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education **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** · CHICAGO, IL
MFA Visual Arts · Expected Graduation Date: June 2009

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN · PROVIDENCE, RI
BFA Photography · June 2006

INSTITUTE FOR SHIPBOARD EDUCATION
Semester at Sea Program · Liberal Arts Studies · Fall 2005
Global studies program involving field work and cross-cultural exposure in nine countries.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN · PROVIDENCE, RI
Pre-College Program · Photography Concentration · Summer 2000

experience **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** · CHICAGO, IL
Course Assistant · Beginning Photo & Photography Workshop · 2008-2009
Printing Technician · DOVA Computer Lab · 2008-2009

FREELANCER · MIAMI, FL · CHICAGO, IL · SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Photographer · *Web Designer* · *Digital Post-production* · *Retoucher* · June 2006- Present

GEORGE LANGE PHOTOGRAPHY [www.langephoto.com] · NEW YORK CITY, NY
Freelance Digital Post-production Assistant · Summer 2006 · *Studio Intern* · Summer 2004

INSTITUTE FOR SHIPBOARD EDUCATION
Photography Editor, Semester at Sea Voyage Photography Book · Fall 2005
Co-Webmaster, Semester at Sea Voyage Official Website · Fall 2005

ROSA AND ROSA PHOTOGRAPHY [www.dougroza.com] · NEW YORK CITY, NY
Studio Intern · Summer 2004

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN · PROVIDENCE, RI
Personal Assistant to Associate Director · Office of Student Life · 2002-2006
Monitor · Darkroom & Computer Lab Monitor · 2002-2006
Cage Technician · Photography Department Equipment Center · 2002-2006
Teacher Assistant · Photography, Alternate Process Class · 2005
Teacher Assistant · Pre-College Photography Program · Summer 2003
Personal Assistant to Department Coordinator · Photography Department · Summer 2003
Teacher Assistant · Continuing Education Child Art Studio Classes · 2001-2003

WHALEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL · HIALEAH, FL
Veterinary Assistant · 2000-2001

exhibitions **THE SMART MUSEUM** · CHICAGO, IL · *PAPER*, Curated Wall · June- Aug 2008
FOUR WALLS GALLERY · PORTLAND, ME · *Girls! Girls! Girls!* · Jan-Feb 2008
GREAMESTOWN NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL · SOUTH AFRICA · June 2007
RED EYE GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Entre Tu y Yo* · March 2006
WOODS-GERRY GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Photography Seniors* · April 2006
ABC NO RIO GALLERY · NYC · *SPICE*, Tsunami Benefit · February - March 2005
THE CUTTING ROOM · NYC · *Sonnets From An Old Century* · October 2004
TAP ROOM GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *While We Were Out* · October 2004
ISB GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Green By Design* · September 2004
CARR HAUS GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Untitled* · October 2003
RISD WATERMAN BUILDING · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Unexhibit* · October 2003
WOODS-GERRY GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Tri-Annual* · November 2002
CARR HAUS GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Untitled* · October 2002

WALLFLOWER GALLERY · MIAMI, FL · *Non-Violence Project* · April 2001
WOODS-GERRY GALLERY · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Photography* · July 2000
CITY ARTS CENTER · PROVIDENCE, RI · *Photography Exhibition* · July 2000
MIAMI-DADE YOUTH FAIR & EXPOSITION · MIAMI, FL · April 1995

publications RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN CATALOGUE · 2002-2007
CLERESTORY LITERARY MAGAZINE · Spring 2004 & Fall 2005
BLACKLETTER LITERARY MAGAZINE · VOLUMES III 2003 & IV 2004
ELAN LITERARY MAGAZINE · 2001
MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR YEARBOOK COVER · 2001

skills **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Shooting: Canons, Hasselblads, Large Format
Photoshop: Color Correction, Refinement & Retouching
Scanning: Epsos & Imacon Flextightes
Output: B&W and Color Darkroom Printing, Epson Printers

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Intermediate levels in Dreamweaver · Flash · CSS

OFFICE/STUDIO

Mac and PC Literate. · Fluent in Spanish, Working knowledge of American Sign Language
Critical Thinker · Organized · Solid and Efficient Worker · Quick Study · Mad people skills.

scholarships & awards UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO · *Full Tuition Scholarship for MFA* · 2007-2009
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN · *Full Tuition Scholarship for BFA* · 2001-2006
CLAIRE KANTOR FOUNDATION · *Memorial Scholarship* · 2001-2006
JOHN A CHIRONA · *Memorial Scholarship* · 2003-2005
JOHN TIMITZ · *Semester at Sea Scholarship* · 2005
PRESIDENT'S STUDENT SERVICE AWARD · 2001
HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND · *Becas-Ekerds Award* · 2001
FORD SALUTE TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP · 2001
MIAMI HERALD SILVER KNIGHT AWARD · *Honorable Mention* · 2001
MIAMI SPRINGS WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP · 2001
MIAMI SPRINGS SENIOR HIGH GOLDEN HAWK AWARD · 2001
NBA ALL STAR TEAM UP SERVICE GRANT · *National Youth Service Day* · 2000
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP · 2000
BALFOUR MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP · *RISD Pre-College Program* · 2000

volunteer activities KEISKAMMA TRUST [www.keiskamma.org] · HAMBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
Freelance Photographer · December 2006 · May-August 2007 · June 2008
Photography Instructor · July 2008

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT · COLOMBO, SRI LANKA · August 2004

Volunteer Teacher · Teacher of English and Art at a community organization which serves underprivileged children living in the slums, and at a local girls' orphanage.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN · PROVIDENCE, RI

Orientation Leader · *Freshmen Mentor* · 2002-2003

GIRL'S VOICE 2000 · MIAMI SPRINGS, FL · February - May 2000

Created and implemented leadership & community service program to provide young women with the knowledge and courage needed to confront prevalent teen issues.

NON-VIOLENCE PROJECT INC · MIAMI, FL · May 2000 - September 2001

International nonprofit which works to provide positive alternatives to violence. Served as President of the Youth Advisory Board and Personal Assistant to the Executive Director. Also represented The Project as the key presenter at the National Safety Conference and as a speaker at The Mayor's Children Summit in 2000.