

Career Objective

With 10+ years professional experience in visual communication, seeking a university teaching position to allow me to share my talents and experiences in user experience, web, animation and professional design.

Skills

Coding

- HTML5
- CSS
- XML
- ActionScript
- jQuery
- PHP (*novice*)

General

- Able to multi-task
- Adheres to deadlines
- Detail oriented
- Engaging
- Organized
- Works well under pressure

Programs

- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe Encore
- Adobe Flash
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe PhotoShop
- Adobe Premiere

Additional

- 15 year Apple user
- Advanced technical skills
- Composes clean, commented, valid code
- Designs to standards
- Follows SEO Standards
- Versatile in both Macintosh & Windows Platforms

Academic Information

Iowa State University, School of Psychology | Ames, Iowa | 2012

Master of Science, Human Computer Interaction

Studying the science and psychology of how humans interact with technological interfaces.

Ohio University, School of Visual Communication | Athens, Ohio | 2001

Bachelor of Science, Interactive Multimedia

Course work included: animation, multimedia, typography, graphic design, layout and photography.

Teaching Experience

Guest Lecturer | Ohio University - Athens, Ohio | October 2011

Web Design Class, 15 undergraduates

Guest Lecturer | Ohio University - Athens, Ohio | October 2011

Ohio University Multimedia Society, Entitled, "Surviving the Post-Graduation Apocalypse"

Guest Lecturer | Ohio University - Athens, Ohio | April 2006

Flash Animation Class, 25 undergraduates

Guest Lecturer | Ohio University - Athens, Ohio | April 2006

Ohio University Multimedia Society, Entitled, "Life After College: Survival Tips for Your First Five Years"

Teaching Assistant | Ohio University - Athens, Ohio | Spring 2001

Introduction to Flash Animation, 25 undergraduates

Employment

Goodarts dot Net | Various Locations | 2000 – Present

Contract Professional Designer

Work to meet clients' design needs on websites, logo designs, business cards, sell sheets, posters, charts, trade show booth design and displays, and Flash animations (for learning, trial presentation and event promotion). Find and manage additional talent when needed (advanced back-end coders, 3D animators, additional designers, etc.).

CourseAvenue | Chicago, Illinois | 2010 – Present

Flash Animator

Produce Flash online educational modules for online distribution.

Legal Visual Services | Chicago, Illinois | 2006 – Present

Art Director

Managed a staff of designers, videographers, trial techs, production team and freelance talent. Coordinated projects, facilitated meetings and interviewed prospective employees. Design responsibilities included marketing efforts, such as website design and maintenance, marketing materials and email outreach.

Collaborated with attorneys to design creative, educational, interactive demonstratives for use in litigation.

In 2009, due to the poor economy, the company made some financial decisions resulting in me leaving a full-time position, but being retained as their sole contract designer.

TrainingU 24/7 | Chicago, Illinois | 2010

Art Director

Oversaw the design of web-based interactive training modules. Developed both interaction and design concepts, set design standards, tasked and supervised a team of 3D designers and animators, tracked deadlines, quality-checked and touched-up the final project.

ReadyMade Magazine | New York, New York | 2010

Contract Designer

Designed two ads for the magazine and created a promotional postcard for an event.

TrialGraphix | Chicago, Illinois | 2005 – 2006

Flash Animator

Designed Flash animations for use as demonstrative evidence in a courtroom setting, from concept to final presentation, designed with user interface/usability in mind.

Administrative Resource Options | Chicago, Illinois | 2004 –2005

Art Director

Managed a staff of creative talent, including print designers, web designers and copywriters. Established lasting relationships with clients to ensure timely execution of projects. Designed and oversaw creation of design projects, such as logo creation, marketing materials, company website, interactive product demos and trade show displays.

Kinkos | Athens, Ohio & Chicago, Illinois | 2002 – 2004

Designer / Production Operator

Designed business card layouts, brochures and invitations. Performed all functions normally performed by a Production Operator, such as managing projects, making copies and working the counter.

AmeriCorps Vista | Athens, Ohio | 2002 – 2003

Web / Print Designer

Worked for a small office called 'Rural Action' to help local businesses and farmers promote themselves in hopes of creating more business. Assignment was cut short due to some internal office issues resulting in the loss of our Vista Manager. I was offered relocation to another office 3 hours away, but I declined due to my lease.

Stages Metro | Chicago, Illinois | 2002 – 2005

Web Designer

Designed and implemented the website for a high-profile music venue in Chicago, Illinois, "The Metro." They gave me their secondary website for their dance venue, SmartBar, and retained me for 3 years for continued website upkeep and maintenance. Offered the job of Art Director on two different occasions, which I declined.

Intellinex | Cleveland, Ohio | 2002

Interactive Flash Designer

Created Flash distance training and eLearning programs for a high-profile international client. Worked extensively with ActionScript as well as linear, key frame animations.

Plum Productions | Chicago, Illinois | 2002

Flash Designer / Production Assistant

Designed promotional Flash animations. Researched and wrote script drafts. Created lower thirds in After Effects. Other duties included offline editing, gaffing, boom operator and gopher. Since holding this position in 2002, I have worked with Plum on several occasions to produce Flash assets for websites, Flash banner ads for their own promotion and Sara Lee meeting videos.

Image Source Creative | Chicago, Illinois | 2001

Animator / Video Production

Edited video and designed After Effects motion graphics for corporate and trade show presentations.

Time Warner Communications, Road Runner | Columbus, Ohio | 2001

Web / Video Production

Designed web banner animations, performed basic maintenance on home page, produced, wrote scripts, scouted locations and talent, ran the camera and did the rough and final edits for an early web video series, *Close Up On...*, focusing on day trips around the greater Columbus area.

Additional Professional History

4744 North Artesian | Chicago, Illinois | 2007 – Present

Real Estate Property Manager

ReadyMade Magazine | Chicago, Illinois | 2005 – 2011

Freelance Event Manager

Organized and worked the magazine's promotional events in Chicago.

Obama Administration | Chicago, Illinois | July 23, 2009

Driver – Presidential Motorcade

Drove the television press van in the Presidential motorcade in Chicago, Illinois. Received security clearance from the Secret Service and got the chance to meet and shake hands with the President.

Professional Memberships

American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA)

Interests

- 2 and 3 Color Design
- Conversations About Physics
- Darts
- Screen Printing

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