

Derek Wendt

Freelance Designer | Aspiring Architectural Intern | Associate AIA
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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am an aspiring multi-faceted designer looking for the "break-in" into the architecture field. My integrity and perseverance are the strongest attributes to my work ethic. I am excellent in delivering strategic and project support, maintaining interpersonal communications, and providing customer service. Being able to design spaces for the public good and advocate the sensorial design serves as my ambition in architecture. I am independent, well-organized, detail-oriented, enjoy team collaboration, and capable of multitasking efficiently. I also enjoy creating illustrations and hand renderings, and would love to provide graphic skills to the team. I believe my work and school experience highlight my skills to be a proficient architect.

Account / client services management
Accounting / financial support
Construction documentations
Customer service / sales management
Detail orientation and organization
Interpersonal communication

Problem solving and strategic support
Project coordination and support
Structural design and coordination
Teaching assistance and tutoring
Team collaboration
Visual communication (Graphic, Industrial)

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy
Master of Architecture

Detroit, Michigan
Sept 2006 - May 2011

- Student of the Year Award for character development and integrity
- Published "SOUND : a phenomenology of aural architecture" as thesis regarding the study of how aural design and sensorial navigation can benefit architecture . <http://goo.gl/egFxRQ>
- Coordinated two coherence exhibitions, "A Deaf Experience" and "Acoustic Experiment," to research sensorial experience for Master's thesis project
- Design charrette collaboration with Oxford-Brookes University architectural students
- Ford Motors Company Award for Innovation Challenge
- Italian study abroad program in Volterra

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Derek simply.

Freelance Designer | Illustrator | Web Designer

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Jul 2012 - Present

- Provide unique visual communications through graphic design, illustration, branding, and architectural renderings
- Manages account and client services with customer service and interpersonal communication
- Hand drawn cards to all family and friends for Christmas and birthday greetings

Detroit Works Project

Animator | Video Producer

Detroit, Michigan
Mar - Apr 2012

- Contracted to create a 2D animation video about the Long Term Planning initiative that illustrated research and analysis for Detroit's landscape
- Supported with consistent communication, collaboration of ideas, and technical support

Stantec (formerly SHW Group)

Physical Model Builder

Detroit, Michigan
Mar 2011

- Contracted to create a physical scale model for the Washburn University School of Law design competition
- Coordinated with project manager and team members and provided assistance on marketing package

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Walt Disney World Resort

Architectural Intern

Orlando, Florida

May - Aug 2010

- Provided strategic and project support for the Architectural and Facility Engineering
- Prepared, verified, and coordinated architectural construction documents for schematic design, design development, and bid and construction
- Surveyed existing conditions for accessibility and physical condition issues for feasibility at Disney's Animal Kingdom, EPCOT, Magic Kingdom, Polynesian Resort, and Parkwide's watercraft docks and waste receptacles
- Rehabilitated restrooms and facilities to meet ADA's and IBC's Code Standards

IDEO

Design Externship

Chicago, Illinois

Jan 2010

- Collaborated with real world designers on the feasibility of a new software for the Ford Motors Company's SYNC program

University of Detroit Mercy

Structural Physics Teaching Assistant

Detroit, Michigan

Sep 2009 - Apr 2010

- Provided teaching assistance and coordinated assignments for Professor Aldo Colandrea
- Supported and assisted students to enhance their mathematical and structural design awareness

American Institute of Architecture Students

Chapter Treasurer

Detroit, Michigan

Sep 2009 - Apr 2010

- Organized the budget of the organization and raised \$13,000
- Rejuvenated the organization with new social events, firm tours, and trip to Minneapolis' AIAS Forum

Katherine Frank Creative, Inc.

Industrial Design Intern

Chicago, Illinois

Jan - Apr 2009

- Provided project support for hair product exhibition shows
- Prepared, verified, and coordinated industrial construction documents for American Crew and Aquage
- Developed new marketing with a video and rehabilitation of web presence

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

The Home Depot

Certified Sales Professional

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 2013 - Present

- Provide customer service with assistance and guidance on home improvement projects
- Drive positive attitude to workplace improvement through the Employer of Choice Committee
- Developed problem solving skills through maintaining hardware department organization and appearance
- Provide co-management guidance and training in door lock rekey and forklift

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Associate Member #38021276

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Member #452313 . 356.5 IDP hours credited . Studying for the AREs

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite
Architectural
Computer
Programming

Dreamweaver . Illustrator . InDesign . Photoshop . Premiere Pro
3DS Max 2014 . AutoCAD 2014 . Revit 2013 . SketchUp Pro 8
MS Access . MS Excel . MS Outlook . MS PowerPoint . MS Word . iLife . iWork
CSS3 . HTML5 . Java . Ruby