# KRISTINA VAN

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#### **EDUCATION**

**The University of Texas at Austin** Bachelor of Arts, Rhetoric & August 2011 - December 2015

Writing

Minor: Women & Gender Studies

Overall GPA: 3.62

May 2014 - July 2014

The Danish Institute for Study

**Abroad** 

Design and Society in Denmark

Gender and Sexuality in

Scandinavia (Study in Stockholm,

Sweden)

Overall GPA: 4.0

Austin Coding Academy Web programming in HTML/CSS,

May 2016 – July 2016

JavaScript, JQuery

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Cloud [8] Sixteen – Content Writer; Austin, TX

July 2016 – Present

- · Write content for a variety of websites, landing pages, blogs, and small and large businesses
- Research content relevant to the clients' area of expertise to be used in webpages
- Target writing to reach the audiences of a variety of clients

**Ethics and New Media** – Co-author and managing editor; Austin, TX

January 2015 - May 2015

- · Explore how emerging new media presents ethical dilemnas for the new generation
- Compile research and survey peers over several months to determine the relationship between social media and public shaming to examine the ethical implications of such technology
- Serve as managing editor to fellow co-authors in producing their respective chapters
- · Work in writing teams to meet deadlines, provide feedback, and peer edit each other's work

# Big Top Candy Shop - Soda Jerk and Candy Clerk; Austin, TX

June 2013 - August 2015

- Create handmade sodas, malts, milkshakes, and shaved ice in a timely fashion
- Maintain customer relations by assisting them with orders in a considerate and helpful manner
- · Work and communicate with team members to complete long orders in a fast-paced environment
- Work in eight hour shifts
- Calculate the daily summary of sales at the end of each shift
- Memorize register codes assigned to different candies in order to check out customers more efficiently
- · Relay information and history about different types of product to customers to achieve sales goals
- Create new soda and milkshake flavors for possible menu implementation
- Manage inventory of over 3,000 products
- Maintain general upkeep and circus-themed atmosphere of the store by ensuring the store is aesthetically pleasing

#### The Daily Texan – Comic Artist; Austin, TX

January 2014 - December 2014

- Provide humorous comic strips and panels to The University of Texas' official newspaper weekly for publication
- Create illustrations when necessary for special events

## **ROR Powerhouse Project** – *Creative Marketing Intern*; Austin, TX

September 2012 –September 2013

- Design, run, and supervise company blog
- Assume responsibility for general duties such as writing press releases, branding documents, and managing general upkeep with social media
- Help market flash mob to raise money for SafePlace charity
- Engage in weekly meetings to talk about new ideas and policy changes for the growth of the company
- Help in making decisions on design of logo, layout of blog, navigation of website, etc.

#### Keith & Heath – Production Assistant; Austin, TX

March 2014 - March 2014

- · Assist crew on film set, doing whatever was deemed necessary to make production flow most smoothly
- Move, transport, and handle props, costumes, and film equipment

# **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES**

# The Ally Coalition – Volunteer; Austin, TX

March 2015

- Work during interactive music, film, and conference festival, SXSW, to raise awareness of increasing homeless LGBTQ youth
- · Market the non-profit organization through distribution of stickers, flyers, and personal networking
- Converse and engage with various music representatives during SXSW to spread our message
- Use social media to fight for increased LGBTQ rights through spreading of the hastag #fortypercent, referring to the proportion of LGBTQ youth that are homeless

# Students of The World - Member; Austin, TX

September 2013 – May 2014

- Create short documentaries, info graphics, and written narratives to promote social change
- Work in teams to produce a final product that is part of an overarching portfolio
- Create a short piece on the importance of Arts Education by reaching out to and gaining exposure for local art organizations in Austin, TX
- Address larger subjects that impact everyday society such as hunger, poverty, human rights, treatment of women and girls, and immigration

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Computer Skills: Web programming in HTML/CSS, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Fundamentals of GIMP

**Languages:** Working Knowledge of American Sign Language **Interests:** Art, Music, Film, Comedy, Guitar, Social Justice **Work Eligibility:** Eligible to work in the U.S. with no restrictions