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## SKILLS

**Software:** Highly proficient in Photoshop, Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Avid, Audacity, Audition, Dreamweaver. Working knowledge of After Effects, InDesign, Illustrator

**Equipment:** Experienced with video, sound, graphic design, and lighting equipment including but not limited to: Digital SLR Canon 70D, 7D, HD Cam Sony EX3, GoPro HD hero, Figrig camera stabilizer, Tripod dolly, Video mixer, Mic lavalier, Mic shotgun kit, Wacom tablet, LED light kit pro, MIDI controller, Behringer Audio Mixer, H4N field recorder

**Code:** CSS, HTML5, Wordpress, Drupal, Javascript, JQuery, general social media development

**Written:** Scholarly research, editing, editorials, screen writing, film & music reviews, curriculum drafting

**Other:** Facilitation, fundraising, promotion, interviews, events coordination, budgeting, conflict resolution, mental health first aid certification, leadership training, motivational interviewing training, non-violent communication advocacy

## EDUCATION

**School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC),** Chicago, IL  
Masters of Fine Arts, May 2015  
Film, Video, New Media, Animation Department;  
Concentration in Queer Studies, Documentary Film, New Media

**Mount Holyoke College,** South Hadley, MA  
Bachelor of Arts *Cum Laude*, May 2013  
Major: Film Studies, Gender Studies  
Minor: Five College Queer Studies Certification

## PROFILE

Multimedia specialist, educator, and social justice advocate. Research & creative work in critical social theory, documentary studies and production, experimental video, sound and web design. Versed in managing communications for small companies. Commitment to working with students and youth for the advancement of progressive ideals. Lifelong dedication to engaging with communities and building communicative and compassionate relationships that empower and give access to knowledge. Other interests include mental health advocacy, conflict resolution, music production, holistic alternative health, biking, rock climbing.

## COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

**Freelance** September 2013- Present  
*Creates, produces and edits videos, audio, graphics and web sites for numerous clients on an accessible sliding scale basis.*

**Communications Team Member** July 2016- July 2018  
*Participating member of the southeast LGBT racial justice organization, SONG. Helped with fundraising and media documentation*

**Communications Fellow,** IgniteNC, Durham, NC August 2016-December 2016  
*Developed and implemented a media strategy that supports the organizing efforts of North Carolina based grass roots organization IgniteNC. Activities include audio/video documentation, graphic design, press release writing, social media management.*

**Videographer,** Swept Away Video, NC May 2016-November 2016  
*Operated camera and audio work for Swept Away Video, an award winning North Carolina based wedding videography company.*

**Production Assistant,** Rock Creek Productions, Asheville, NC June 2015- September 2015  
*Assisted in production, edited sound, video and motion graphic for the award winning company that creates videos for commercial, non profit, government and web-based clients.*

**Intern,** Turning Tide Productions, Wendell, MA October 2012 - February 2013  
*Transcribed audio, operated boom mic and on site sound, assisted in production, and edited video for an HBO documentary on the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.*

**Intern,** Five College Women Studies Research Center, South Hadley, MA, June 2012  
*Produced podcasts, edited videos of recent lectures, updated website*

## EVENTS ORGANIZER

**Co-Organizer, Southeast Trans and or Women Direct Action Camp** September 2017- April 2018  
*Helped organize a regional meet up to connect organizers across the south to build stronger skills and knowledge around transformative justice*

**Collective Manager**, Firestorm Co-op, Asheville, NC January 2016-December 2016  
*Helped manage a bookstore, cafe, and community space in west Asheville. Responsibilities included handling business, designed promotional media, coordinated art shows, events, screenings, facilitated meetings.*

**Conference Coordinator**, Resource Generation March 2015-November 2015  
*Promoted conference, coordinated caucuses, plenaries, social events, and facilitated workshops in a selected committee group for Resource Generation's, a non-profit which fights income inequality and the supports the redistribution of wealth, 11th annual conference.*

**Organizer, Queering New Media**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago January 2015-March 2015  
*Prepared and promoted a panel on the intersections between new media art and studies with LGBT history and identity. Brought visiting artists, as well as local professors, to present their art and research on these subjects.*

**Co-director, Fed Up Festival**, Chicago, IL September 2013-July 2014  
*Co-founded an acclaimed music, poetry reading, and workshop festival raising money for PROJECT FIERCE: Chicago Transgender and Queer Homeless Youth Housing. Dealt with budgeting, fundraising, promotion and media communication.*

**Founder, Pioneer Valley Zine Fest**, Amherst, MA December 2011- May 2013  
*Founded and organized an annual three day festival that supports zine making and independent/Do-it-yourself publishing.*

**Organizer, Ladyfest Easthampton**, Easthampton, MA November 2011-May 2013  
*Collectively organized an annual three day music and arts festival that celebrates musicians and artists whose gender identity falls outside of the dominant cultural mainstream.*

**Organizer, Trans Identity at All Women Colleges Panel**, South Hadley, MA September 2012- February 2013  
*Coordinated a community panel event seeking to bring awareness to transgender identity at all women's colleges.*

