

## **Profile**

Graphic designer with solid marketing skills. Experience establishing client relationships and managing creative accounts while designing multifaceted media. Proficient at front-end web development and incorporating design techniques to web.

# **Key Strengths**

- + Innovative layout and composition
- + Prioritization and balancing many tasks
- + Realism drawing and painting
- + Problem-solving and rational decision-making
- + Continuous performance improvement
- + Organizational and presentation skills

# **Career Progression**

#### GRAPHIC DESIGNER/MARKETING ASSOCIATE

S&J ADVERTISING | SAN RAMON, CA
OCTOBER 2012 - PRESENT

- + Work directly with clients to create compelling stories that embrace their products
- + Initiated, implemented and maintain social media platforms company-wide.
- + Manage multiple customer accounts spanning diverse industries
- + Conduct all aspects of print advertising campaigns: design, copywriting and editing
- + Responsible for diverse layouts across four publications

#### WEB/GRAPHIC DESIGNER

INDEPENDENT CONSULTING | REMOTE DECEMBER 2007 - PRESENT

+ Design print and digital media for tech start-ups, artists, non-profit organizations, and more.

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#### **GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

CALIFORNIA STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COALITION | BERKELEY, CA APRIL 2013 - APRIL 2014

- + Headed the branding initiative by designing logos, t-shirts, flyers, and other promotional materials for events at UC Berkeley
- + Collaborated with students to progress environmentalism across California universities
- + Created poster and t-shirt designs which minimized the amount of waste material and emphasized the use of recycled products
- + Continually carried out projects with punctuality and efficiency

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN**

NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER | ARCATA, CA
JUNE 2010 - AUGUST 2012

- + Developed design layout for the organization's bi-monthly newspaper
- + Produced ad designs for local businesses involving graphic creation and masthead typeface development
- + Designed event flyers, executing projects from concept to web/print
- + Furthered public understanding of social and political issues within Northern California and Southern Oregon

## **Education**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS: STUDIO ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN** 

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY | ARCATA, CA AUGUST 2008 - MAY 2012

FRONT-END WEB DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY | SAN FRANCISCO, CA JUNE - AUGUST 2014

### **Skills**

#### SOFTWARE

Adobe Creative Suite HTML & CSS Javascript & jQuery Git/GitHub MailChimp

#### **ILLUSTRATION**

Extensive training in life drawing and painting Integration of hand-drawn art onto screen

#### **MARKETING / SALES**

Account Management Event Planning German Speaking Employee Supervision

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