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Professional Experience

San Francisco Unified School District - San Francisco, CA

2001-present **Substitute Teacher**

- Supervise and teach classes at public schools for absent teachers in all subjects and grade levels.
- Adapt to unique high pressure environments each day. Trusted by teachers and principals with some of the most challenging classrooms. Bring order to chaos.

2007-2008 **Acting Librarian, Artist-in-Residence** *Galileo Academy of Science and Technology*

- As librarian: Managed the cataloging and circulation of thousands of books, magazines and videos for a school population of 2,200 students and 160 teachers. Oversaw and instructed a staff of over 20 student teaching assistants. Opened library ahead of schedule in the fall and continued to circulate books even as construction required that the library be used as a classroom in the spring.
- As artist-in-residence: Partnered with teachers to incorporate art projects into lesson plans. Choreographed collaborative art projects with students during lunch period and after school. Mentored and aided students in their individual and collective artistic explorations.
- Wrote content for a blog about library activities and events using Manila blogging software.

Upward Bound - San Francisco, CA

2003 **Summer Program Tutor, Teacher's Assistant**

- Coached students enrolled in ACCESS, a challenging class in leadership and social activism employing the Youth Empowerment Approach.
- Tutored students during evening study sessions.
- Initiated collaborative art projects with young artists in the program.

CELLspace - San Francisco, CA

2000-2005 **Member of Studio and Education Clusters, Art Teacher**

- Organized youth programming, created publicity materials, managed events, and generally assisted in maintaining this non-profit artist collective.
- Taught weekly mixed media drawing classes to adults and teens.

Officeteam - San Francisco, CA

1999-2001 **Office Temp**

- Updated databases, mail-merged documents, designed print materials, organized files, and completed other administrative duties as a temporary worker.

Applied Learning and Linkages program - San Francisco, CA

1998-1999 **Documentation and Evaluation Coordinator**

- As an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America), documented and evaluated results of this School to Career program which served all students at the Galileo Academy of Science and Technology.
- Built and managed Filemaker Pro database of students to track their completion of internships and graduation requirements.

Other Experience

Travel

2008-2009 **Traveled around the world visiting 15 countries in 12 months.**

- Managed a budget, logistics, and travel arrangements while constantly adapting to new cultures and environs.
- Continued to create, market, and sell drawings online through Ephemerratic.com.
- Countries visited include Cambodia, China, France, India, Indonesia, Laos, Morocco, The Philippines, Portugal, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

Visual Artist

- Figurative painter and mixed media artist using expressionist/impressionist techniques to create two-dimensional works with a focus on community-based and community-engaging compositions.
- Sell drawings and paintings through gallery exhibits, client commissions, and online marketing (including Facebook).
- Hired by event organizers to make art at events and to engage guests in the creative process.
- Chronicled ten years of my life as a "substitute teacher artist," by regularly posting over 1,000 images and captions on my website, TheArtDontStop.org.
- Art featured as cover story of "96 Hours" section of the San Francisco Chronicle, July 20, 2006.

Computer Skills

- Experienced with computer software including Windows and Macintosh operating systems; Microsoft Office, including Word (mail merges), Excel, and Outlook (calendar); Photoshop, Quark, Pagemaker, Filemaker Pro and Destiny Library Manager.
- Proficient with internet applications including Google Docs, Flickr, Facebook, Skype, social networking sites, blogging, tagging, and basic HTML.
- Adept at quickly learning new software and internet applications.

Education

- **Brown University**, Providence, Rhode Island, Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, 1998
- **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)**, Providence, Rhode Island, 1997-1998
Three art courses toward Brown University degree.
- **University of California Berkeley Extension**, San Francisco, CA, 2000-2003
Three drawing and painting courses.
- **San Francisco Art Institute**, Community Education, San Francisco, CA, 2005-2006
Six classes in various disciplines.