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OBJECTIVE:

I aim to acquire a position in which I can work with an interdisciplinary team to develop innovative solutions to complex problems.

SKILLS:

Strong work ethic driven by curiosity

for environmental sustainability and equity in the built environment

Interdisciplinary team work

with designers, educators, planners, policy makers, natural scientists

Information graphic design

to translate complex concepts into accessible content

Adobe Creative Suite

including Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Dreamweaver

Carbon accounting

coordinating university-wide greenhouse gas inventory

Drafting and 3D modeling

including hand drafting, AutoCad, SketchUp, FormZ

Energy modeling

including EnergyPlus

LEED certification

a LEED Green Associate with experience in BD+C, ID+C, EB O+M

Microsoft Office

including Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel

Organizing and supervising events

especially related to energy education and community engagement

Public interest design

analyzing environmental and social impacts of design

EDUCATION:

University Of Texas, Austin, TX, August 2011 - May 2014

Master's of Science in Sustainable Design

GPA: 3.75/4.0; Dean's Ambassador

Miami University, Oxford, OH, August 2007 - May 2011

Bachelor of Arts, Majors: Architecture, Environmental Science

GPA: 3.61/4.0; Graduated Cum Laude with Departmental Honors

RELATED EXPERIENCES:

Technical Associate, March 2013 - Present

Delta Institute, Chicago, IL

- Designing and administering behavior change programs using an empathetic approach
- Coordinating events around community engagement and environmental education
- Using research and design to transform complex data and systems into accessible visual stories
- Providing technical assistance to projects through preliminary research, data analysis, and design

Sustainable Urban Design Certificate Program, October 2014 - Present

Archeworks, Chicago, IL

- Reimagining a greener and healthier campus for Chicago Public Schools

Teaching Assistant, August 2012 - December 2012

School Of Architecture, University of Texas, Austin, TX

- Developed and led lab activities pertaining to lighting, electrical, and acoustic design
- Evaluated student work

Public Interest Design Extern, May 2012 - July 2012

School Of Architecture, university of Texas, Austin, TX

- Measured the social, economic, and environmental impacts of a public project
- Conducted interviews and administered surveys, analyzed data, developed infographics, and produced two reports (academic & professional)

Climate Action Planning Intern, February 2012 - October 2012

Office Of Sustainability, University of Texas, Austin, TX

- Coordinated the university-wide greenhouse gas inventory

LEED Projects Intern, August 2011 - January 2012

(continued as a volunteer January 2012 - July 2012)

US Green Building Council Central Texas - Balcones Chapter, Austin, TX

- Drove the regionalization process to define the new Regional Priority Credits for LEEDv4

Intern, May 2011 - August 2011

Chicago Center for Green Technology, City of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Assisted with LEED Existing Building Operations + Maintenance Platinum Certification
- Developed graphics for educational displays