

# Richard J. Lombard

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## **Education:**

**MBA**, Intl Finance/Nonprofit Administration, Columbia University, 1994.  
**BA**, Russian Studies, Dartmouth College, 1988.

## **Academic Experience:**

**Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.**

- Curator: Tasmeeem Doha. 2023-24.

**College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI, USA**

- Adjunct Faculty: Color & Materials MFA Program. 2021.

**Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, USA.**

- Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Architecture. 2021.

**Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy.**

- Visiting Professor, School of Design. 2019.

**Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.**

- Curator, Materials Library. 2010-2016.
- Assistant Professor, MFA.DESIGN. 2010-2015. Associate Professor. 2016.

## **Work Experience:**

**Public Being:** Brooklyn, NY, USA

- Executive Director of nonprofit empowering creative initiatives with clear public engagement. 2024-present.

**Matter of Importance:** Brooklyn, NY, USA.

- Consultant to professionals and academics on creative and materials-related projects. 2016-present.

**Material ConneXion:** New York, NY, USA.

- Chief Operating Officer. 2008-2010.
- Director of Public Programs. 2005-2008.
- Director of Academic Programs. 2002-2005.

**Sotheby's:** New York, NY, USA.

- Senior Editor, sothebys.com. 1999-2001.

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art,** New York, NY, USA.

- Communications Officer. 1989-1992.

## **Selected Publications:**

Lombard, Richard. **"Ghost Nets."** Material Intelligence, edited by Glenn Adamson & Natalie Wright, Chipstone Foundation. 2023.

Lombard, Richard. **"The Role of ICS Materials in Materials Libraries: Weaving Together the Fabric of the Future."** *ICS Materials: Interactive, Connected, and Smart Materials*, edited by Valentina Rognoli & Venere Ferraro, FrancoAngeli s.r.l., 2021.

Andres A, Lombard R. **"Fake fur, fruit leather, and ferrofluids: Challenges to managing a materials library in the Middle East."** Art Libraries Journal (43:3), July 2018.

## **Selected Presentations:**

Lombard R, Paresi S, Rognoli V. **"Material Change."** Paper Presentation. Design Principles and Practices 2020, Pratt Institute. Brooklyn, NY. March 16, 2020. (Paper and workshop accepted, event was canceled due to pandemic.)

Lombard R, Paresi S, Rognoli V. **"Alphabet Soup: A Materials Workshop – from DIY and ICS to PLA and PHB."** Workshop. Design Principles and Practices 2020, Pratt Institute. Brooklyn, NY. March 16, 2020.

Lombard, R. **"Towards A Better Alignment: A New System for Academia and Industry"**. Poster Presentation. International Materials Education Symposium, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK. April 6, 2017.

Lombard, R. **"Sustainable Building Materials: Green Even Below the Surface?"**. Qatar Green Building Conference, Doha, Qatar. November 13, 2016.

Lombard, R. **"Original Talk"** (series). Downtown Design, Dubai, UAE. Panel discussion with Giovanna Castiglioni (President, Archile Castiglioni Foundation) and Ab Rogers (Head of Programme, Interior Design, Royal College of Art), moderated by Caroline Roux (Journalist). October 31, 2014.

## **Selected Exhibition Curation and Design:**

**"The Bicycle and the Future of Mobility"**. Doha Expo 2023 (for Qatar Auto Museum), Doha, Qatar. 2023

**"(Barely) Tempered: Concepts in Tension"**. Jane Lombard Gallery, NY, NY, USA. 2023

**"3ajeeb! Tasmeeem Doha 2015"**. Design Days Dubai, Dubai, UAE. 2015.

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## **Conference Curation and Logistics:**

**Tasmeem Doha 2024: "Under Construction"**. Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar. 2-5 March 2024. Speakers/Workshop Leaders: Abdulrahman Al Muftah, Asma Derouiche, Ben Jurgensen, Bernard Khoury, Bradley Dunn Klerks, Cameron Newham, Dana Said, Drew Francis Cameron, Erika Tsuchiya, Ethan Kent, Faysal Tabbarah, Ghanimeh El-Taweel, Gwyllim Jahn, Habeeb M. Abu-Futtaim, Hadeer Omar, Dr. Huda Smitshuijzen AbiFarès, Isabella Rossen, Jan De Coster, Jeannine Diego, Joshua Rodenberg, Majdulin Nasrallah, Mirnah Bamieh, Mo'min Swaitat, Mourad BNCR, Muiz, Nada Elkhashari, Nick van den Berg, Nihal Mohammed, Nur Alah Abdelzayed Valdeolmillos, Omaima Amin, Reema Abu Hassan, Robert Čanak, Saga Ahmed, Sara Bazzano, Sébastien Labrunie, Sebastien Turbot, Shaima Al Tamimi, Thor McIntyre-Burnie, Wael Morcos, Wafaa Bilal, Yasmeen Suleiman, Yasser Elshashtawy.

