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EDUCATION

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, Illinois - 2007-2011

- Expected BFA in May 2011
- Major in Photography - Minor in Black World Studies
- GPA - 3.78
- Dean's List
- Nominated to be featured in the 17th Annual Hokin Honors Exhibit, March 2010

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Negative Space Chicago Community Darkroom, Chicago, Illinois - January 2011-Present

Darkroom Technician/Assistant Intern

- General upkeep of darkroom, mixing chemistry, and assisting in marketing

Pan-African Association, Chicago, Illinois - March 2010-Present

Volunteer Mentor

- Weekly mentoring of an African Refugee from Somalia, tutoring in English, and assisting in adjustment to American life
- Volunteer worker and photographer at 2nd Annual Pan-Africa Night, April 2010

CasaSito (NGO), Antigua, Guatemala - December 2010

Volunteer Art Director

- Assisting in fund-raising and coordination of trip planning, development of art programs and volunteer worker for 2010 Art Fest in Antigua
- Preparing and solo teaching a two-day art lesson for a group of twenty 3-6 year-old Spanish speaking children at Semilla de Esperanza y Amor School, San Mateo, Guatemala

WORK EXPERIENCE

Columbia College Chicago Darkroom, Chicago, Illinois - January 2008-Present

Teacher's Assistant

- Working in the darkroom: checking photo equipment in and out to students, setting up and taking down the darkrooms, mixing and checking chemistry, general equipment/printing troubleshooting, demonstrating use of equipment/photographic techniques, and giving tours to students/college visit groups
- Teaching assisting: preparing color/black and white darkroom for class, setting up/checking chemistry, assisting in the teaching of lessons, assisting students in perfecting photographic techniques, giving demonstrations of equipment use and darkroom tours

Culver's of Antioch, Antioch, Illinois - November 2005-January 2010

Shift Manager 2009-2010, Crew Leader 2006-2009, Crew Member 2005-2006

- Managing a crew of 10-16 and the general upkeep of the store, running shifts and delegating duties, managing money drawers and safe and bookkeeping, opening and closing the store, handling customer service, training new crew members, and working each position

SKILLS

Extensive experience in advance photographic processes

- 35 mm, Medium Format, and Large Format film capture and processing
- Advanced traditional black and white and color printing
- Alternative and 19th century processes
- High quality digital capture and printing
- Advanced digital editing and retouching skills
- Extensive knowledge of Adobe Photoshop Software

Knowledge and experience in Web Development

- Skills in HTML, XHTML and CSS hand-coding
- Experience with CMS, particularly Wordpress-configuration and upkeep
- Extensive design and editing skills in Adobe Photoshop, and some experience with Adobe Illustrator and InDesign Software
- Extensive experience in Adobe Dreamweaver Software
- Experienced in Adobe Lightroom and Bridge Software
- Basic understanding of Adobe Flash and Flash Catalyst software
- Experience in website development from start to finished product
- Some experience with MySQL