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EDUCATION

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Chicago, IL
Masters of Fine Arts, May 2015
Film, Video, New Media, Animation Department;
Concentration in Queer Studies, Documentary Film, New Media

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA
Bachelor of Arts *Cum Laude*, May 2013
Major: Film Studies, Gender Studies
Minor: Five College Queer Studies Certification

PROFILE

Educator, activist, multi-media specialist. Research & creative work in critical social theory, media studies, documentary production, experimental video, sound and web design. Interest in new media designed to advance social justice. Commitment to working with students and youth for the advancement of progressive ideals. Lifelong dedication to engaging with communities and building communicative and compassionate relationships that empower and give access to knowledge. Other interests include mental health advocacy, conflict resolution, music production, holistic alternative health, biking, rock climbing.

TEACHING

Workshop Facilitator November 2011-Present
Co-facilitate workshops on global political and artistic topics for all ages. Workshop examples include: "Queer and Class", "Recognizing Class in Activist Communities", "Asexuality 101", "zine making, "Identity, Diversity, and Inclusion."

Video Creation Instructor, Omega Middle School, Asheville, NC August 2016- December 2016
Taught course titled 'Story Telling Through Digital Media'. Class designed to have students learn foundational technical skills pertaining to video, and basic concepts around developing digitally based stories.

Co-Coordinator/Film instructor, Fierce Flix, Asheville, NC January 2016-July 2016
Helped found and organize an educational summer camp for girls and gender minorities on film making. Camp included workshops on lighting, editing, moving camera, zine making, t-shirt design, and history of women in cinema.

Visiting Teacher, Rainbow Community School, Asheville, NC May 2016
Assisted Rainbow Community School's fourth grade class on making stop motion animation pieces that reflected the seven ethics and principles that Rainbow School is founded on.

Teaching Assistant, School of the Art Institute of Chicago September 2013- May 2014
Worked alongside professors in the film and video department. Duties included grading, moderating classroom environment, presentations, creating lectures, research, and secretarial work.

Counselor, Girls Rock! Chicago, Chicago, IL August 2011
Instructed and created lessons on playing advanced guitar and bass. Arranged workshops on women empowerment through Do-it-yourself music and art. Mentored young girls on personal and artistic endeavors.

SKILLS

Software: Highly proficient in Photoshop, Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Avid, Audacity, Audition, Dreamweaver. Working knowledge of After Effects, InDesign, Illustrator

Equipment: Experienced with video, sound, graphic design, and lighting equipment including but not limited to: Digital SLR Canon 70D, 7D, HD Cam Sony EX3, GoPro HD hero, Figrig camera stabilizer, Tripod dolly, Video mixer, Mic lavalier, Mic shotgun kit, Wacom tablet, LED light kit pro, MIDI controller, Behringer Audio Mixer, H4N field recorder

Code: CSS, HTML5, Word press, Drupal, Javascript, JQuery, general social media development

Written: Scholarly research, screen writing, film & music reviews, political articles, curriculum drafting

Other: Facilitation, fundraising, promotion, interviews, events coordination, budgeting, conflict resolution, mental health first aid certification, leadership training, non-violent communication advocacy

EVENTS ORGANIZER

Collective Manager, Firestorm Co-op, Asheville, NC January 2016-December 2016
Helped manage a bookstore, cafe, and community space in west Asheville. Responsibilities included handling business, designed promotional media, coordinated art shows, events, screenings, facilitated meetings.

Conference Coordinator, Resource Generation March 2015-November 2015
Promoted conference, coordinated caucuses, plenaries, social events, and facilitated workshops in a selected committee group for Resource Generation's, a non-profit which fights income inequality and the supports the redistribution of wealth, 11th annual conference.

Organizer, Queering New Media, School of the Art Institute of Chicago January 2015-March 2015
Prepared and promoted a panel on the intersections between new media art and studies with LGBT history and identity. Brought visiting artists, as well as local professors, to present their art and research on these subjects.

Curator, g[URL] Freax, Chicago, IL October 2014 - January 2014
Curated, alongside three peers, a night of performances and exhibition work highlighting local Chicago women and LGBTIA individuals within new media/tech art.

Co-director, Fed Up Festival, Chicago, IL September 2013-July 2014
Co-founded an acclaimed music, poetry reading, and workshop festival raising money for PROJECT FIERCE: Chicago Transgender and Queer Homeless Youth Housing. Dealt with budgeting, fundraising, promotion and media communication.

Founder, Pioneer Valley Zine Fest, Amherst, MA December 2011- May 2013
Founded and organized an annual three day festival that supports zine making and independent/Do-it-yourself publishing.

