# Colin Brooks

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#### Education

Bachelor of Arts // General Science: Computer Science, Neuroscience Graduated May 2013 // 3.46 GPA Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

Master of Arts // Art & Art Education Anticipated Graduation, 2017 Columbia University, New York, NY.

## **CS** Coursework

Function Problem Solving // Imperative Problem Solving & Data
Structures // Algorithms & Object-Oriented Design // Artificial Intelligence
// Databases & Web Application Design // Web Application Design &
Usability // Mentored Advanced Project in Generative Art // Women &
Computing

#### **Art Coursework**

Introduction to the Studio // Print Media // Sculpture // Advanced Sculpture // History of Russian Film // Algorithmic Arts // Introduction to Art History // Roman Archaeology & Art // Fairytale in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Russian Lit. & Film

## **Work Experience**

Web Designer // Program in Art & Art Education, Teachers College New York, NY // Fall 2015 – Present

Currently working on a Squarespace-based web project for the program, bringing together disparate sites and platforms. Includes extensive photography and collecting and creation of content.

Software Developer // Korrio

Seattle, WA // Spring 2014 – Summer 2015

Primarily a full stack developer for a large multisite web application at a small youth sports oriented startup. Additionally, worked on a hybrid mobile app, and developed a new iOS mobile app.

Web Developer // Freelance

Wellington, New Zealand // Fall 2013 – Winter 2013

Worked on a variety of small web projects between traveling. Included a guesthouse information/booking site, a storefront for an outdoor clothing freelancer, and an emerging artist's online portfolio.

Web Developer // Renton Area Youth & Family Services Renton, WA // Summer 2013

Designed & built a modern website to help solicit donations and foster personal connections that ultimately benefit the organization. Included extensive work with stakeholders to collect content, including interviews, images, and program outcomes.

Darkroom Manager // Grinnell College

Grinnell, IA // 2009 – 2013

Worked one-on-one and held office hours to teach students and staff about black & white darkroom photography. Responsible for managing the space, planning shows and workshops, hiring new employees, and coordinating with college staff.

Campus Bikes Manager // Grinnell College Grinnell, IA // 2011 – 2013

Managed the college's bike sharing program, repairing bikes, working with staff for funding, planning and running bike-fixing workshops, and coordinating with other students.

Gallery Worker // Faulconer Gallery Grinnell, IA // May 2011 – May 2013

Worked the information desk inside the gallery space. Primarily greeted visitors, answered questions, worked exhibition openings, and held an up-to-date understanding of gallery content and events.

 ${\it Outreach\ Assistant\ //\ } Faul coner\ Gallery$ 

Grinnell, IA // Summer 2011

Worked with the Outreach Director to plan, prep, and run arts events both in the Gallery and the community for local youth of varied backgrounds, ranging in age from kindergarten to middle school. Work was significantly self-directed at times.

Residential Advisor // Grinnell College Grinnell, IA // August 2010 – May 2011

Responsible for mediating conflicts between dorm residents, planning and executing community-building activities, and maintaining a safe and clean space in the building. Included conflict mediation training, alcohol and sexual education, and workshops regarding LGBTQ issues.

**Volunteering** *Mentor* // Youth in Focus

Seattle, WA // June 2014 – Summer 2015

Volunteered twice a week as a mentor and assistant teacher for a photography program working primarily with at-risk teens. Assisted teaching basics of black and white film photography to students, printing in the darkroom, and lead field trips and discussions.

Photographer // Renton Area Youth & Family Services Renton, WA // Summer 2012, Summer 2013

As needed, volunteered as photographer and extra chaperone for certain events with the youth program I used to work with.

Volunteer // Kaibosh Food Rescue

Wellington, New Zealand // Fall 2013 – Winter 2013

Collected food at farmer's markets, worked with drivers around the city to collect food pickups, organized food, and generally helped out as needed.

Volunteer // Wellington City Mission

Wellington, New Zealand // Fall 2013 - Winter 2013

Sorted food, built care packages, and helped out as needed. Worked with a wide variety of people, and built on past experience with Seattle-area food banks.

Youth Mentor // Renton Area Youth & Family Services Renton, WA // Summer 2009, Summer 2010

Mentor for Spark T.H.I.S. summer program, which works with highly diverse at-risk middle and high school students, providing guidance and group support to keep them in school, achieve their goals, and contribute positively to their community. Collaborated with other counselors, planned and executed activities each week, and engaged with students on a personal level

*Volunteer* // University Food Bank Seattle, WA // 2002 – 2007

Sorted, organized, and distributed food once a week for a couple years, then off and on after that through part of high school.

Awards Grinnell College Trustee Honor Scholarship // Tammy J. Zywicki '93 Memorial Prize for Photography (6 Months at Krum #2, C-print & negative) // SGA Purchase Prize (Into Seattle, gelatin silver print) // Teachers College Scholarship // Myers Art Trust // Myers Art Prize

**Publications** Myers Art Prize [Body of Work] // Teachers College // 2015

Plain China // Bennington College // 2013

BAX // Grinnell College // 2013

The Grinnell Review (Spring) // Grinnell College // 2013
The Grinnell Review (Spring) // Grinnell College // 2012
The Grinnell Review (Fall) // Grinnell College // 2011