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OBJECTIVE

Versatile and efficiency-minded professional with over a decade of experience and strong interpersonal skills, seeking serious Post-Production, Sound, Editing, and other creative work.

EXPERIENCE

BLUEGRASS DISTILLERS - Midway, KY - Tour Guide/Hospitality Feb 2025 - Present

Leading guided tastings and tours of the renowned distillery and historic site. Logistics, warehouse safety, gardening, bartending, event planning, and daily closing procedures.

SELF-EMPLOYED - Freelance Independent Filmmaker

Nov 2019 – Present

Sound design, editing, writing, and directing for a variety of low-budget cinema and television projects.

HAU CREATIVE - Matutu, Brazil (remote) - Writer/Designer Feb 2021 - Present

Writing blurbs for the "EarthX" environmental education project. Active role in strategy.

LEXLIVE - Lexington, KY, USA - Movie Theater Manager Sep 2023 – July 2024

Operated theater, box office, and concessions, and successfully trained many new employees in each. Keyholder and other closing duties. Scheduling theater employees and keeping products in stock. Routine interaction with customers and staff who do not speak English. Daily work with cash register drawers and accounting spreadsheets.

LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - Bowling Green, KY - Video Production Specialist Jan 2017 – Jan 2018

One-man crew. Shot and edited all weekly videos and slideshows, plus special holiday and event videos. Edited and archived 4K lecture footage daily. Created big-screen special effects for public events held on church grounds. Extensive use of all Adobe Creative Cloud/Suite programs.

NASDAQ ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER - San Francisco, CA - Film & Broadcast Intern Oct 2015 – Sep 2016

Edited video interviews with venture capitalists and business leaders for the Center's social media platforms. Assisted the broadcast team during live events and built mutually beneficial professional relationships.

MORE EXPERIENCE

PREMIER MARTIAL ARTS

- Lexington, KY - Sales Lead/Instructor July 2024 - March 2025

Set up daily appointments with new and old leads and orienting new clients of every age group. Handled client contracts, transactions, billing, and accounts receivable. Led off-site brand representative mass-intro events at public and private venues. Taught basic Krav-Maga and children's self-defense.

PREPLY - Online -

Private English-Second-Language Tutor Aug 2023 - Present

Acquired several committed long-term students within my first week.

EIFERT SCHOOL

- Köln, Germany - Specialized English Tutor 2018 - 2019

Taught adult students in small group professional settings. Designed curriculum focused on IT and business English for high-profile clients including DHL, Mercedes-Benz, and Bayer.

SPEAKEASY LANGUAGE ACADEMY E.K.

- Köln, Germany - English Tutor 2018 -2019

Offered Freelance one-on-one private lessons for all ages. Designed flexible client-specific curriculum.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF KY

- Bowling Green, KY, USA - ESL Volunteer 2017

Tutored adult refugees settled around Warren County for the Center's growing ESL program.

RUBY TUESDAY INC.

- Bowling Green, KY - Server 2016 - 2017

Serviced in a fast-paced restaurant and successfully served customers who spoke no English.

MACY'S INC.

- Portland, TN - Warehouse Worker 2016 – 2017

Performed Processing and Inventory on outbound goods daily and prevented a fire-safety violation during peak shipping season.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

- Ubud, Indonesia - ESL Volunteer 2015

English Tutoring for third-grade students at Singapadu School. Created all lesson plans and materials, and led the class from not knowing the alphabet to speaking basic sentences within three months.

BULTACO WEST MOTORCYCLES

- Bowling Green, KY - Mechanic's Assistant 2011 - 2013

Assisted repairs, restorations, and successful sales of antique motorcycles and engines. Maintained shop with zero accidents during my tenure.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

TEFL & TESOL Certification – International TEFL Academy 2017

CATALYST INSTITUTE BERLIN – Berlin, Germany – Film Production 2019 - 2021 UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE – Louisville, KY – Computer Science & Information Systems 2013 - 2015