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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (UIUC), 2008
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
Minor in Information Technology Studies

SKILLS

PROFICIENT IN:

- » Adobe Creative Suite 5
- » Dreamweaver
- » HTML, CSS, XML, XHTML
- » Wordpress
- » Web-development, accessibility, browser cross-compatibility
- » Digital & still photography
- » Windows XP and Apple OSX operating systems
- » Microsoft Office
- » Fluent in Polish

WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF:

- » JavaScript, J-Query
- » Final Cut Pro

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

INTERCOM VENTURES / POLTV / BOSNATV

Senior Graphic Designer & Web Developer
CHICAGO, IL JAN '12 - MAR '12

- » Created and designed marketing pieces; such as flyers, banners, business cards, website splash pages, t-shirts, and social media connections.
- » Designed and developed new marketing and sponsorship websites.
- » Collaborated on promotional pieces with the marketing team to reach out to Polish & Bosnian speaking audiences in the US and Europe.

TOCA

Graphic Designer
CHICAGO, IL MAR '10 - JAN '11

- » Designed screen assets for a new mobile device (MOTOACTV) in production for Motorola Mobility.
- » Designed graphics, icons, emoticons and graphs for various stages and uses of the device.
- » Worked with the internal design team to better improve wire frames, screen flows, and visual and interaction design.
- » Designed new production screen comps and cut up production assets.
- » Create Specification Sheets detailing spacing, asset call outs and text sizing for each screen comp.
- » Worked with the software and design teams to deliver assets.
- » Participated in project proposals, design, and ideation.

IMAGE GRAPHICS INC.

Graphic Designer & Web Developer
CHAMPAIGN, IL JAN '09 - FEB '10

- » Coded, designed and updated websites using Photoshop, HTML, CSS, and the Wordpress content management system.
- » Troubleshoot HTML code for web-accessibility and browser cross-compatibility, as well as for the University of Illinois web-standards.
- » Designed and conceptualized logos, book layouts, company branding, marketing pieces and various web pieces for local and University clients.

ILLINI MEDIA - BUZZ MAGAZINE

Art Director
CHAMPAIGN, IL AUG '07 - AUG '08

- » Managed, supervised, and trained a creative team of 7 (designers, illustrators, and image editor) for buzz magazine, a student-run weekly local arts and entertainment magazine in the Champaign-Urbana community with a circulation rate of 25,000.
- » Oversaw all steps of production from early meetings to final edits.
- » Assigned weekly spreads and covers to the design staff.
- » Collaborated on and created creative and editorial content with editors, designers, illustrators, and photographers in a team environment.
- » Enforced deadlines and a productive work atmosphere.

LUKE BATTEN & JONATHAN SADLER NEW CATALOGUE IMAGE BANK

Artist's Assistant & Designer & Image Editor
CHICAGO, IL SUMMER '06

- » Brainstormed ideas and concepts for photo shoots and projects.
- » Assisted photo shoots by working with models and staging and preparing the area to be photographed.
- » Maintained a professional studio environment by organizing software, folders and color-profiles on the in-house computers.
- » Directed the spatial organization and placement of exhibitions in galleries.