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EDUCATION

University of Washington – *Certificate* June 2012
Natural Science Illustration

University of San Diego - *Bachelor of Arts* May 2006
Biology

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012-2013 Natural Science Illustration, Hall Health Center, Seattle, WA

2012 Natural Science Illustration, Burke Museum, Seattle, WA

PUBLICATIONS

2012 *Reddish Egret, 2012, Stratus: Journal of Arts & Writing*, Summer 2012, cover and pp. 36-40

ART AND NATURAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

2011-Present

Freelance Natural Science Illustrator

- Created illustrations and fine art portraying natural science subjects
- Designed print materials for publication and education
- Researched subjects through site visits and correspondence with scientists
- Partnered with clients to ensure needs are met with scientific accuracy

2013-2016

Graphic Artist Chagall Design Limited

Carson, CA

- Designed and digitized artwork for machine embroidery
- Photographed products for website display and visual records
- Designed advertising and collateral for print and web
- Maintained website, product inventory, and e-commerce software

2013

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles Adventures in Nature Camp Instructor

Los Angeles, CA

- Created engaging content for classroom sessions
- Taught grade school-aged children about various natural history subjects
- Partnered with scientists and other museum staff to provide unique experiences for children
- Managed student behavior in classroom and outdoor settings

2013

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Services Intern

Fremont, CA

- Designed newsletters, flyers, and other promotional material
- Led community classes for all ages, including nature drawing and beginning birding
- Educated visitors about refuge habitats, wildlife, and restoration programs
- Supervised volunteers at the visitor center desk
- Developed and staffed community events at the refuge
- Assisted with ongoing exhibit fabrication projects

2007-2008

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium Intern/Volunteer /Seasonal Zookeeper

Tacoma, WA

- Prepared animal diets, cleaned exhibits, and provided enrichment
- Performed formal and informal presentations for zoo guests

2005-2006

**California Wolf Center
Volunteer**

Julian, CA

- Performed formal educational talks about wolf biology and conservation
- Assisted with animal care for North American gray wolves

*Summers 1999,
2000 & 2003*

**Seattle Aquarium
Naturalist/Life Sciences Volunteer**

Seattle, WA

- Led guided tours and performed educational presentations about marine life
- Assisted with animal care for shorebirds and alcids
- Received the Outstanding Naturalist award in 2000

Summer 2001

**PAWS Wildlife Center
Wildlife Care Assistant Volunteer**

Lynnwood, WA

- Provided care for native wildlife under rehabilitation
- Assisted with animal restraint during veterinary exams

ART MEDIA

- Acrylic
- Digital
- Colored Pencil
- Graphite
- Pen and Ink
- Watercolor
- Scratchboard
- Carbon Dust

SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe InDesign
- Wacom Tablet Use
- Adobe Illustrator
- HTML/CSS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Vice President and Social Media Director, Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society, 2014-2016
- Member, Guild of Natural Science Illustrators
- Member, American Mensa

