

Daniel Erwin

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I seek to apply my visualization and systems thinking skills to interaction and communication challenges. I hope to join a user-centered, socially aware design team in a full-time position beginning June, 2010.

experience

A Briggs Passport & Visa

Chicago, Illinois - Since 2008

Interaction Designer & Programmer

Designed and implemented back-end website. Conducted user research with staff to set goals and trend analysis to ensure longevity of designs. Analyzed legacy code-base to enable continuity with extant system.

Old Potter Glass

Mena, Arkansas - Since 2005

Principal

Engineered and built a hot glass studio. Developed a product currently represented at more than a dozen galleries in 6 states.

SouthWest Artists

Mena, Arkansas - 2005 to 2006

Executive Director

Systematized accounting, programs, and policy-making. Added music, poetry, and film events, doubled membership, and raised income 50%.

projects

Base of the Pyramid

Institute of Design - Spring 2009

Strategic Design Research - Insight Analysis

Developed models for creating sustainable social entrepreneurship by analyzing input from leaders in academia, non-profit, and business.

Opus: Orchestrating Talent

Institute of Design - Spring 2009

Business Planning - Platform Analysis

Identified long-term growth strategy for CareerBuilder and visualized a plan to implement the new processes and web products in stages.

Vision for the Future

Institute of Design - Fall 2008

Systems Design - Structured Planning

Analyzed Chicago's water, energy, waste, and communication systems. Proposed unified distribution scheme to raise quality and efficiency.

education

IIT Institute of Design

Chicago, Illinois - Expected 2010

Master of Design Candidate

Focus on system design and planning supported by thorough grounding in user research, design methods, and visual communications

University of Texas at Dallas

Richardson, Texas - May, 2005

B.A., Literary Studies and Fine Art

Magna Cum Laude, Collegium V Honors, Eugene McDermott Scholar
Leadership: *The Mercury* Editor, Student Government Senator
Interned with the National Endowment for the Arts

skills & interests

Making concepts tangible: Adobe Suite, sketching, photography
Evaluating ideas quickly and iteratively: Paper Prototyping, PHP&MySQL
Finding needs, opportunities by looking closely: Ethnographic methods
Finding useful historical trends in science, education, and culture: books