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I would like to clarify a question that was presented in the Memorandum to Professor Tom Buresh regarding the Ad Hoc Case Review for my tenure and promotion case.

The Ad Hoc committee noted conflicting attributions in the statement, CV and portfolio. Upon further review of my portfolio, I discovered that in the case of three projects, while copying in the names of collaborators on the projects (my partner, Virginia San Fratello and research assistants or interns), I failed to type my own name in the project credits. This was a simple oversight on my part.

As I mention in the Activity Statement, it is impossible to definitively separate out individual aspects of responsibility – both Virginia and I design each and every project together with a team of talented employees. However, particular to the research surrounding material invention in rapid prototyping, it may be helpful to the reviewers to mention that the material development (material invention and structural testing) is accomplished at the University with me as the principal investigator along with graduate research assistants. The application of the material (design and fabrication) is an effort that I bring into my creative practice. Certainly there are discoveries in the design studio that feed back into the material development at the University and vice-versa, and my partner plays a critical role in that creative loop. The peer-reviewed papers, co-written by Virginia (also an Assistant Professor at San Jose State University), and myself, are a reflection of the synergy between creative practice, research and teaching that we both foster in our respective academic and collaborative practice endeavors.

I hope this information sheds light on some of the questions raised.

Thank you.