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Education

BACHELOR OF ART

3-D Studies

Bowling Green State University

2006-2010

Artist Residencies

University for the Creative Arts

Farnham, Surrey, England

Artist in Residence - Forging/Metalwork

January 2015 – July 2015

Touchstone Center for Craft

Farmington, Pennsylvania

Artist in Residence/ Studio Assistant

- Forging/Metalwork

September 2014 – November 2014

Artist Involvement

Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil (SOFA)

- Member from 2017 - present

[Society of North American Goldsmiths](#)

- Member from 2009 - present

[Crafthaus](#)

- Member from 2012 – present

[American Bladesmith Society](#) (ABS)

- Apprentice Bladesmith

Arrowmont School of Art and Craft

- Studio Assistant - 2012

- Work Study – 2011

Edinboro University

- Studio Technician – 2012

Professional Profile

Artist and Craftsperson in a multitude of fashions with over a decade's worth experience in both avenues. Able to facilitate a rounded artistic skill set with the ability to network and organize efficiently. Through hands-on creating we open our minds to creative problem solving and active do-it-yourself skills. Having a desire to learn and the dedication to get the job done can take you anywhere.

Experience

Aquatics Assistant Department Head/Aquatics Swim Supervisor/Swim Instructor/Lifeguard/ Rock Wall Attendant

Life Time Fitness/ February 2011 – August 2014 / February 2017 – Present

Beginning as a lifeguard, I rapidly took on more responsibility by taking over the swim lesson program. I thrived at being able to guide the swim instructors, expand the program not only in numbers but with our instructors' teaching skills and interacting with the kids and their families. Knowing each child's name when they came to check in was my mission on every swim lesson night.

Recently rejoined the team at Life Time as the Assistant Dept. Head of Aquatics. Took apart the entire swim lesson program and rebuilt to ensure a better standard and performance.

- After one month of lifeguarding, I took over the swim lesson program, within the year I increased the participation and revenue of the swim lesson program by roughly 100%.
- American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard, with certifications in CPR and First-Aid for the professional rescuer.
- Review sales, maintain lifeguard and instructor schedules, orient new lifeguards, keep management informed on pool maintenance, maintain certifications of staff.
- Ensure that swimmers are well supervised in the pools and on decks.

Teacher – Day School

The Music School Settlement/August 2015 – June 2017

Whether in one classroom or in every classroom, I enjoy making meaningful teacher/student relationships with every student; learning what interests each child and developing projects and activities that will stimulate their desire to learn. If I am assisting in a 2-day classroom or being with the extended day preschool program, or in the all-day preschool rooms I love developing the school wide community.

- Plan, implement and supervise a classroom program for children ages 3-5 in accordance with the philosophies and policies of the school, Step Up to Quality, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and Ohio Licensing regulations. Maintaining CPR and First Aid Certifications
- Design and maintain a classroom environment for children that is developmentally appropriate, encourages and supports their exploration and experimentation.
- Plan for children's learning using a developmentally appropriate curriculum stemming from the children's interests and coordinating with co-teachers' ideas which meet Ohio State Standards for early childhood curriculum.
- Supervise and monitor the safety, activity and behavior of children through observation and interaction.
- Establish a positive school/home relationship through posted weekly lesson plans, a monthly newsletter, parent teacher conferences, daily interactions with parents and the use of parent volunteers.