

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Experienced designer with print, web, and photography skills searching for an ideal team environment. My goal is to continue my career as a mid- to senior level designer that will allow me to demonstrate my creative and organizational skills with opportunities to develop them further.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Over 7 years of experience
- Diverse knowledge of software
- Excellent communication skills
- Works well independently and with a team
- Willing to learn, expand skills, and teach

SOFTWARE SKILLS - MAC & PC

Adobe Products

- Expert knowledge - Creative Suite 5 (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator)
- Experienced in Flash, Dreamweaver, HTML, CSS, working knowledge of jQuery

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

- B.A., Mass Communications with emphasis in Advertising
- Minor in Speech Communications with emphasis in Public Relations

EXPERIENCE

Art Director / Senior Graphic Designer

American Financial & Automotive Services, Inc. | Oct 06 – Present

As lead designer I am responsible for the execution of any and all design projects. From concept to completion I coordinate with the creative team, account executives, vendors, and clients to complete the job on budget and on schedule. Special projects include designing/coding the yearly trip contest website and conducting/performing photoshoots.

Graphic & Web Designer / Photographer

Freelance | Aug 06 - Present

As a means to develop and expand my creative range I accept freelance opportunities that have produced logos, business cards, advertisements, invitations, and websites. Clients have included Lebanon Lutheran Church, Coalwood Electric, and Jewelry by Sara. As a photographer I have experience shooting family portrait sessions, engagements sessions, weddings, and senior portraits.

Production Artist

The Houston Chronicle | Sep 06 - Feb 07

Retrieved copy and requested images to design cover pages and assembled page layouts for the GLOSS publication according to the defined standards.

Graphic Designer / Production Artist

JWT SPECIALIZED COMMUNICATIONS | Apr 05 – June 06

Responsibilities included timely and accurate turnaround of daily ad production, including modifying existing ads and building new ads that followed existing client templates and branding guidelines. I worked as an integral member of a creative team from conceptualization to creative execution of E-cards, employment inquiry cards, brochures, flyers and direct mail pieces for Hilton family of hotels.