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*education* **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** · CHICAGO, IL USA

*MFA Visual Arts* · June 2009

**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN** · PROVIDENCE, RI USA

*BFA Photography* · June 2006

*experience* **ART INSTITUTE OF FORT LAUDERDALE** · FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

*Adjunct Photography Instructor* · Lighting, Portraiture, Location Photography · Jan 2010 - Present

**PHOTO & WEBSITE WORK** · NYC, NY · CHICAGO, IL · SAN FRANCISCO, CA · MIAMI, FL

*Freelance Photographer for Entertainers* · June 2005 - Present

*Freelance Web Designer / Programmer* · June 2007 - Present

*Photography and Web Programming* · Cairdea Design and Marketing · June 2005- Present

*Digital Assistant and Post-production* · Teri Bloom Photography · June 2006- Aug 2007

*Digital Post-production* · George Lange Photography · June- Aug 2006· June-Aug 2004

*Retoucher* · Rick Becker Studio · Aug 2006- June 2007

*Studio Intern* · Rosa and Rosa Photography · June-Aug 2004

**NO ES FACIL : ART IN HAVANA** · 2009

*Documentary* · Focuses on issues of art pedagogy and professionalization in Havana, Cuba via a series of interviews with artists and curators in the 10th Havana Biennial. Funded by various grants.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** · CHICAGO, IL

*Course Assistant* · Beginning Photography Classes · 2007-2009

*Course Assistant* · Photography Workshops · 2007-2009

*Digital Printing Technician* · Department of Visual Arts · 2007-2009

**KEISKAMMA TRUST** [[www.keiskamma.org](http://www.keiskamma.org)] · HAMBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

*Photography Instructor* · Beginning Photography Workshops · July 2008

*Freelance Photographer* · December 2006 · May-August 2007

**INSTITUTE FOR SHIPBOARD EDUCATION**

*Photography Editor, Semester at Sea Voyage Photography Book* · Fall 2005

*Co-Webmaster, Semester at Sea Voyage Official Website* · Fall 2005

**SHANTI COMMUNITY ANIMATION MOVEMENT** · SRI LANKA · August 2004

*Volunteer Instructor* · Teacher of English and Art at a community organization which serves underprivileged children living in the slums, and at a local girls' orphanage in Colombo.

**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN** · PROVIDENCE, RI

*Assistant to Associate Director* · Office of Student Life · 2002-2006

*Teacher Assistant* · Photography, Alternate Process Class · 2005

*Teacher Assistant* · Pre-College Photography Program · Summer 2003

*Teacher Assistant* · Continuing Education Child Art Studio Classes · 2001-2003

**GIRL'S VOICE 2000** · MIAMI SPRINGS, FL · February - May 2000

Created leadership & community service program aiming to provide young women with the knowledge and courage needed to confront prevalent teen issues. Funded by NBA service grant.

**NON-VIOLENCE PROJECT INC** · MIAMI, FL · May 2000 - September 2001

International nonprofit which works to provide positive alternatives to violence.

Served as President of the Youth Advisory Board and Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Also represented The Project as the key presenter at the National Safety Conference and as a speaker at The Mayor's Children Summit in 2000.