## TEACHING

**Workshop Facilitator** November 2011-Present  
*Co-facilitate workshops on global political and artistic topics for all ages. Workshop examples include: "Queer and Class", "Recognizing Class in Activist Communities", "Asexuality 101", "zine making, "Identity, Diversity, and Inclusion."*

**Video Creation Instructor**, Omega Middle School, Asheville, NC August 2016- December 2016  
*Taught course titled 'Story Telling Through Digital Media'. Class designed to have students learn foundational technical skills pertaining to video, and basic concepts around developing digitally based stories.*

**Co-Coordinator/Film instructor**, Fierce Flix, Asheville, NC January 2016-July 2016  
*Helped found and organize an educational summer camp for girls and gender minorities on film making. Camp included workshops on lighting, editing, moving camera, zine making, t-shirt design, and history of women in cinema.*

**Visiting Teacher**, Rainbow Community School, Asheville, NC May 2016  
*Assisted Rainbow Community School's fourth grade class on making stop motion animation pieces that reflected the seven ethics and principles that Rainbow School is founded on.*

**Teaching Assistant**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago September 2013- May 2014  
*Worked alongside professors in the film and video department. Duties included grading, moderating classroom environment, presentations, creating lectures, research, and secretarial work.*

**Counselor**, Girls Rock! Chicago, Chicago, IL August 2011  
*Instructed and created lessons on playing advanced guitar and bass. Arranged workshops on women empowerment through Do-it-yourself music and art. Mentored young girls on personal and artistic endeavors.*

## INVOLVEMENT

**PRN Case manager**, Trinity Place Youth Crisis Shelter, Asheville NC May 2018-Present  
*Engages in community outreach and manages day to day shelter for runaway and homeless youth.*

**Homeless Services Case Manager**, Homeward Bound of WNC, Asheville, NC June 2017- January 2018  
*Coordinated intakes, managed a case load and helped maintain the non for profit, Homeward Bound's, homeless day center in downtown Asheville.*

**Rape Crisis Advocate**, Our Voice Rape Crisis Center, Asheville, NC January 2016-January 2017  
*Volunteered as a certified rape crisis advocate. Primarily responsibilities include hot-line counseling and hospital assistance for survivors. Received Volunteer of the Month award in April 2016.*

**Member, Eye and Ear Clinic** School of the Art Institute of Chicago September 2015- May 2015  
*Participated in helping coordinate the film video new media department student organization that brought media based artists to campus.*

**Member, Coalition of Gender Awareness** Mount Holyoke College, MA Jan 2011- May 2013  
*Organized in club as an elected board member, raising awareness on gender and sexuality issues.*

**Staff**, Food For Thoughts Workers Collective Books, Amherst, MA September 2011- September 2013  
*Helped with organizing, receiving, cataloging, creating schedules, fundraising and facilitating workshops.*

**Volunteer**, Flywheel Arts Community Center, Easthampton, MA September 2013- July 2013  
*Hosted events, worked sound, helped with archiving and organizing book and zine collection, ran social media outreach.*

**Intern/Canvasser**, Students For a Free Tibet, Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India July 2009  
*Canvassed and managed online databases on campaign for political prisoner, Dhonup Wangchen.*

## LECTURES

**Queer Studies Conference**, University of North Carolina in Asheville, NC April 2018  
*Presented a essay on the relationship between social media and contemporary LGBT communities*

**Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Lecture**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL April 2015  
*Defended graduate thesis for professors, peers and public audience. Addressed topics around queer identity, media's influence on political mobilization, and the technical and ethnographic process. Presentation included a lecture, video, and Q&A .*

**Radical Ideologies Today**, University of Chicago, IL November 2014  
*Spoke in a selected panel on the ways that Marxism and anarchism influence contemporary activism. Panel hosted by the internationally known Platypus Affiliated Society.*

**Queer Technologies**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL January 2015  
*Presented research for an artist symposium on the topics of how technology influences queer identity and politics.*

**Five College Undergraduate Film Studies Symposium**, Smith College, Northampton, MA February 2013  
*Lectured on Su Friedrich's film, Hide and Seek. Symposium included seven other hand selected students.*

## EXHIBITIONS / SCREENINGS / CURATOR

**[Un] Becoming**, RE:frag glitch exhibition, Parsons Paris, France April 2015

**[Un] Becoming**, MFA exhibition, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL May 2015

**Curator, g[URL] Freax**, Chicago, IL January 2014

**Fed up Fest Promo** at The Parlor Gallery, Chicago, IL January 2014

**Waveforms**, Chicago IL October 2014

**Here nor There**, Five College Film festival, Amherst, MA March 2013  
*Awarded, "Best of Mount Holyoke"*

**Here nor There**, Pioneer Valley Film Festival, Greenfield, MA April 2012  
*Chosen to air on Northampton, Amherst and Greenfield Community Television*

**Still**, premiere screening and Q&A , Hampshire College, MA April 2012

**Curator, Andy Warhol Polaroids: Hello is Not A Question**, Mount Holyoke Art Museum, South Hadley, MA November 2012 - January 2013