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Summary

I am a self-taught web developer with a strong grasp of fundamental web technologies, including HTML, CSS, and Javascript. I have experience with WordPress, Vue, Node, Ruby on Rails, and Drupal. I'm also an artist, and have a strong visual sensibility. I'm familiar with Adobe CS, especially Photoshop. I love to learn, solving problems, and making things that matter.

Experience

Senior Art Services Specialist · National Gallery of Art · 2007 - Present
As an art handler at one of the world's leading art museums, I work with a wide variety of people throughout the museum and from partner institutions to safely install and transport works of art. I frequently serve as a courier, accompanying works of art on loan to other museums, both domestically and internationally.

I lead teams of art handlers on projects both large and small, and self-manage on independent tasks as well. I served as acting manager of the art-handling team, and have experience with maintaining complex and ever-changing schedules, as well as with collaborating across departments to support the Gallery's public mission.

I recently wrote a comprehensive guide to art handling standards and best practices, streamlining the process of onboarding new employees and contractors. Clear and consistent communication is an important part of the job, as the safety of the artwork and the people involved depends on it. In the past year, I completed the National Gallery's CONNECT program, an intensive course designed to improve interpersonal and communication skills.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design — BFA, Painting 1997

Skills

Good working knowledge of the following web technologies:

- HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
 - CSS preprocessors like Sass, and frameworks like Bootstrap and Bulma
- Git, GitHub, Heroku, and Netlify
- WordPress
 - PHP
 - Theme development
 - REST API
- Vue, Nuxt, Angular, and Node
- Bash, Vim, Docker, and general server maintenance

Soft skills include:

- Strong writing and communication skills
- Management and leadership experience
- Organization and scheduling
- Collaboration and teamwork