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Experience

Lead Instructor {Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Youth Media}

April 2012 – January 2014

- Designed, implemented, and taught Recycled Robotics and Intro to Video Game Programming classes for students ages 8 - 10. These classes were created to engage students and force them to think critically and creatively about emerging technology
- Hired and supervised instructors and teaching assistants
- Taught both off-site and on-site media programs to elementary and high school students. Worked within both public and private high schools during normal school hours and after-school programs
- Developed and executed training courses for staff on new software
- Developed new curriculum and programmed in-house class offerings

Teaching Artist {Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Youth Media}

August 2010 – March 2012

- Taught on-site media programs and workshops to students ages 5 - 18
- Created lesson plans that coincided with pre-existing course descriptions

Head Librarian {Pittsburgh Filmmakers}

July 2010 – April 2012

- Scheduled and coordinated speakers for the monthly Conversation Series, an informal series which invites professionals in the fields of photography and filmmaking to come and speak to members of the community
- Purchased books and media based upon instructor requests and anticipated needs of the school
- Served as a knowledgeable resource for students and faculty, helping them navigate the library, online research, and the school itself
- Maintained social media presence on Facebook and Twitter

Head Teaching Assistant {Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Education}

July 2009 – April 2012

- Taught students how to use equipment necessary for course work in after-class sessions
- Scheduled, trained, and managed fellow teaching assistants
- Taught workshops on Final Cut Express, Final Cut Pro 7, various Super 8 film cameras, and HD cameras

Teaching Assistant {Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Youth Media}

July 2009 – July 2010

- Helped instructor manage classroom
- Set up and tore down animation equipment
- Curated student work and created compilation DVDs of said student work
- Assisted students in creating projects utilizing Final Cut Express and FrameThief

Teaching Artist {PPS ELECT Student Works}

April 2010 – May 2010

- Taught 4th and 5th grade students at Manchester Elementary during an afterschool program
- Created lesson plans teaching various forms of stop-motion animation

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Projects

Hear Me 101 {Collaboration with Carnegie Mellon's CREATE Lab}

February 2012 – January 2014

Hear Me 101 is a year-long program based in public schools located in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. Over the course of a year students create short documentaries from concept to final cut. The goal is to guide students to professionally express their thoughts and opinions on their communities and their education, allowing them to have their voice heard by education and community decision makers.

- As classroom leader at McKeesport High School I was responsible for creating and enacting lesson plans and keeping an open line of communication between the regular classroom instructor and the rest of the Hear Me staff
- Helped students achieve their vision for their documentary
- Worked with all four of the Hear Me 101 schools, teaching students how to properly use their digital cameras and conducted editing workshops.

Maker Boot Camp {Pittsburgh Children's Museum}

August 2013

Participated in a week-long professional development course at the Pittsburgh Children's Museum. Maker Boot Camp brought together a select group of teachers, librarians, and administrators to learn the art of "making".

- Increased knowledge of circuitry, woodworking, sewing, and digital creation with tools such as Scratch and MakeyMakey.

Education

Point Park University

BA Film & Video Production

WPPJ 670 AM, Internship at New Perspective

Pittsburgh, PA

2006 - 2009

Kiski Area High School

Diploma

Internship at Cornerstone TeleVision

Vandergrift, PA

2002 - 2006

Skills

Final Cut Express • Final Cut Pro 7 • Final Cut Pro X • Stop-Motion Animation • Filmmaking
Hummingbird Robotics Kit • Scratch • HTML • CSS • Digital Photography