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OBJECTIVE

To foster creative growth, encourage a sense of self-worth and confidence in an artistic context.

To create a unique and innovative learning environment that encourages the development of high standards in artistic principles, creative thought and professional preparation.

CERTIFICATIONS

New Jersey State Teachers Certificate (CE)

Praxis, Art Content Knowledge
Examination score – 169

ACSI Teachers Certificate

EDUCATION

- **MFA in studio art**,
Montclair State University
2008-2010
- **BFA in graphic design**,
Trenton State College 1994
- Art Institute of Philadelphia
1989-1990
- Art Education course work,
The College of New Jersey 1998
- Classroom Management Instruction
through positive behavior
management for ADD/ADHD, Sept.
2003 Raritan County College
- Living with ADD, Nov. 2005 MACSA
Teachers Convention
- Stage craft design, Fall 2006, Raritan
County College

CREATIVE SKILLS

- Project and program development
- Painting | Sculpture | Ceramics
- Stone carving | Woodworking
- Airbrushing | Graphic design
- Web design | Strategic planning
- Art direction | Stagecraft | Welding
- Professional development

COMPUTER SKILLS

- PowerPoint | Word | Excel
- Adobe Illustrator | Photoshop
- Indesign | ImageReady
- Dreamweaver | QuarkXPress

TEACHING CREDENTIALS

Adjunct professor of Fine Arts, Nyack College, Nyack and NYC, NY. 2009-present

- *Introduction to the Visual Arts, Painting and Drawing courses*

Teaching Assistant, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ. – 2008, 2009

Teaching Assistant, Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation, Colorado College, CO. – 2008, 2009

Lecture Presenter, Voorhees High school” Glen Gardner, NJ – 2009

Teacher of Art 7th-12th grade, SCA – 2004-2008

- *Integrated and taught* fine art skills, graphic design, art history, world cultures and creative journaling techniques to enhance creative, personal and professional growth
- *Integrated* New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards within lesson objectives, thus creating a diverse, multicultural learning environment
- *Prepared and taught* unit and lesson plans while integrating classroom dynamics and teaching methods
- *Investigated* appropriate materials and artistic techniques vital to a fertile and creative atmosphere

Art Department Director K-12th grade, SCA – 2004-2008

- *Created* K-12 art program, developed curriculum and objectives
- *Designed* classroom space, technology integration and furnishings
- *Managed* facilities, budget proposals and purchasing for supplies
- *Hired and managed* staff
- *Assisted* in school wide strategic development and implementation of vision
- *Designed and directed* stage craft for school productions

Panelist – Lecture Presenter, “Enter In: Arts Conference” Zarephath, NJ – 2006

Lecture Presenter, Somerset College, Zarephath, NJ – 2005

Director and founder, Gravity Inc. arts 501(c)(3) organization – August 2001-Present

Founded and created an arts organization dedicated to shaping and impacting culture through artistic integrity and recognizing potential and unleashing talent

- *Guest speaker* at college seminars, workshops and conferences
- *Created and managed* a team of directors
- *Conducted* leadership training
- *Mentored* young artist, teaching art skills and *giving* professional guidance
- *Developed* programming, *coordinated* itinerary, *planned* workshop content
- *Facilitated* meetings, discussions and *interviewed* guest speakers, *booked* performance talent
- *Coordinated* performances and showcases, *designed* instructional program and *recruited* instructors
- *Designed and taught* fine arts workshops

Substitute Teacher, Warren Hills High School – 2003-2004

Substitute Teacher, Great Meadows Middle School – 2003-2004

Director and founder, The High Ground Adventure Co. – 1997-2001

Founded and created an experiential based initiative that promoted relationship development, skills and teambuilding

- *Educated* groups on appropriate equipment safety and skills resulting in higher customer confidence
- *Arranged* travel plans, guided small groups, *coordinated* itinerary for guided excursions

TCNJ Practical Experience – September 1996-April 1997

- *Researched and developed* unit and lesson plan strategies
- *Explored* pertinent skills, and knowledge for planning and teaching art classes on the secondary level
- *Integrated* clinical field experiences for and observed grades K-12
- *Observed* the role of the art teacher and the preparation of lesson units for various grade levels
- *Completed* field observations and interacted with students within the context of the classroom

