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# Communicator: explaining ideas via image, text, presentation, teaching and online platforms.

Graphic design and illustration. • Production of files for web, presentations, and print.

• Writing & copy-editing. • User experience design for web apps. • Teaching Adobe software. Infographics, icons and photo manipulation. • Designing to match existing styles or original designs.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

See page 2 for detailed accomplishments

- 2009—now *hand2mouse*, self-employment. Primary client has been *emota.net*, a Bay Area start-up, serving as **Designer**: created graphics for game-like user interface of iPad & web app; collaborated with developers on user experience and touch-screen interactivity; developed all online Help.
- 2006–2009 *Instantiations, Inc.*, a 30-person software product company. **Designer** (sole creative staffer on a three-person marketing team). Designed all online communication: new web pages (HTML/CSS), emails, animated banner ads; all print communications: collateral and ads; designed PowerPoint presentations and trade show
- 2005 *NIKE*. Adobe software trainer (contract) on Illustrator and InDesign.
- 2003–2004 WebHostWorks.net, a 5-person web services company.
   Web designer, graphic artist and user experience designer. For the firm's clients: designed e-commerce web sites; hand-coded HTML, created all graphics and animation.

Collaborated with developers on user interface of a proprietary e-commerce engine.

exhibits. Did all production, illustration, and photo prep using Adobe Creative Suite.

- 1990–2003 *hand2mouse*, self-employment with many clients (agencies, publishers, and small businesses). **Designer, illustrator and production artist.** Designed more than 15 web sites (starting 1995), and dozens of print pieces, doing all production. Created illustrations & logos, edited photos.
- 2000–2010 Intermittently served as part-time **Adjunct Faculty**—teaching Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign—at *Portland State University* and *Clark College* (Vancouver WA).

### **EDUCATION**

June 2010. Certificate in **Digital Marketing Strategies** (including search, analytics, social media).

Portland State University, Professional Development Center

Professional development courses in **graphic design**, **illustration**, **animation**, **interactive design**.

Pacific Northwest College of Art; Minneapolis College of Art & Design; University of Minnesota

B.S. Computer Science, University of Iowa

B.A. Anthropology, University of Arizona

Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Scholar

#### TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE

Adobe Creative Suite (10+ years, through CS5)

**Illustrator:** illustration, infographics, logos, icons.

**Photoshop:** web graphics, retouching photos.

**InDesign:** layout; use of master pages and style

sheets; strong knowledge of typesetting standards.

Acrobat: strong proficiency.

DreamWeaver and Flash: experienced user.

Platforms, Microsoft & Other Technologies

Macintosh (10+ years), Windows.

Hand-coding standards-compliant HTML and CSS.

Office: Word, Excel, expert in PowerPoint.

PDF prepress workflow experience.

Experience using WordPress, databases, version control, and other file management software.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Design & Production for Web, Print and Presentations

### Web Projects:

(see also Interactive Design, below)

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- Designed web sites for over 20 organizations and built all of their HTML and graphics.
- Created GIF/JPG/PNG files for banners, buttons, and icons for interfaces of web applications.

**Presentation Projects:** Created PowerPoint presentations. Designed original templates; built slides and multifile shows; included graphics, animated images and animated transitions. Advised presenters on approaches.

### **Print Projects:**

- Interviewed clients for brief. Conceptualized design, color scheme, typography and visual hierarchy.
- Did layout (digitally) for ads, brochures, catalogs, technical publications, posters, newsletters, mailers.
- Prepared files for CMYK, one-color, 2-color and 5-color jobs, and PDF workflow for prepress.

**Exhibit Design:** Designed trade show booth displays and display case exhibits. Ordered large-format output.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Illustration, Animation and Image Preparation**

#### Illustration and Animation:

- Created custom illustrations (using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop) for many print and web projects.
- Specializing in (a) conversion of complex ideas into explanatory graphics, (b) icons, (c) photo-compositing.
- Created original Flash and GIF animations for web pages, banner ads, presentations, and theatre.

**Photoshop Work:** Retouched, color corrected and resized hundreds of photographs for web and print. Significantly modified photos; made snapshots usable. Created composite & collage illustrations from photos.

**Logos & icons:** Designed logos for dozens of organizations and events. Created icons for web sites and apps.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Interactive Design and User Experience**

**Designed UX**—collaborating with 3 different companies' developers—for (a) a proprietary e-commerce engine, (b) an application that produces an AJAX web interface, and (c) a web application for iPads.

**Conducted user tests** on web applications, wrote reports of results.

**Art-directed Flash** calendar and listing interfaces for web application doing database lookup.

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Training and Writing**

**Managed Adobe software training** for a division of NIKE sportswear (nine-month contract). Evaluated training needs and planned courses; updated training materials; researched questions on tools. Trained staff in use of software through custom classes and individual tutoring.

**Wrote curriculum and taught hands-on classes** in Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, web design and animation (at PSU Professional Development Center, Clark College, Minneapolis College of Art and Design).

Wrote and edited Help and user guides for inexperienced software users.

**Developed content and presentation** for project documents, including software specs & responses to RFPs.

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS (as a volunteer)

Created a Portland-area resource for new media professionals: <a href="mailto:nancywmcclure.com/pdxnex"><u>nancywmcclure.com/pdxnex</u></a>

Founded and currently managing a local Adobe User Group: groups.adobe.com/group/642

Serving on marketing committee for the OTBC. Served as board member for PNWCMUG.

Judged technical art competition for STC chapter. Designed and produced collateral for CHIFOO.