

Work Experience

Feb 2013

Portland Code School

- current

Student

- * Learning web development skills in a fast-paced, intensive environment
- * Building websites using various Ruby frameworks: Middleman, Sinatra, Rails
- * Collaborating with teammates using GitHub and pair programming

April 2007

ONE.ORG

- Nov. 2012

Web/Graphic Designer | telecommute

- * Produces high-visibility, user-friendly designs that reach an audience of up to 3 million members in a fast-paced environment.
- Responsible for design of microsites, landing pages, and graphics for new campaigns.
- * Conducts QA testing on all webpages before they go live.
- * Produces wireframes and proof of concept mock ups in short timeframes.
- * Fields all major graphic requests for ONE.org website and ecommerce store.

March 2005

- April 2007

U.S. Department of State

contract with MBR Computer Consultants

Web/Graphic Designer | Washington, DC

- * Redesigned websites for Passport Services Intranet, ClassNet, and Bureau Emergency Action Plan with a focus on improved information architecture and usability.
- * Formulated design strategy for joint initiative between DoS and Homeland Security.
- * Awarded Domestic Operations (CA/CST/DO) 2006 "Unsung Hero" award for dedication to organization.
- * Commissioned by several VIPs to work on other high visibility projects within the department.

May 2004

FierceMarkets

Sept. 2004

Webmaster | Washington, DC

- * Webmaster and SEO Assistant for busy start-up company with nine online newsletter publications each with its own website.
- * Made recommendations to improve usability and design of websites.
- * Handled Web traffic reports, and maintenance work for 9 online publications.
- * Increased traffic to websites by finding opportunities for online exposure and using search engine optimization tactics.

Community Involvement

- * Organizer for weekly PDX Ruby "Hack and Help" sessions
- * Member of PyLadies Meetup group
- * Served on Board of Directors of AIGA DC as Volunteer Coordinator

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Technical Skills

HTML5/CSS3

Ruby/Rails

Javascript

JQuery

Github

Jekyll Sinatra

Middleman

Bootstrap

Wordpress

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

Flash

Education

Amherst College Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Art Institute of Washington
Certificate in Web & Multimedia

References

Available upon request