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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

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 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.
- » Participated in logo, book, and web design conceptualization, brainstorming, and sketches.

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.

THE ROBERT HEINECKEN TRUST

Image Editor & Layout Designer

CHICAGO, IL SUMMER '06

- » Collaborated with the estate manager (Luke Batten) to select artwork from the Robert Heinecken lifetime collection of photographs.
- » Oversaw scanning, editing and categorizing of artwork.
- » Designed layouts of artwork to be included for publications and exhibits.

LUKE BATTEN & JONATHAN SADLER

NEW CATALOGUE IMAGE BANK

Artist's Assistant & Designer

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.