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

18 years experience in graphic design and advertising, 5 years experience in art direction and web design

- *Presented* conceptual ideas with input for marketing and branding strategies to prospective clients
- *Designed* and *directed* web, print and tradeshow media for various consumer, pharmaceutical, and technology markets: advertising, corporate identity, website design, promotional material, animation, packaging, CD covers
- *Managed* project development and the creative process within strict deadline parameters and budget restrictions
- *Taught* professionals one on one in computer graphics
- *Trained* creative staffs in graphics software applications, increasing team's overall productivity
- *Assisted* and *taught* students computer graphic applications and computer hardware troubleshooting
- *Increased* productivity through rapid acclimation into current projects

ACTIVITIES

Varsity cross-country

- Team captain, 1988-1989
- First place in Tri-county conference, 1989
- First place in County Conference, 1989
- All Star team, All County and All Conference, 1988-1989
- Ranked second in South Jersey and sixth in NJ, 1989

Varsity wrestling

- Team captain, 1988-1989
- Undefeated record 22-0, 1989
- 3 tournament championships, 1988-89
- All Star team, 1987-1989
- Volunteer Wrestling Coach, 1989-1990

Percussionist

- Exit Eight band, 1999-2000;
- Liquid band, 2001-2002

HOBBIES

- Painting | Sculpture | Skiing
- Rock climbing | Running
- Swing dancing | Volleyball
- Mountain biking | Weight training

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2009** "Parkway Studios showcase and tour" Bloomfield, NJ
- 2009** "Narrative Art" Watchung Art Center, Watchung, NJ
- 2009** "Intentionally Untitled" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2009** "From Across the River" Steuben West Gallery, Brooklyn NY
- 2008** "Incorporeal" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2008** "Portals and Port-Smiths" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2006** "Enter In: Arts Conference", Zarephath, NJ
- 2002** "Gravity Artist Exhibition", Dancing Goat Gallery, Orange, NJ
- 2001** "Gravity artist Exhibition", Dancing Goat Gallery, Orange, NJ
- 2000** "CBGB's Artist Showcase", New York, NY
- 1999** "Metro Arts Festival – Artist Showcase", Liberty State Park, NJ

SELECTED JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2009** Finalist: "Art in Action" International Arts Movement -Tribeca Performing Arts Center, NY
- 2009** "Juried Member Exhibition" Somerset Art Association, Bedminster, NJ
- 2008** "Juried Member Exhibition" Visual Art Center, Summit, NJ
- 2008** "Juried Member Exhibition" Somerset Art Association, Bedminster, NJ
- 1992** "Juried Student Exhibition" The College of NJ, Trenton, NJ

AWARDS

- 2009** Finalist: "My Art Space, 2009 Miami Competition" Aqua Art Miami Exhibition, Miami, FL
- 2009** William Nagengast Memorial Award: "Juried Member Exhibition" Somerset Art Association, Bedminster, NJ
- 2008** Honorable Mention: "Juried Member Exhibition" Visual Art Center, Summit, NJ.
- 1992** 1st place: Painting, "Juried Exhibition" The College of NJ, NJ
- 1989** 1st place: "DECA", State Outdoor Advertising competition, NJ
- 1989** 1st place: "DECA", Regional Outdoor Advertising competition, NJ

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- 2009-2010** Board of Directors, Watchung Art Center; Watchung, NJ
- 2001-2006** Creative Director - Liquid, Millington, NJ

EXTENDED WORK HISTORY

- 2002-2003** Art Director, Marketing Edge Group
- 1998-2004** Freelance Art Director, Various agencies
- 1998-2000** Art Director/Digital Media Director, JK Design
- 1990-1998** Contract Graphic Designer, Various agencies
- 1999-2001** Software Training Consultant
- 1993-1994** Graphic Designer, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Graphic Studio
- 1991-1994** Computer Lab Technician, TCNJ, Computer Graphics Lab
- 1992** Airbrush Artist/T-shirt Designer, Great Adventure Theme Park
- 1991** Designer/Production Artist, Max Graphix, Berlin NJ
- 1990-1991** Graphic Designer/Production Artist, CQ Publications/Ad Lib Advertising
- 1988-1989** Designer/Production Artist, Art Graphix

PORTFOLIO: Furnished upon request