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education **BOSTON UNIVERSITY** • Boston, MA
Nonprofit Management and Leadership Graduate Certificate Program • April 2018

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO • Chicago, IL
MFA Visual Arts • June 2009

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN • Providence, RI
BFA Photography • June 2006

INSTITUTE FOR SHIPBOARD EDUCATION

Semester at Sea Program • Liberal Arts Studies • Fall 2005

Global studies program involving field work and cross-cultural exposure in nine countries.

nonprofit experience **TECH GOES HOME** • www.techgoeshome.org • Boston, MA • Sept 2019 - Present
Mission: TGH's mission is to empower communities to access and use digital tools to overcome barriers and advance their lives. We partner with schools, non-profits, and community organizations to address the three components of the digital divide: fundamental computer and internet skills training, affordable hardware, and access to reliable, low cost internet. Together TGH and it's partner sites train thousands of learners throughout Greater Boston each year.

Program Manager

- Create and manage relationships with 200+ partner sites.
- Onboard and train 100-200 new instructors each year.
- Create and manage curriculum and resources for instructors.
- Schedule and manage educational webinars for program graduates and instructors.
- Support the program team with running 500+ courses per year.
- Support the program team with creating and managing the volunteer program.

MORE THAN WORDS • www.mtwyouth.org • Boston, MA • May 2018 - August 2019

Mission: Nonprofit social enterprise that empowers young adults, ages 16 to 24, who are in foster care, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. MTW offers job training opportunities and transition support services to its youth.

Youth Development Manager

- Deliver curriculum related to post-secondary education, financial literacy, transferrable soft skills, and other essentials which support positive outcomes for young adults.
- Support youth with employment, education, and self-efficacy goals and challenges.
- Support funding initiatives and contracts with partnering government agencies such as the Dept of Transitional Assistance, The Dept of Children and Families, the Dept of Youth Services and the Dept of Mental Health.

ARTISTIC NOISE • www.artisticnoise.org • Boston, MA • Jan 2015 - May 2018

Mission: Artistic Noise exists to bring the freedom and power of artistic practice to young people who are incarcerated, on probation, or otherwise involved in the justice system. Through visual arts and entrepreneurship programs, our participants give voice to their experiences, build community through collaborative projects, and learn valuable life and job skills.

Executive Director • Massachusetts branch, operating in greater Boston, Brockton, Westborough.

- Created program curriculum focusing on youth development through the visual arts.
- Ran all workshops creating individual and large-scale collaborative visual arts projects with young adults and staff.
- Promotion and outreach, including organizing events and group exhibitions.
- Recruited, trained, and supervised staff, graduate & undergraduate interns, volunteers, and youth program participants.
- Involved in all strategic planning, development, finances, and fundraising.
- Expanded programming from two sites to five sites.
- Tripled operating budget via government and private grants, artwork sales, and individual giving campaigns.

HOPE COLLABORATIVE • www.hopecollaborative.com • Boston, MA • Jan 2016 - June 2016
Mission: Aims to empower low-income youth at partner sites around the world through proven leadership development workshops that are arts-integrated, student-driven, and team-focused.
Grant Writer • Created initial grant management system and completed grant applications.
Associate Facilitator • Co-led youth in sharing personal stories through creative work focused on leadership and conflict resolution.

KEISKAMMA TRUST • www.keiskamma.org • Hamburg, South Africa • Summers 2006 - 2008
Mission: Strives to foster hope offer support, and address the challenges of widespread poverty and disease through holistic and creative programs for youth and adults.
Volunteer Photographer • Created images to be used for fundraising, publication and website.
Visiting Artist • Collaborative projects with local artists.
Volunteer Photography Instructor • Led photography workshops for adult artists and youth.

SHANTI COMMUNITY ANIMATION MOVEMENT • Colombo, Sri Lanka • Summer 2004
Mission: Aims to bring about humanized and enabled communities among the marginalized shanty people by providing shelter/housing and increasing education opportunities for youth and adults.
Volunteer Art Instructor • Art classes for youth living in the area and at the local orphanage.

NON-VIOLENCE PROJECT • www.nonviolence.com • Miami, FL • May 1999 - Sept 2001
Mission: International nonprofit working with youth to provide positive alternatives to violence.
Volunteer Assistant to ED • Grant writing, administrative work, program development.
President of Youth Advisory Board • Key presenter at the 2001 National Safety Conference and speaker at the 2000 Miami Mayor's Children Summit.
Girls' Voice • Created and implemented leadership and community service program providing young women with the knowledge and courage needed to confront prevalent teen issues.

teaching experience **THE WINSOR SCHOOL** • Boston, MA
Part-time Visual Arts Faculty • Fine Art Photography Program • Sept 2016 - Jan 2018

MONTSERRAT COLLEGE OF ART • Beverly, MA
Adjunct Faculty • Foundations and Fine Art Photography Programs • Sept 2013 - June 2016

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND • Providence, RI
Adjunct Visual Arts Faculty • Fine Art Photography Program • Jan 2015 - June 2016

BELVOIR TERRACE • www.belvoirterrace.com • Lennox, MA
Visual Arts Department Head and Darkroom Photography Instructor • Summers 2014 - 2017

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN • Providence, RI
Photography Instructor, Pre-College and Adult Continuing Education • June 2013 - June 2016

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE • Providence, RI
Special Lecturer, Art • Fall 2013

ART INSTITUTE OF FORT LAUDERDALE • Fort Lauderdale, FL
Adjunct Photography Faculty • Commercial Photography Program • Jan 2010 - March 2013

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI • Miami, FL
Photography Instructor, Osher Life-Long Learning Institute • Sept 2010 - July 2012

photography experience **V. RUIZ STUDIO** • NYC, San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, New England • 2003 - 2019
Photographer • Portrait, editorial, corporate, consumer and product photography.

skills **Software** • Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premier Pro, InDesign, Acrobat DC. Microsoft Office, G Suite, Salesforce, ETO, YouTube, Social Media, Wix, Constant Contact, Mailchimp, Trello, Asana.
Languages • Fluent in Spanish, Working knowledge of American Sign Language, Beginner French.
Areas of Expertise • Curriculum development, lesson planning and facilitation, positive youth development, budgeting, photography/video, SEO.