Organizer, Ladyfest Easthampton, Easthampton, MA November 2011-May 2013
Collectively organized an annual three day music and arts festival that celebrates musicians and artists whose gender identity falls outside of the dominant cultural mainstream.

Organizer, Trans Identity at All Women Colleges Panel, South Hadley, MA September 2012- February 2013
Coordinated a community panel event seeking to bring awareness to transgender identity at all women's colleges.

Curator, Hello is Not A Question, Mount Holyoke Art Museum, South Hadley, MA November 2012 - January 2013
Assisted curating an exhibition with Andy Warhol's 1970-1980 Polaroids and films on drag aesthetic.

PRODUCTION

Freelance September 2013- Present
Creates, produces and edits videos, sound and web sites for numerous clients on an accessible sliding scale basis.

Communications Fellow, IgniteNC, Durham, NC August 2016-December 2016
Developed and implemented a media strategy that supports the organizing efforts of North Carolina based grass roots organization IgniteNC. Activities include audio/video documentation, graphic design, press release writing, social media management.

Videographer, Swept Away Video, NC May 2016-November 2016
Operated camera and audio work for Swept Away Video, an award winning North Carolina based wedding videography company.

Production Assistant, Rock Creek Productions, Asheville, NC June 2015- September 2015
Assisted in production, edited sound, video and motion graphic for the award winning company that creates videos for commercial, non profit, government and web-based clients.

Intern, Turning Tide Productions, Wendell, MA October 2012 - February 2013
Transcribed audio, operated boom mic and on site sound, assisted in production, and edited video for an HBO documentary on the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

Intern, Five College Women Studies Research Center, South Hadley, MA, June 2012
Produced podcasts, edited videos of recent lectures, updated website

INVOLVEMENT

- Member**, Southerners on New Ground, Durham, NC July 2016-Present
Participating member of the south east based LGBT organization, SONG. Currently helping with fundraising and media documentation
- Rape Crisis Advocate**, Our Voice Rape Crisis Center, Asheville, NC January 2016-January 2017
Volunteered as a certified rape crisis advocate. Primary responsibilities include hot-line counseling and hospital assistance for survivors. Received Volunteer of the Month award in April 2016.
- Member, Eye and Ear Clinic** School of the Art Institute of Chicago September 2015- May 2015
Participated in helping coordinate the film video new media department student organization that brought media based artists to campus.
- Member, Coalition of Gender Awareness** Mount Holyoke College, MA Jan 2011- May 2013
Organized in club as an elected board member, raising awareness on gender and sexuality issues.
- Staff**, Food For Thoughts Workers Collective Books, Amherst, MA September 2011- September 2013
Helped with organizing, receiving, cataloging, creating schedules, fundraising and facilitating workshops.
- Volunteer**, Flywheel Arts Community Center, Easthampton, MA September 2013- July 2013
Hosted events, worked sound, helped with archiving and organizing book and zine collection, ran social media outreach.
- Coordinator**, Connections, Holyoke, MA November 2011
Coordinated physical educational activities for an after school program with children ages 6-12.
- Intern/Canvasser**, Students For a Free Tibet, Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India July 2009
Canvassed and managed online databases on campaign for political prisoner, Dhonup Wangchen.

LECTURES

- Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Lecture**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL April 2015
Defended graduate thesis for professors, peers and public audience. Addressed topics around queer identity, media's influence on political mobilization, and the technical and ethnographic process. Presentation included a lecture, video, and Q&A .
- Radical Ideologies Today**, University of Chicago, IL November 2014
Spoke in a selected panel on the ways that Marxism and anarchism influence contemporary activism. Panel hosted by the internationally known Platypus Affiliated Society.
- Queer Technologies**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL January 2015
Presented research for an artist symposium on the topics of how technology influences queer identity and politics.
- Five College Undergraduate Film Studies Symposium**, Smith College, Northampton, MA February 2013
Lectured on Su Friedrich's film, Hide and Seek. Analyzed Friedrich's cinematic presentation of female homosexuality. Symposium included seven other hand selected students that exemplified excellent and excellent research in the media studies field.

EXHIBITIONS / SCREENINGS

- [Un] Becoming**, RE:frag glitch exhibition, Parsons Paris, France April 2015
- [Un] Becoming**, MFA exhibition, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL May 2015
- Fed up Fest Promo** at The Parlor Gallery, Chicago, IL January 2014
- Here nor There**, Five College Film festival, Amherst, MA March 2013
Awarded, "Best of Mount Holyoke"
- Here nor There**, Pioneer Valley Film Festival, Greenfield, MA April 2012
Chosen to air on Northampton, Amherst and Greenfield Community Television
- Still**, premiere screening and Q&A , Hampshire College, MA April 2012