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Appointments

Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission 2040 Plan Steering Committee Member

Sept. 2009 – March. 2010

Portage, Indiana

A 30-year comprehensive development plan for the three county region (Lake, Porter and La Porte) along the southern shores of Lake Michigan

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative Board Member

Jan. 2007 – Jan. 2010

Hammond, Indiana

A bi-state environmental organization committed to promoting the use, preservation and protection of Wolf Lake's natural resources.

Calumet Heritage Partners Board Member

Jan. 2007 – Jan. 2008

Chicago, Illinois

A bi-state partnership between Illinois and Indiana for environmental, cultural and historical organizations and individuals, libraries, educational institutions, municipalities, and governmental agencies, committed to celebrating, preserving and protecting the unique heritage of the Calumet region.

Chairperson for the East Chicago Comprehensive Planning Committee

April 2005 – Jan. 2007

East Chicago, Indiana

President of the East Chicago Redevelopment Commission

Feb. 2003 – Jan. 2007

East Chicago, Indiana

Teaching Experience

Computer Instructor: University of Chicago Summer Lab Program

Summer 2011 - 2012

University of Chicago Lab School; Chicago, Illinois

Computer Instructor responsible for developing and implementing course curriculum for 12-sections of children from kindergarten to 5th grade.

On site Director for the B.A.M.S. (Boating, Aquatics and Marine Sciences) Program

Dec. 2002 - Jan. 2005

East Chicago, Indiana

Supervised staff and instructed "at-risk" youth, aged 14-20, in academic and job search skills as well as instruction in Red Cross CPR, first aid, and the U.S. Coast Guard boating rules and regulations.

Assistant Instructor

Sept. 1991 - June 1993

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Instructor of fundamental drawing with responsibility for developing and implementing a course curriculum.

Professional Experience

Self Employed: Artist & Educational Software Consultant and Developer

Sept. 2001- Present

East Chicago, Indiana

Opened a painting studio in East Chicago and have recently begun to show work. I continue to develop and design software and web services for clients including: Kaplan Medical, Fischer Review, The Child and Bipolar Foundation (CABF), Boating, Aquatics and Marine Science Program (B.A.M.S.), Project Children, and Msfranksclass.net.

Executive Director, East Chicago Waterway Management District

Sept. 2005 – Dec. 2006

East Chicago, Indiana

Manage the District's activities as the local sponsor to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's project to dredge the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal and construct a confined disposal facility (CDF). Responsibilities include fostering the use of the canal, and improving the commercial and recreational use of the waterways in an environmentally sound manner, while promoting the economic development of the city of East Chicago.

Director of Product Technology for Kaplan's Medical and International Divisions

May 1999 - Sept. 2001

Kaplan Educational Centers; NY, New York

Responsible for launching KaplanMedical.com, the leading e-learning resource for medical students and professionals around the world (includes Medicine, Nursing, Dental, Pharmacy, and Allied Health). I played a primary role on the Medical Executive Team charged with creating a business plan to secure funding over 5 years from the Washington Post. Upon initial execution of this plan we exceeded earning expectations in year one and two, with more than 2.5 million in revenue in year two. In addition to overseeing the production of all interactive medical and international courseware delivered via the Internet and CD-ROM, I was also responsible for the distance learning business strategy for both Kaplan Medical and Kaplan International. This included developing business cases, proof-of-concept, prototyping with focus groups, requirement documents, instructional design specs and user cases.

Production Manager

Dec. 1995 - May 1999

Compass Medical Education Network (A Rush Presbyterian Hospital Venture); Chicago, Illinois

Responsible for the production and design of over 200 medical education publications annually for the USMLE (United States Medical Licensure Exam) and CME (Continuing Medical Education) markets, including all online courseware and marketing materials via the Internet and CD-Rom.

Education

2007

Leadership Northwest Indiana

2005

Haz Mat Certification

1993

M.F.A. Painting

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

1988

Associates Studies: Language and Civilization

La Sorbonne, Paris, France

1987

B.F.A. Painting, minor Philosophy with a concentration in languages (French and Russian)

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Grants and Awards

- 1992** - Vermont Studio School Scholarship, *Johnson, Vermont*
1991 - Doctoral Grant-in-Research Award, *Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana*
1991 - Indiana University Recruiting Fellowship, *Bloomington, Indiana*
1991 - National Society of the Arts and Letters Top Award, *Bloomington, Indiana*
1987 - Ward Lockwood Scholarship, *University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas*
1986 - Undergraduate Research Grant, *University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas*
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Public Presentations

2011

Presenter, Peace and Environment Forum: *Chicago, Illinois*; “Area of Concern: The Next 27 Miles”

Presenter, Sierra Club Northwest Indiana Hoosier Chapter, *Hobart, Indiana*; “The TAR SANDS on the Shores of Lake Michigan”

Presenter, Labor Day Bike Ride: From Pullman to Marktown, *Calumet Industrial Corridor*; “Marktown and the reindustrialization of the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan”

2010

Presenter, Everyone’s Downstream IV International Conference: Tar sands production and resistance, *University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada*; “The TAR SANDS on the Shores of Lake Michigan”

Presenter, US Social Forum, *Detroit, MI*; “Precious Cargo on HWY H20: Lasting Impacts on the Great Lakes & The St. Lawrence River”

Presenter, Labor Day Bike Ride: From Pullman to Marktown, *Calumet Industrial Corridor*; “Marktown and the reindustrialization of the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan”

Presenter, RAN: Discussions on BP’s Disaster in the Gulf, “How the TAR SANDS Ended Up on the Shores of Lake Michigan: BP Expansion in East Chicago / Whiting”, *Acme Art Works, St. Paul’s Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois*

Presenter, Powershift NY 2010 Conference, *University of Buffalo*, “Art as Activist Tactic or: Activism as Artistic Genre”, Buffalo, New York

2009

Presenter, Labor Day Bike Ride: From Pullman to Marktown, *Calumet Industrial Corridor*; “Marktown and the reindustrialization of the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan”

Presenter, Workshop: Communicating Watershed Concerns to an Urban John Q. Public, *Hammond Marina Hammond, Indiana*; “Barriers to Access on the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan”

2008

Presenter, Labor Day Bike Ride: From Pullman to Marktown, *Calumet Industrial Corridor*; “Marktown and the reindustrialization of the Southern Shores of Lake Michigan”

Solo Exhibitions

2002

Age of, Lobotomy Gallery
Chicago, Illinois

2001

Thomas Frank's Recent Work, A-Space Gallery
New York, NY

1997

Thomas Frank's Recent Work, Pilsen Art Walk
Chicago, Illinois

Group Exhibitions

2010

Precious Cargo, University of Buffalo Art Gallery
Buffalo, NY

2009

5th Annual National Self-Portrait Exhibition, 33 Collective Gallery
Chicago, Illinois

Wax Works IV, Addington Gallery
Chicago, Illinois

2008

Homecoming, Uncle Freddy's Gallery
Hammond, Indiana

1995

Artist to Artist, Pilsen Artist to Artist Gallery
Chicago, Illinois

Flower and Fauna, Group Exhibition, Riverfront Gallery
Chicago, Illinois

1993

M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition, Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

1992

National Society of Arts and Letters Exhibition
Bloomington, Indiana

1991

Permanent Collection, Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

National Society of Arts and Letters Juried Exhibition
Bloomington, Indiana