

JOHN HENLEY

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)
Pittsburgh, PA
Grad. 2024

Bachelor of Design, Industrial Design
Minor, Environmental & Sustainability Studies
Honors: School of Design Lee Goldman Scholarship, 2023
School of Design Industrial Design Merit Award, 2022
Sydney M. and Sylvia B. Feldman Presidential Scholarship, 2020–2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contemporary Craft
Pittsburgh, PA
2025–present

Wood Studio Program Manager
Building the programming and studio space of a brand new community wood studio, coordinating with artists to offer workshops and community engagement initiatives. Designing and building out the wood machine shop while managing program budget.

Tadao Arimoto
Woodworking & Design
Pittsburgh, PA
2024–2025, 2022

Furniture Apprentice
Studied under master Japanese woodworker Tadao Arimoto. Practiced contemporary Japanese woodworking, including lumber milling, joining, finishing, and on-site assembly & install of furniture and finish carpentry.

John Henley Design (self)
Pittsburgh, PA
2024–present

Freelance Designer & Woodworker
Designs and builds custom furniture and bespoke objects, working with clients from the ideation stage to final fabrication, using primarily wood and metal.

CMU School of Design
Pittsburgh, PA
2022–2024

Fabrication Lab Monitor
Oversaw woodshop and digital fabrication labs during evening & weekend hours. Ensured student safety; offered instruction and advice to students; maintained machines.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Steve Jobs Archive
2024–2025

Fellow
Selected from a national pool of applicants to join a group of ten emerging interdisciplinary makers whose practices lie at the intersection of technology and liberal arts. Pursued a place-based craft project while engaging in fellowship programming.

Contemporary Craft
Pittsburgh, PA
2025–present

Instructor
Wood 1: Foundations | 8-week series
Woodworking 101: Charcuterie Board | 3-hour workshop
Private lessons | Ongoing

CMU School of Design
Pittsburgh, PA
2022–2024

Teaching Assistant
51-626 Prototyping for Interaction Design | Prof. Andrew Twigg
51-343 Designing for Complex Product Systems | Prof. Stephen Stadelmeier
51-121 Visualizing | Prof. Mark Baskinger
51-102 Design Lab | Profs. Daphne Peters & Sunki Hong

Research Assistant
Spatial Experiences Lab | Dr. Daniel Rosenberg

EXHIBITIONS

Contemporary Craft
2026–ongoing

The Anthropocene Archive
Solo exhibition, Gerry Kay Display Cases, Pittsburgh, PA.

Miller Institute for Contemporary Art
2024

End Meeting for All
Group exhibition, Miller ICA at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Joseph Ballay Center for Design Fusion
2024

Industrial Design Society of America Student Merit Awards Showcase
Group exhibition, School of Design at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.