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# EDUCATION

# University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; GPA 3.6

Coursework in ceramics, corrosion, heat transfer, electromagnetic devices, design

Master of Arts in Library and Information Science; GPA 3.9

Coursework in patent search, geographical information systems, business reference

**Yale University**

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2/82 -- present **Hart Bros. Publishing**, Austin TX. *Publisher*--Compiled (with a new introduction based on original research) and published My Inventions: The Autobiography of Nikola Tesla. Licensed Barnes & Noble edition in 1995. Currently completing a Tesla biography.

5/98 – 2/10 **McElroy Translation Company/Administaff,** *Technical Editor*--Edited/rewrote patent and technical report translations for technical accuracy and readability. Performed internet searches in various languages, including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, German and French.

11/93 – 5/05 **Austin Community College**, Austin, TX. *Reference Librarian*—Answered reference queries, provided library use instruction, wrote instructional materials.

6/96 -- 12/97 **Applied Research Laboratories**, Austin, TX. *Laboratory Research Assistant*--Researched use of sound to reduce power plant emissions. Designed, built test apparatus; collected data.

6/93 -- 8/93 **Public Utility Commission**, Austin, TX. *Intern*--Prepared legislative history database of PUC enabling act. Compiled research bibliography on bio-effects of electromagnetic fields.

6/91 -- 8/92 **Sears, Roebuck**, Burlington, VT. *Automotive Salesman*--Sold tires, batteries, other supplies.

8/89 -- 11/90 **IBM**, Essex Junction, VT. *Process Operator*-- Operated ion implant and test equipment.

4/82 -- 8/89 **Info/tek**, Washington, DC. *Researcher*--Researched updates for textbook Information Resources for Engineers and Scientists. Prepared materials for computer software courses.

8/85 -- 12/87 **Mud Hill Lumber**, Williston, VT. *Sawyer*--Bought and operated sawmill. Built house.

11/75 - 2/82 **Woodenworks**, Washington, D.C. *Toymaker*--Manufactured and sold wood and metal toys.

1/74 -- 6/75 **National Manpower Policy Task Force,** Washington, D.C. *Researcher*--Researched and co-authored The Job Corps, Johns Hopkins University Press 1975.

4/70 -- 10/73 Stonemason's assistant in Virginia and Vermont. Built walls, fireplaces, patios, houses.

## SPECIAL SKILLS

Read French. Familiar with spreadsheet, database, word processing, and GIS software. Skilled in online searches relative to cutting-edge and/or obscure technologies.