

NICOLE DESENDER
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EDUCATION

Coursework towards Master of Fine Arts (Sept 2008-Dec 2009, 52 credit hours earned)
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
UC Symphony Orchestra (President 2008-present, Vice-President 2004-2008)
Graduate Scholarship (2008-2009)

Bachelor of Science in Architecture (June 2008)
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Cumulative GPA: 3.38 (Graduated with Lower House Honors)
Cincinnatus Scholarship (2004-2008), Ohio Academic Scholarship (2004-2008)

COMPUTER SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Proficient with Adobe CS1-CS4 (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash, Encore), SketchUp, AutoCAD, Microsoft Office, Final Cut Pro, 3D Studio Max, FormZ, HTML, CSS, PHP, and Actionscript 3.0
- Very comfortable with both Macintosh and Windows platforms

EMPLOYMENT

COAT Design, Cincinnati, OH
Lead Motion Graphics and Web Designer (2005 - present)

COAT Design is a non-profit design collective that serves as an active collaboration ground for a broad range of installations, objects, and events.

Helped found COAT in 2005 with two colleagues from architecture school and am an active contributor to project concepts and execution. Designed and coded <http://coat-design.com> from scratch, created COAT's bi-monthly HTML email newsletters, set up and administered the FTP server, PayPal donation account, and member email accounts.

Cincinnati Arts and Technology Center, Cincinnati, OH
Instructor: Digital Multimedia (Oct 2008 - present) **3-D Design** (Sept 2009 - present)

Instructed Digital Multimedia and 3-Dimensional Design (sculpture) classes in accordance with Cincinnati Public Schools criteria, worked with "at-risk" high school juniors and seniors who needed additional fine arts credits to graduate, and helped the students develop strong life skills and professional workplace-appropriate behaviors so they can be successful inside and outside the classroom.

Equality Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH**Freelance Web Developer** (Jan 2010 - present)

Provided site maintenance and updates pro bono for Equality Cincinnati, a non-profit organization that works to prevent discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation. Made requested additions and corrections to the existing HTML and CSS files, set up and managed email accounts through the hosting server, and provided basic search engine optimization.

GoGo MediaWorks, Cincinnati, OH**Freelance Graphic and Web Designer** (June 2009 - present)

Did freelance graphic and web design work for a new company in Blue Ash. Designed the company logo, authored a DVD with Adobe Encore for GoGo MediaWorks to use as a demo for their products, created the company website with Flash, HTML, and CSS, and created a sample HTML email newsletter for a client.

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH**Freshman Digital Foundations Instructor** (Sept 2008 - June 2009)

Under guidance from the overseeing professor, taught three quarters of college fine arts freshmen digital foundations, including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, and Flash (all CS3 versions). Also briefly covered SketchUp as an introduction to 3D modeling.

RIM Architects Hawaii, Honolulu, HI**Architectural Intern** (June 2007 - March 2008)

Worked as an architectural intern through UC's cooperative education program. Developed organizational skills and the ability to prioritize my workload and was frequently solely responsible for making design decisions and evaluating what was needed for submission to the client.

Elkus|Manfredi Architects, Boston, MA**Architectural Intern** (June 2006-March 2007)

Entered the architectural field by working on multi-million dollar waterfront condominiums through UC's co-op program. Worked directly under the lead architect, processed and responded to contractor information requests, discussed necessary architectural changes with the contractors, and evaluated and archived budget reports.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.