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EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 2007-2009
Bachelor of Arts with distinction awarded December, 2009
Art History and Studio Art dual major
GPA: 3.8
- Saint Paul College 2003-2007
Associates in Arts awarded July, 2007

EMPLOYMENT

- Minneapolis Institute of Arts June 2009-present
Education Division, Docent Program Intern
- Assist in the preparation and execution of Junior Docent Training
 - Maintain and conduct research for the object files for Docent use
 - Update extended Tour Descriptions for the Docent manual
 - Develop content for ArtsConnectEd website
 - Assist Museum Guide Program events including ArtsConnectEd training and Target Family Night
 - Assist with various administrative tasks
- gracefaerie designs February 2007-present
Creative and Technical Specialist
- Photograph all merchandise for promotional and archival use
 - Designed and maintain company's website
 - Design print media
 - Assisted in development of company's branding
- Evoked Art Gallery May 2006-February 2007
Intern
- Reviewed artist submissions
 - Promoted show openings and events
 - Organized and helped maintain business records

ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

Youth Mentor at Partnership Academy	September 2007-June 2008
Precinct Election Judge	November 2004-November 2008
Counselor at camp for Autistic children	Summers 2000-2006
Gay Straight Alliance Leadership Award	May 2003
Les Farrington 100 Best Juried Art Exhibition Textiles Merit Award	May 2003
Design Camp, furniture design section participant	July 2002
A3: Girls Learning IT through Art, Advertising, and Analysis participant, St. Catherine University	Fall 2001

PUBLICATIONS

City Pages Freestyle Fashion blog	March 2010
<i>Featured as an example of contemporary fashion and millinery design</i>	
Saint Paul College Magazine	Spring 2009
<i>Featured in cover photo, article and ad campaign illustrating successful transfer experiences</i>	
New York Times	August 8, 2002
<i>Featured in lede photo(D1) for article about program</i>	