VALERIE ARMSTRONG

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EDUCATION

09/2005 – Gwen Frostic School of Art 05/2010 Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, Michigan

05/2006 – Kalamazoo Valley 08/2006 Community College

Kalamazoo, Michigan

09/2003 – Eastern Michigan University

04/2005 Ypsilanti, Michigan

Graphic Design BFA GPA: 3.5, cum laude

Concentration: Graphic Design

Concentration: General Studies

EMPLOYMENT

10/2010 – Visual Merchandiser/Sales Support

Present J. Crew

Portland, Oregon

Assemble window and sales floor displays in order to promote the sale of clothing and accessories. Provide customers with a pleasant shopping experience and excellent customer service to encourage brand loyalty. Process weekly incoming shipments.

09/2009 – Design Center Intern

05/2010 Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Worked independently and collaboratively to solve visual communication problems. Developed ideas from concept to completion for projects ranging from a calendar bookmark to materials for a conference. Participated in client meetings, prepared

files for professional printing, and attended press checks.

08/2007 – Gallery Assistant

05/2010 Richmond Center for Visual Arts

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Installed and de-installed exhibitions at a large contemporary art gallery. Worked closely with the exhibitions director. Handled work by widely recognized artists. Gave tours to visiting groups, and organized

monthly receptions.

05/2008 – Proposal Coordinator 08/2008 The Gallup Organization

Washington, D.C.

Prepared grant proposals and bids to win government contracts. Administrator for four communications professionals specializing in social marketing and government contracting. Organized their work

schedules, filled in for them at meetings, and performed

administrative duties for the group.

04/2004 – Copywriting Intern

11/2007 TIG Global

Chevy Chase, Maryland

Increased the web presence of many luxury and boutique websites by researching relevant keywords and strategically using them in

search-engine optimized copy.

REFERENCES

Cindy Green Marketing Executive
301.980.5620 Graphic design client

Don Desmett Exhibitions Director
269.387.2455 Former employer

Richmond Center for Visual Arts

Liz Crabbe Communications Specialist

Former colleague The Gallup Organization

ACTIVITIES

09/2007 — AIGA WMU Chapter
05/2010 Event coordinator

09/2008 — Friends of the Richmond Center
09/2009 Member of the Board of Directors

952.994.4328

Organized fund-raising activities, events, and development trips for this student chapter of AIGA, the professional association for design.

Planned art exhibition opening receptions and fund-raising events, participated in quarterly meetings.