**Tasmeem Doha 2015: "3ajeeb!"**. Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar. 8-12 March 2015. Speakers/Workshop Leaders: Ailadi Cortelletti, Alberto Iaconovi, Alessandro Contini, Aparna Rao, Ashley Pigford, Astrid Thews, Ben Kinsley, Casey Neistat, Charlie Whitney, Claudia Scarpa, Craig Calfee, David Glass, Dustin London, Gavin Strange, Giovanni Innella, Harrison Stewart, Hector Ayuso, Jan De Coster, Jessica Langlely, Jim Le Fevre, Julien Breton (aka Kaalam), Killian David Cooper, Kyoko Ibe, Leen Sadder, Luna Maurer, Manar Moursi, Marc Catala Rodas, Maria Luisa Palumbo, Matthew Rader, Michele Aquila, Mingbo Gao, Mohamed Hassan, Nathalie Koutia, Pablo Juncadella, Pamela Reed, Pors Simonsen, Rachel Storai, Rellie Brewer, Robin Schwartzman, Roel Wouters, Simone Rebaudengo, Sougwen Chung, Stefan Messam, Stephen Simpson, Tegan Bristow, Thomas Loftus, Tilman Sole Kienle, Tsubasa Nakamura, Yishihiro Mohri, Zeynep Akten, Zoe Laura Romano.

**"LEFT/BRAIN/RIGHT"**, New York, NY, USA. Speakers: Li Edelkoort and Andrew Dent. April 25, 2008.

**"MATTERX"**, New York, NY, USA. Speakers: Sheila Kennedy and Frano Violich (Kennedy & Violich Architecture), Patrick Jouin, David Gibson (Two Twelve Associates), Roberto Crivello and Savania Davies-Keiller (DDC Lab), Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle, Kim Colin and Sam Hecht (Industrial Facility), Clodagh, Andy Cao and Xavier Perrot (Cao-Perrot Studio), Sandy Chilewich, and Franz von Holzhausen (Mazda). May 17-18, 2007.

**"TERRA MATTER"**, New York, NY, USA. 2006. Speakers: Natalie Chanin (Alabama Chanin), Michele Oka Doner, Andrew Dent (Material ConneXion), Yves Behar (FUSEproject), Michael Braungart (MBDC), Jill Dumain (Patagonia), Leslie Hoffman (Earth Pledge Foundation), Sami Hayek, Sergio Palleroni (University of Texas). May 20, 2006.

## **Librarianship:**

### **Materials Library, VCUQatar:**

- Designed and implemented a library of material samples as well as a professional-level product literature collection for fashion, interior design, graphic design and related design disciplines.
- Provided direction, inspiration and support for research to undergraduate and graduate design programs.
- Designed and delivered services to the broader community, including access to and information about materials and the collection.
- Provided research support for students, faculty, and local professionals, as well as current awareness services for new materials and applications.
- Fostered and maintained industry connections and procured materials internationally to create a source for information about local materials industry and suppliers.
- Led the planning of facilities and furnishings, the development, organization and maintenance of the collections and on-line search tools, and the provision of proactive educational services, in consultation with the Library Director and design faculty.

## **Teaching Responsibilities:**

### **Color & Materials MFA, College for Creative Studies:**

- **CMD\_701:** Studio Impact: 6 credits, developed and taught.

### **School of Architecture, Pratt Institute:**

- **ARCH-581A-09:** Elements of Materiality: 3 credits, developed and taught.

### **MFA.DESIGN, VCUQatar:**

- **DESI510:** Materials and Methods: 3 credits, developed and taught.
- **DESI605:** Design Strategies and Ethics for Business: 3 credits, developed and taught.

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**Thesis Committee Membership, VCUQatar:**

- Alia Khairat
- Imad Fadel
- Shaikha Al Mahmoud
- Robert Çanak
- Lina Mahusain (Primary Advisor)
- Othman Khunji (Primary Advisor)
- Samreen Zahra (Primary Advisor)

**VCUQatar Libraries, VCUQatar:**

- **UNIV101:** Mindset for Academic Success. (Selected Information Literacy modules.)
- **UNIV111:** Focused Inquiry I. (Selected Information Literacy modules.)
- **UNIV200:** Inquiry & the Craft of Argument. (Selected Information Literacy modules.)

**Service to the Community, Doha:**

**Mentor/On-Air Personality**, *Stars of Science*, Qatar Foundation, Doha, Qatar. 2011-2016.

**Advisory Board Member**, Katara Art Center, Doha, Qatar. 2013-2014.

**Service to Education City, Doha:**

**Member**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University Faculty Advisory Committee, Doha, Qatar. 2012-2013.

**Contract Research**, Texas A&M in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.

- Dr. Beena Ahmed: Sleep sensor headband, 2014. Assisted with material selection and fabrication of one-piece prototype enclosure.
- Dr. Mansour Karkoub: Shell Eco-Marathon Vehicle, 2012. Assisted with design, materials selection and sourcing, and fabrication.
- Dr. Hassan Bashir and Dr. Arun R. Srinivasa: Ethics and Engineering Workshop, 2012. Initiated program and provided programmatic guidance and materials research.

**Service to the VCUQatar:**

**Chair**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.

- Career Development Committee, 2014-2015.
- Search Committee (Assistant Dean for Enrollment), 2014-2015.
- Search Committee (Art Director), 2014.
- Search Committee (Art History Librarian), 2013.
- Search Committee (Faculty Resource Manager), 2012.
- Faculty Advisory Committee, 2010-2012.

**Co-Chair**, "3ajeeb!" Tasmeeem Doha 2015 International Design Conference. Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar. 8-12 March 2015.

**Member**, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.

- Collection Development Committee (Library), 2011-2016.
- Web Development Committee (Library), 2011-2016.
- Research and Development Committee, 2013.
- Search Committee (Assistant Dean for Administration), 2012.
- Faculty and Staff Life Committee, 2011.