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Work Experience

2015 - Present Imaging Scientist

Space and Intelligence Systems, Harris Corporation, Rochester, NY

Responsibilities include image quality verification, optimizing processing workflow and user education for aerial imaging products.

2014 - 2015 Visiting Assistant Professor

School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

Responsibilities included developing course curricula, maintaining lab equipment, and independent study advising. Topics taught ranged from fundamentals of photography to coordinating lab experiments to assess image quality and photographic workflow.

Photographic Technology: a two-semester sequence with topics ranging from measuring and understanding light to color management and image quality analysis. Conducted psychophysics studies to formulate conclusions regarding subjective opinions of image quality such as image sharpening techniques and color balance. Lab-based exercises explored photography with a critical study of hardware and software to serve as a foundation for photographic skills.

Scientific Photography: a two-semester sequence within the Photographic Sciences department. The courses covered basics of nature, high speed, and macro photography; photomicrography; skills related to using photography for scientific applications. These skills included tabletop lighting, focus stacking, panoramic stitching, time-lapse, and visual communication for documentation. Methods for maintaining scale of reproduction, extracting measurements and image data for forensic analysis, and problem solving with advanced microscopy techniques were also explored.

2010 – 2014 Visiting Lecturer

School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

Courses taught include Photography I, Layout & Design for Publication, and courses listed above. The former covered foundation topics such as composition, exposure, artificial lighting, HDR and professional workflow practices using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. The latter involved working with a small team of student editors to produce a publication for the web. Formally a print magazine, the course curriculum underwent significant changes to facilitate the development of an interactive, online magazine in-line with industry trends using Adobe Muse and InDesign.

Worked as an integral part of a faculty team that restructured and developed department curricula during a university-wide conversion from a quarter- to semester-based academic calendar.

2007 - 2015 Photo Assistant and Image Retoucher Kinsman Physics Productions, Rochester, NY

Primary work involved image processing and false colorization of Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and Radiograph images for a photographer specializing in scientific and stock photography. Also photographed and assisted for high speed, microscopy, and macro photography shoots.

2008 Research and Development Assistant Canfield Imaging Systems, Fairfield, NJ

Performed testing and troubleshooting with dermatological imaging systems and software. Systems under development used multiple lighting and imaging modalities in order to standardize photographic documentation of the human face. Tests included evaluating focus calibration, color profile consistency, and filter transmission.

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Skills

- Digital image processing and photographic workflow
- · Subjective image quality assessment including tone reproduction, sharpness, color, noise
- Color management for still photography including profiling displays, papers and inkjet printers
- Macro photography for scientific applications
- Nature and still life photography
- Image editing and multimedia software including Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Premier; Final Cut Pro
- Studio lighting
- · Communication and design of instructional content for technical topics
- Layout, design, and editing for print publications
- Familiar with Imatest image quality testing software
- Proficient in Macintosh and Windows Operating Systems, Microsoft Office

Awards & Recognition

2015	Finalist, Photography Category, Adobe Design Achievement Awards 2015
2015	Paula Rhodes Memorial Award for Academic Excellence, School of Visual Arts
2014	Citation of Merit: Photomicrograph, BioImages 2014, BioCommunications Association
2012	Best of Show, BioImages 2012, BioCommunications Association
2012	Canadian Founder's Natural Science Award, BioImages 2012, BioCommunications Association
2012	Award of Excellence: Still Media, BioImages 2012, BioCommunications Association
2010	Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award, Rochester Institute of Technology
2010	President of the Biomedical Photographic Student Association

Exhibitions

2016	College Collective, Genesee Center for the Arts & Education, Group Exhibition, Rochester, NY
2015 2015 2015	Fuse, School of Visual Arts Gallery, Group Exhibition, New York, NY Curvilinear, Darkroom Gallery, Group Exhibition, Essex Junction, VT Body and Mind, Sulfur Studios, Group Exhibition, Savannah, GA
2014	School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Faculty Show, William Harris Gallery, Rochester, NY
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2011 2011 2011	College of Imaging Arts and Sciences Dean's Show, William Harris Gallery, Rochester, NY MFS Alumni Art Exhibition, Moorestown Friends School, Moorestown, NJ School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Faculty Show, William Harris Gallery, Rochester, NY
2009	School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Honors Show, William Harris Gallery, Rochester, NY

Publications

2016 2016 2016	How We Will Use Photomicrographs in Virtual Reality, Microbe Hunter Magazine Issue 53 Musee Magazine No. 14 (photographs) Halation Magazine Winter 2016 Issue (photographs)
2015	Why I'm On Board for the Virtual Reality Revolution: Thoughts from a Professional Photographer, VR For Everyone Blog
2015	Semblance, self-published photobook

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2014 2014	Infocus Magazine, Issue 34 (cover photograph) Learning How to Measure Color in Photography, Munsell Color Blog
2013	Interactive Photomicrography Using Google Maps, Microbe Hunter Magazine Vol.3 No.2
2011 2011	Technical Updates in Digital Dental Photography, Dental Clinics of North America Vol.55 No.3 Amphibia, self-published photobook
2010	Biomedical Photographic Communications Bulletin, co-editor, writer and designer
2009	American Association of Orthodontists Bulletin Vol.27, No.6 (photograph)
2008	Basic Photographic Materials and Processes, Third Edition, Focal Press (photographs)

Education

2013 - 2015 Master of Professional Studies in Digital Photography

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

2006 - 2010 Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Photographic Communications

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

GPA: 3.95 / 4.00