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## SKILLS

**Technical:** Technical Design, Garment Design, Draping, Pattern Making  
**Proficiency:** Photoshop, Illustrator, Office  
**Language:** English & German

## EDUCATION

6/2007 - 6/2010

**MS Fashion Design**  
**Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA**

2/2001

**BA German & African American Studies**  
**University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**

## EXPERIENCE

April 2012 - Present

**Owner / Designer at KOLABoutique, Spring, TX**

- Retail space carrying designs by emerging artists
- Studio space for designs by Kocayne

10/2010 - Present

**Freelance Designer**

- Garment design
- Fabric and trend sourcing
- Flat pattern
- Construction

7/2011 - 11/2011

**Technical Design & Production Assistant at Sachin + Babi for Ankasa**

- Creation and maintenance of Tech Packs
- Track, inspect, & organize incoming garment samples
- Prioritize & arrange garments for fittings
- Prepare & send samples to factories
- Spec garments
- Check patterns
- Assist Technical Designer with additional tasks as needed

7/2010

**Resident Assistant to Drexel University's Fashion Design Program for High School Students:**

- Supported design instructors in a Teaching Assistant capacity
- Encouraged students' designs and creative abilities by helping them to find resources
- Familiarized students with Drexel and Philadelphia
- Organized and implement evening activities related to the design program

3/2009 - 8/2009

**Graduate Assistant to Drexel Fashion Design department:**

- Provided technical assistance to both graduate and undergraduate students
- Helped to organize and maintain equipment use and fabric donations
- Assisted faculty with open house presentations and special guest events

6/2008 - 8/2008

**Alexander McQueen Intern in London:**

- Assisted with sewing, draping, and pattern making, along with general design solutions during sample garment creation
- Assisted at Philip Treacy's studio as needed for costume design

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10/2009 Five day design workshop as part of Arts of Fashion: Philadelphia. *Master Class with Anthony Vaccarello of Louis Vuitton & Arnaud Michaux of Lanvin: "Bag Pocket - Pocket Dress - Dress Bag"*.
- 7/2010 Thesis designs chosen for "**The Fashion Journal**" magazine
- 5/2010 Finalist in the "**Carol Hochman** Lingerie Design Competition"
- 10/2009 Participated in a 4 day costume design workshop with **Deborah Nadoolman-Landis** hosted by Drexel University during which we learned about the film making business and the role of costume designers.
- 3/2008 Drexel University; **Dean's award** for Research, Innovation, Scholarship and Creativity
- 9/2007 10 day Fashion trip to Italy which included special tours of: Ferragamo Shoe Museum, Florence; La Mantero Textile Factory, Como; Achille Castiglioni Design Studio, Milan; Valentino Exhibition, Rome.

## PREVIOUS CAREER

1/2004 - 6/2006

### **University of Massachusetts, Amherst Asst. Director of Freshman Admissions:**

- Recruitment and enrollment
- Extensive overnight and weekend travel
- Review prospective applications for admissions decisions
- Extensive public speaking

12/2002 - 12/2003

### **Nichols College Dudley, MA; Director of Continuing Education:**

- Worked closely with Director of MBA, Director of Online Programs, Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, and Registrar to provide academic advising to 1500 students, while working on curriculum development
- Assist with setting up new remote sites
- Hire Instructors
- Organize orientation sessions for both new students and instructors

3/2002 - 12/2002

### **Nichols College; Asst. Director of External Programs & Records:**

- Advised and provided support to military students at remote sites
- Worked closely with Military education department in order to assist registrar with military credit analysis and transfer

3/2001 - 3/2002

### **Hendriks Institute; General Manager:**

- Recruitment and enrollment
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Student advising
- Class scheduling
- Day to day administrative tasks associated with programs