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Education:

- Brandeis University*** Waltham, Mass. 1981 BA Philosophy and Sociology. Graduated Magna Cum Laude with High Honors in Philosophy. Studies included philosophy of art, religious studies, social and political theory, sociology and psychology.
- Mass. College of Art*** Boston, Mass. Studies in painting, printmaking, video, filmmaking and art history.
- Boston Architectural Center*** Boston, Mass. Architectural and graphic design.

Skills and Experience:

- Computer Skills:** Software development and testing. Development of Windows applications utilizing C, C++, ATL and Visual Basic. Database development utilizing Microsoft SQL and Access. Web site design and development utilizing HTML, JavaScript, ASP and Perl scripting on Windows and UNIX server platforms. Desktop publishing, including Adobe PageMaker, MS Publisher and Quark Express. Graphics applications such as Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Video production. Word processing (MS Word, WordPerfect).
- Interpersonal Skills:** Written and oral communication. Develops and perform informative presentations to a variety of audiences. Handles large quantities of interactions in a fast-paced environment and handle potentially stressful situations. Multitasks. Interacts with a variety of people, including clients, co-workers, supervisors, other resource personnel and others. Listens to and responds to each person individually, with respect and compassion. Is attentive and perceptive. Is aware of and respectful towards personal and cultural diversity. Professional, client oriented.
- Organizational Skills:** Determines clients' specific needs and requirements. Research to locate available resources and information pertaining to those needs. Manages available resources and develops strategies and specifications for meeting requirements. Implements specifications. Documents processes and results.
- Other interests and skills:** Extensive study in philosophy, cultural and religious studies, and anthropology. Study and practice in meditation, Tai Chi and Qi Gong, Reiki. Tribal Belly Dance, music.

Employment History:

- May 2002 to 2006 *Freelance Software Development.* Design and implementation of software for alternative medical equipment. Software development using C++, Visual Basic and Microsoft Access. Clients Star Tech Health and Deseret Biologicals. Development of serial and USB interface to custom designed hardware, implementation of an API allowing control of the device and GUI application.
- March 2000 to Present *Freelance Web Site design and Development.* Clients include Wilderness Quest (Monticello, UT); The Infinite Matrix (a Science Fiction online magazine, www.infinitematrix.net); artist Vijali Hamilton, Phoenix Rising Center (www.phoenixrisingmoab.com); Moab Alpine to Slickrock 50 Mile Race (www.mas50.com), Devapatha, a dance and martial arts site (www.devapatha.org).
- July 1992 to Nov 1999 *Software Test and Design Engineer.* Volt Computer Services. Various assignments at Microsoft Corporation as Software Test Engineer, Software Design Engineer and Software Design Engineer in Test. Tested and developed software on a variety of projects and platforms. Developed test plans, design specifications and other documentation. Responsible for specific projects from inception through completion, often with minimal supervision.
- May 1992 to June 1992 *Software Test Engineer.* Volt Computer Services. Tester I, Aldus Corporation. (Contractor). Design of test specifications for a database publishing application. Documentation reviews.
- Sept 1991 to May 1992 *Software Support Technician.* Volt Computer Services, Aldus Corporation (Contractor). Provided technical support and information to users of Macintosh PageMaker (through version 4.2) and related publishing/pre-press software via telephone, email and written forms.

References: Available on request