of Ice & Snow Art, Harbin Chapter, China

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2011 "Creative Junctions", Interni Magazine, Italy
 2011 "Beijing Design Triennial", China Central Television, Beijing TV
 2011 "Designwire", Interior Design magazine, New York, June
 2011 "Axe Chair", Weekend Knack Magazine, Belgian

- 2011 "Zero Impact Experiments", Modern Weekly, Hong Kong/Shanghai, Jan
- 2011 "Chinese Artist Hongtao Zhou Solo Show in Wisconsin", Sing Tao Daily, Chicago, May, 27th
- 2011 "Bench Made of 1000 Belts", Denmark-Borsen Pleasure, Denmark
- 2011 "Burniture", Design Bureau Magazine, Chicago, May/June
- 2011 "Snow Artist Hongtao Zhou", Channel 3000, Wisconsin TV
- 2010 "Icy Chairs", Vimadeco (BHEMADECO in Greek), Athens, Greece
- 2010 "Burniture", FHM Magazine, Germany, Dec
- 2010 "Melting Seats", Digital Design-Surface Magazine, Beijing, Nov, p27
- 2010 "Snow Furniture by Hongtao Zhou", Journal of Modern Craft, London, May
- 2010 "Team China Won First Ever Silver Medal in Quebec International Snow Sculpture Competition", Chinese Press, Montreal, February 12th, Issue #1456
- 2010 "Quebec Winter Carnival Results for Snow Sculpture Contest, International Category", FOX 28, WNNY TV, NY, February 7th, Receiving silver medal on stage
- 2010 "Chinese Snow Artist on World Stage", Xinhua News (Evening), China, February 6th
- 2010 Cover & winner, "The Best of Core77: Our Favorites from 2009", Core77 online
- 2010 "Exploring Green furniture at Milwaukee Art Museum", Shepherd, December, p35
- 2010 "Rocking Chair", Nox magazine, February (Published in Spanish)
- 2010 "Your Rocking Chair", AT-Maariv, Israel, February (Published in Hebrew)
- 2009 "Green Furniture on display at Milwaukee Art Museum", Journal Times, Dec, 1B
- 2009 "Cold Seat", (Parting Shot, Winter), AmericanStyle Magazine, p104
- 2009 "The Spin-ster", CS Interiors- Modern Luxury Magazine, Chicago, fall, p50
- 2009 "Sustainable Ice and Snow Furniture", NISHA design magazine, Israel, April, P5
- 2009 "Four Chairs, No Waiting", On Wisconsin Magazine, March Issue, P8-9
- 2009 "The Cold Truth: This Furniture Won't Last", Wisconsin State Journal, February 4, P3
- 2009 "Snow Furniture on Lake Mendota", Marquetteturner Magazine, Australia, February
- 2009 "Hongtao Zhou Really "Cool" Furniture", Square Magazine, UK, February
- 2009 "Ice & Snow Furniture", China Industrial Designers Association, Taiwan, February
- 2008 "CNC Adjustable Rocking Chair ", Kontakt Magazine, Phoenix, Arizona, p35
- 2008 "Arm Rocking Chair", Furniture Business Magazine, Russia, Issue 68, p26
- 2007 "Designing a Winner", Purdue Agriculture Magazine, winter, p4
- 2006 "Hongtao Zhou Rocking Chair", DIY Network, Woodworking Channel
- 2006 "Hongtao Zhou, Student of the Month", Wood Digest, December, p18
- 2006 Inside cover, Modern Woodworking, October, p4
- 2003 "Zhou's Ice & Snow Club", Harbin TV, China, Dec 20
- 2003 "Win in Snow Competition", Heilongjiang Province TV, China, Dec 20,
- 2002 "College Snow Man Trying to Make the Grade", China Daily, Dec 20, p3
- 2001 "College Students in the Snow Competition", CCTV International, China, Dec 20, Interviewed as captain of snow sculpture teams

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- 2011 "Beijing Triennial", Zhuangshi Magazine, Tsinghua University Press, China, p89
- 2010 "Structural Tambour", Transmaterial 3, Princeton Architectural Press, p86 & back cover
- 2009 Zhou, H. "The Cold Truth", American Craft magazine, (Oct/Nov), p30-31
- 2009 Zhou, H. "1000 Ideas for Creative Reuse", Garth Johnson, Quarry Books, p295
- 2009 Zhou, H. "Behind These Colorful Furniture", Furniture & Interior Design Journal, China, Sep
- 2009 Zhou, H. "Decoration of Reclining", Freshwood, vol 4, p80-81
- 2008 Zhou, H., & Haviarova, E. "Furniture Design at Purdue", Furniture & Interior Design Journal, China, p18
- 2007 Zhou, H. "First Place Marks One Year Milestone", Purdue Compass Magazine, p12
- 2005 Zhou, H. "Snow and Ice Art", Art & Design Journal, China, p123
- 2005 Zhou, H., & Wang, F. "Chinese Words Furniture Creative Design", Art & Design Journal, China, p12
- 2005 Zhou, H., & Wang, F. "Furniture Conceptual Design Study and Strategy", Furniture Magazine, China, April, p.40
- 2004 Yu, S., Wan, H., Zhou, H., Book "Furniture Modeling and Structure Design", Heilongjiang Science and Technology Press, China
- 2004 Zhou, H., Pang, Jian., "International Ice & Snow Sculptures from Northeast Forestry University", Way of Success Magazine, China, April, inside cover

- 2004 Zhou, H., Zhang, T., & Wan, H. "Furniture Culture Originality-Ice and Snow Furniture and Interior in Harbin", Furniture & Interior Design Journal, China, p56
- 2004 Zhou, H. "Cultivating of Original Thinking in Furniture Design", Furniture & Interior Design Journal, China, p13
- 2000 Zhou, H. "Logo of College of Communication", Chinese Students' Artistic Products Yearbook of Academies of Fine Arts. Volume of Design, p12

SELECTED RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

- 2008 A review of chair life cycles in a case study: Oval-back Derby chair. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI. Abstracts
- 2007 Design and Testing of Plywood Finger-End-Joint for CNC Adjustable Furniture, Zhou, H., & Haviarova, E., Forest Products Society 61st International Convention. Knoxville, TN. Abstracts p7
- 2007 Adjustable wooden furniture manufactured from CNC technology, Zhou, H., & Haviarova, E., The Sixth Advancing Manufacturing Summit. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Abstracts
- 2006 Seating furniture for plus-size population, Zhou, H., & Haviarova E., Forest Products Society 60th International Convention. Newport Beach, CA. Abstracts, p49
- 2006 Seating furniture for plus-size population, Zhou, H., & Haviarova E., Society of Wood Science and Technology 49th Annual Convention. Newport Beach, CA. Abstracts, p34
- 2006 Innovative CNC product design—adjustable rocking chair, Zhou, H., & Haviarova E., The Fifth Annual Advance Manufacturing Summit. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Abstract

TECHNICAL SKILLS/EXPERTISE

Hand: woodworking, metal work, ceramic, snow and ice work

Design Expertise: sustainability, object structure, product engineering and manufacturing, interior architecture and sculpture, public art

Software: Office, CAD software, Adobe software, 3d rendering software (3D Max, Rhino, solidworks), digital prototyping software (Mastercam, Partwork)

Machine: most woodworking machines and power tools, welding equipments, CNC and 3D printer

Language: Chinese and English