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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Strategic Communication University of Missouri School of Journalism

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish & International Studies Westminster College

Mujeres de HACE Leadership Program Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement

SKILLS

Art Direction

Graphic Design

Digital Campaign

Email Marketing

Social Media Content

Motion Graphics

Brand Identity

Development

UX/UI Principles

Visual Storytelling

Photography

Adobe Creative Suite

Figma

After Effects

Creative Project Management

PROFILE

Creative leader with 8+ years of experience delivering award-winning visual solutions for major brands including Shutterfly, Intel, Hilton, Sally Beauty, and more. I specialize in mobile-first design, integrated marketing campaigns, and innovative digital storytelling that drives measurable business results. Adept at leading cross-functional teams, mentoring junior talent, and blending creative vision with strategic execution. Passionate about evolving digital trends and exploring UX design, I consistently push creative boundaries in fast-paced environments.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Art Director | Agency Creative Re

Remote | April 2025 - Current

- Conceptualize and execute the "Home of the Crave" campaign for Liberty Burger, creating social-first carousels, animations, and branded content.
- Art directed a food photography shoot to expand brand visuals and increase engagement.
- Develop core content pillars and a full social media content calendar.
- Increase their social media following by 0.3% through strategic content development.

Freelance Sr. Graphic Designer | Shutterfly

Remote | Jan. 2025 - Mar. 2025

Remote | March 2023 - Jan 2025

Remote | Feb. 2023 - March 2023

- Designed digital assets for Shutterfly's web, mobile, and app platforms, enhancing user experience.
- Collaborated on social media, email, and app assets to drive brand engagement.
- Ensured designs aligned with brand guidelines and project objectives.
- Stayed updated on design trends and technologies to introduce fresh ideas.

Freelance Art Director | Intel

- Spearheaded social media strategies engaging 1.8M+ followers across Instagram, LinkedIn, and X, increasing engagement by 0.12%.
- Orchestrated multiple projects under tight deadlines, maintaining brand consistency.
- Mentored junior designers to enhance team performance.
- Pitched creative concepts to stakeholders, securing buy-in for major campaigns.

Freelance Sr. Graphic Designer | Hilton

- Developed a new brand identity for Hilton, boosting brand recognition and digital visibility.
- Directed creative execution across cross-platform campaigns, ensuring cohesive messaging and improving customer experience.
- Art directed Hilton Honors influencer guide and "For the Stay" Bonus Points campaign using advanced storyboarding.
- Performed in-depth analysis of email marketing strategies, refining campaign performance.
- Sr. Graphic Designer | Sally Beauty

- Remote | Nov. 2022 Feb. 2023
- Designed and animated omnichannel campaigns for over 665K Instagram and 1.2M Facebook followers.
- Led creative direction for cross-platform advertising, aligning with Sally Beauty's brand strategy.
- Directed a 360-degree product shoot to produce immersive 3D animations.

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EXPERIENCE

Sr. Art Director | Mr. Cooper (Nationstar Mortgage) Remote | Feb. 2019 - Nov. 2022

- Amplified ROI by 573% and reduced cost-per-download by 45% for the awardwinning "Fly the Coop" Sweepstakes.
- Led integrated marketing campaigns across email, digital, and social, driving revenue and customer acquisition.
- Co-developed "Changing the Way You Find, Sell, and Buy" campaign, boosting brand awareness.
- Rebranded the Hispanic Organization of Leadership & Achievement, increasing membership by 70%.
- Promoted to Senior Art Director after 2 years based on campaign impact.

Volunteer Officer of the Hispanic Organization of Leadership & Achievement

- Increased employee membership by 70% through a successful rebranding initiative and experiential events, including a DEI Book Club, Culinary Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and multiple volunteer projects.
- Supported employee growth and development by promoting leadership skills and fostering inclusivity through education and awareness programs.
- Jr. Art Director | Wunderman Thompson
- Seattle, WA | Nov. 2018 Jan. 2019
- Assisted in the development of branding for T-Mobile Insiders, an exclusive influencer program, as well as Metro by T-Mobile, ensuring alignment with T-Mobile's Un-Carrier campaign values and standards.
- Collaborated with internal teams and external stakeholders to create cohesive and innovative designs, contributing to successful marketing and promotional efforts for T-Mobile.
- Researched and applied the latest design trends to deliver eye-catching visuals that resonated with target audiences and elevated T-Mobile's brand presence.

Freelance Junior Art Director | fluent360

Chicago, IL | Jun. 2018 - Sep. 2018

- Collaborated with the African American and Hispanic teams to develop culturally resonant campaigns for renowned brands such as Nissan USA, Denny's, and Infiniti.
- Directed and approved video content produced by external vendors, ensuring all assets met project objectives and adhered to creative vision.
- Designed flyers, social media graphics, and marketing materials that supported broader campaign efforts and effectively communicated key messages to target audiences.

Senior Graphic Designer | University of MO. Columbia, MO | Jan. 2018 - May. 2018

- Designed videos, flyers, posters, and social media graphics to support university marketing across digital and print platforms.
- Collaborated with international departments to ensure cohesive global outreach efforts.
- Presented creative concepts to management, integrating feedback to align with university goals.