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EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX
[Bachelors of Arts in English Literature]
Thesis: *An Object Oriented Mythology*

Graduated: 2015

PROGRAMMING BACKGROUND

The Iron Yard, Houston, TX
[Front-End Development Student]

May 2015 – August 2015

Participated in an intensive three month course in order to rapidly develop skills in Front-End Development as well as algorithmic problem solving. Produced web apps using both Vanilla Javascript as well as various different libraries and tools. Instilled with programming best-practices and code convention.

Rice University, Houston, TX
[COMP200 Student]

January 2015 – May 2015

In a course specifically geared towards exposing humanities students to programming, I explored algorithmic thinking and machine learning through Python. Over the course of a semester, I went from knowing nothing about code, to developing a rudimentary machine-learning program for reading analog clocks.

Skills: Javascript, HTML, CSS, SCSS, UNIX Terminal, Responsive Web Design, Version Control, JSON, Functional Programming, Variadic Programming, Object-Oriented Design, Javascript Prototyping, Classical Inheritance, Async Promises, AJAX, DOM Manipulation, Polyfills & Shim, Backbone.JS, React.JS, API integration, Parse.JS, JQuery, Material Design, Node.JS, Express, Mocha, Chai, Regular Expressions, Python2, Machine-Learning

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Minjiang University, Fuzhou, People's Republic of China
[Guest Lecturer]

May 2013 – August 2013

Taught an eight week course of my own design on Western Rhetoric. Lectured 52 of the University's top students on distinctions the of speech, logic, and rhetoric between the Western and Eastern worlds. The seminars ended with a province wide speech and debate tournament conducted in English. A guest lecture was also conducted at Fudan University in Shanghai.

Rice Design Alliance, Houston, TX
[Intern to Cite Magazine's Editor-In-Chief]

August 2011 – 2012

Acted as first point of contact for over a dozen article subjects, helped connect Cite Magazine to the Houston food community, through a series of articles on food and design. Conducted research for forthcoming articles and fact-checked previous issues. The entirety of *Cite's* back-catalog was digitized during my interim.

Greenway Coffee & Tea, Houston, TX
[Account Manager/ Educator]

May 2011 – August 2011

Managed retail accounts for Greenway's wholesale distribution wing, consulted for and helped develop coffee programs for three retail buyers, helped lay the foundation for high volume accounts which continue to be retained today.

The Law Offices of Geng and Zheng, Flushing, NY
[Researcher/ Paralegal]

2009 – 2010

Acted as sole researcher for a fledgling immigration law firm, studied and compiled national and state legislation for partner review. Developed a system for backlogged legal materials and acted liaison for both clients and other legal firms.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

[Rice University: Moody Center for the Arts, Student Consultant]

2014

Along with a select group of student leaders, I acted as consultant and student liaison for the investment and development of ten-million-dollars for Rice University's Moody Center for the Arts. Working closely with administrators and alumni, we finalized working budgets and an architectural plan for the

University's new development.

[Rice University: Artlab Founder]

2013 – 2014

Founded a University club with the purpose of creating a student network of creative and collaborative individuals. Seeded through the CelebrateArt festival,

Artlab provided an online book of artists and creators who were seeking fellows for projects. The club would also assist with grant funding and creative workspace.

[Rice University: CelebrateArt Founder]

2012 – 2013

Founded a University club responsible for the coordination and hosting of an annual student arts festival. Managed and directed eleven creative committees totaling thirty-four students for the execution of the event.

Secured funding, sponsorship, and logistics for the first annual CelebrateArt festival.

[Hanszen College: Silver Spoon Committee Founder]

2011 – 2012

Founded a residential college committee for the appreciation of food cultures in Houston. Secured self-sustainable funding within a year.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND RELEVANT SKILLS

- Conversational Language: Mandarin Chinese
- Basic Language: German, French
- Software Proficiency: Excel, Microsoft Suite