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The Contemporary announces the hiring of Lu Zhang as Business Manager.

Baltimore, MD—The Contemporary is pleased to announce the appointment of Lu Zhang as Business Manager. Lu will oversee by maintaining office procedures, supervising financial activity, and allocating resources for the museum. The creation of the Business Manager position is a part of The Contemporary's plan to establish a modest staff who support the organization's operations



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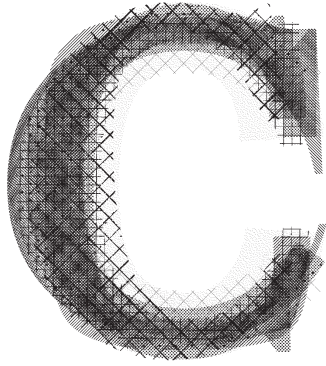
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As Business Manager, Lu will also play an active role in improving and expanding the organization's infrastructure and operations by establishing administrative protocols, developing institutional best practices, and fundraising.

"Lu has had a very broad range of experiences— all of which make her the ideal candidate for this position. We are so excited to welcome her to our team," said Deana Haggag, Director of The Contemporary.

"A lecture on Fred Wilson's seminal work *Mining the Museum* was my first semester introduction to the importance of context in art," said Lu. "As a student, I appreciated the access to contemporary artists and their work the museum provided. As an artist, I appreciate The Contemporary's return to its roots and original objective to redefine the museum and the context in which art is shown and discussed. In addition to serving the Baltimore community, The Contemporary expands the conversation around art and promotes artists, galleries, arts organizations, and Baltimore City to a broader audience. I'm excited to contribute to The Contemporary's re-envisioned mission focused on artists, collaboration and community."

"We are very fortunate to have Lu join us— her professional skills and accomplished background will be fantastic assets for the museum as we continue to expand," said Terry Squyres, President of the Board of Trustees of The Contemporary.



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Prior to joining The Contemporary, Lu Zhang worked for a number of years as Senior Model Designer at a local architecture firm before transitioning to the non-profit sector in her position as Employer Relations Coordinator at MICA's Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development. In addition to her role as Business Manager at The Contemporary, Lu is Managing Editor at Bmoreart.com, a Baltimore based online Arts Journal, as well as an Adjunct Professor at MICA. Lu received her MFA in Painting at the Frank Mohr Institute in the Netherlands and her BFA in General Fine Arts at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). She has exhibited her drawings and installations in the United States and abroad including shows at C. Grimaldis Gallery in Baltimore, Randall Scott Gallery in Washington DC, and The Center for Art and Culture in France. Lu has received a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council for Works on Paper and been awarded The Trawick Prize Young Artist Award.