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# Janessa Friesen

## Teaching Experience

2011 Senior Visual Arts/Grade 7-12 Belleville, ON

### **Albert College**

- Revised current school-issued course profiles, unit and lesson plans in accordance with the Ontario Curriculum guidelines for Canadian Accredited Independent Schools and Ontario Ministry of Education inspections. Also carefully integrated media and technology components into all teaching materials.
- Responsible for parent-teacher communication and follow-up for students, assisting senior students develop art portfolios for post-secondary applications, budgeting for classroom art materials and processed report card and progress reports.
- Successfully organized and executed field trips and weekly extra-curricular visual arts period activities for both day and residential boarding students. Framed, installed and rotated featured artworks for school display.

2009-11 Senior Visual Arts/Grade 10-12 Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China (PRC)

### **Canadian International Academy**

- Thoroughly developed innovative course profiles, unit and lesson plans in accordance with the Ontario Curriculum guidelines that were successfully reviewed by Ontario Ministry of Education inspectors.
- Classroom education was carefully tailored to meet and accommodate multi-level ESL learners and their individual learning styles.
- Responsible for student University and College guidance, developing the school 's visual identity, report card and progress reports, school supply purchases and student council teacher representative.

2008 Grade 9 Visual Arts/Grade 11 Photography Burlington, ON

### **Robert Bateman High School**

- Utilized my specific knowledge of Design to generate a grade 9 Visual Arts assignment where students studied various media outlets then had to design and silk-screen their own logos.
- Extensive training in Photography allowed me to teach the grade 11 class about famous photographers and how to make 'photograms'.
- Successfully planned and assisted in other school related projects such as the Halton Mock Trial Tournament, Stephen Lewis presentation, environmental club and school mural development.

2008 Core Grade 6 Mississauga, ON

### **Queenston Drive Public School**

- Initiated and effectively organized and executed an off site school excursion to the Living Arts Centre, which focused on the Visual Arts curriculum.
- Prepared and ran an arts integrated science unit with daily lesson plans, materials and activities that engaged and stimulated brain-based learning.
- Had the privilege and opportunity to nominate students to receive awards for the arts for a school recognition assembly.

## Additional Qualifications

- Senior Division Law
- Senior Division Family Studies
- TRIBES Certified
- Smartboard Certified
- Personality Dimensions Certified

## Education

- **2007-2008**  
Bachelor of Education Degree, University of Toronto
- **2003-2007**  
Bachelor of Arts Specialist Degree in Art & Art History, University of Toronto
- **2003-2007**  
Diploma in Studio Art, Sheridan College, Oakville

## Work Experience

2008-11                      Freelance Graphic Designer                      Burlington, ON

### **Muzik Haus Records**

- Independently contracted as a graphic designer to conceptually create promotional materials for their recording clients.
- Successfully designed items such as posters, postcards and CD labels and were mass produced for regional distribution.
- This job taught me how to work creatively with a client to produce a product that was both appealing and successfully marketable.

2006-2007                      Assistant Studio Technician                      Oakville, ON

### **Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning**

- Maintained the print shop and utilized communication skills with senior level students, which enabled me to help them express their ideas and visions through print media techniques.
- Put in charge of cutting paper, preparing demonstrations for professors, as well as sell materials to first year students.
- Developed and learned new printmaking techniques that I can now pass along to my students.

## Volunteering

- 2012 Assistant Instructor at Burlington Arts Centre, Burlington, ON
- 2008 Teaching Assistant at Frontenac Public School, Burlington, ON
- 2007 Visiting Artist Instructor at Robert Batman High School, Burlington, ON
- 2006-2007 Burlington Arts Centre Summer Camp Program, Burlington, ON
- 2005-2006 Sheridan Arts Practicum Events, Oakville, ON

## Technical Skills

- Black and White Photography and Film Processing
- Extensive knowledge of Print Media including pre-press and post-production processes
- In-depth knowledge of all design related software applications (Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop and Acrobat)
- Knowledgeable in all aspects of graphic design: layout, publication design, typography
- Drawing using various media such as conte, charcoal and pastel
- Sculptural Processes including clay, woodworking and plaster casting

## Art Exhibitions

- 2011 AWOL Gallery Square Foot Show, Toronto, ON
- 2008 OISE Juried Art Education Exhibition, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
- 2007 Art and Art History Graduation Exhibition, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
- 2006 Sheridan Open House Show, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
- 2004-05 First and Second Year Art and Art History Show, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
- 2005 Erindale Feature Artist Winner, University of Toronto, Mississauga ON

## Art Publications

- 2011 "Burlington Post", City of Burlington, Burlington, ON
- 2007 "Buff Book", Sheridan College Press, Oakville, ON
- 2006 "Rough Book", Sheridan College Press, Oakville, ON

## References

- Available Upon Request