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Experience

Landscape Architect, Jacobs/Ryan Associates (August 2015 – February 2018)

- Designed urban sites from initial concepts through construction documents and specifications.
- Coordinated with diverse teams, managed multiple projects, assisted with proposals and marketing.

Landscape Designer, WRD Environmental (August 2013 – August 2015)

- Generated proposals, conceptual designs, models and renderings with a focus on sustainability.
- Created construction documents for public parks, corporate headquarters and school gardens.

Design Intern, The Organic Gardener (May 2012 – August 2012)

- Worked with landscape architect and planting team to design and implement organic edible gardens.
- Created plans, cost estimates and material inventory for a large public garden proposal.

Design Intern, Christy Webber Landscapes (May 2011 – August 2011)

- Created plant material palettes and renderings for landscape projects.
- Edited and created plans for commercial and residential clients; conducted site measurement and documentation work.

Senior Site Developer, The University of Chicago (September 2005 – June 2014)

- Designer, developer and project lead for multiple university websites and applications.
- Coordinated marketing efforts with Communications team to produce integrated print and web projects.

Education

Illinois Institute of Technology, Master of Landscape Architecture, 2013
IIT ASLA Student Chapter

The University of Chicago, Bachelor of Arts, 1996, cum laude
Dean's List 1993-96

Major: Gender Studies. Thesis project: politics of representation in comic art and graphic novels.

The School For International Training / Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Cultural Studies Program in Amsterdam, 1994

Qualifications

Versatile, Personable, Client-Focused – Artistic designer and technical professional with excellent writing and editing skills. Outstanding client rapport and communication style, extensive project management experience.

Landscape Design – Site plan creation, plant palette design, hand drafting, model building, local gardening and residential landscape projects, plant propagation, hands-on plant installation and maintenance.

Digital Media – AutoCAD, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Fireworks, Dreamweaver.

Traditional Media – Freehand illustration, drafting, pencil, ink, comic art, screen printing, creative writing. Artwork published in The Chicago Literary Review, VenusZine magazine, GRCC Fine Arts Journal.

Web – Web site design, CSS, HTML, XHTML, JavaScript, wireframes and storyboards, information architecture, HTML email design, database-driven web applications, usability testing and quality assurance.

Affiliations & Interests

Licensed Landscape Architect, Illinois. Member, ASLA. Focus areas: urban agriculture & permaculture, ecological design, urban wildlife habitat, native planting, healing gardens, post-industrial landscapes and material reuse.

Volunteer Affiliations: Red Door Animal Shelter, Bowmanville Community Gardens.

Interests: soccer, organic gardening, ginkgo trees, graphic novels, drawing & illustration, social justice.