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EXPERIENCE

Web Developer — Jefferson Community College, Watertown, NY Jun '09 – Present

- Led college website redesign project (user research, design, and Drupal development)
- Increased site interactivity using jQuery, Ajax, and Perl
- Improved accessibility with semantic markup and HTML/CSS best practices

Web Director — Clarkson Radio WTSC, Potsdam, NY May '08 – May '09

- Designed & developed custom PHP/MySQL CMS for news and site updates
- Developed a streamlined song logging system for DJs with a real-time “now playing” system using Ajax and PHP/MySQL
- Worked with other WTSC members to implement a new visual design for the site
- Maintained and updated existing site features

Project Leader — Safe Schools Project, Potsdam, NY May '07 – Aug '08

- Developed a PHP/MySQL CMS for local counseling agency information and updates
- Coordinated the work of technical and content-creation teams
- Interviewed project stakeholders as part of the participatory design process
- Wrote and usability tested a user manual
- Copyedited site content

Web Developer and Graphic Designer — Clarkson Consulting Group Jan '09 – May '09

Worked with an external client to research and develop a website, logo, and packaging design

Teaching Assistant — Intro to Web Design, Clarkson University Aug '08 – May '09

Taught class and led evening help sessions on HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and design

EDUCATION

Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY — Graduated May 2009

Dual B.S. in Digital Arts & Sciences and Communication with a minor in Mathematics
Cumulative GPA: 3.91

SKILLS

Proficient in HTML, CSS, PHP, MySQL, Javascript (including jQuery & YUI), JSON, and XML
Familiar with Drupal, Subversion, Mercurial, usability testing, and server administration
Skilled in design & typography, technical writing, copyediting, participatory design
Experienced with Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver), and OmniGraffle