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Animation, Video, Design Experience

Lead Animator, Driver Digital, New York, NY

2011 - present

- Storyboards, illustrates, composites, animates, and edits "Cool School," www.youtube.com/coolsschool, a weekly children's cartoon featuring live actors, animated characters, and puppets. The series has accumulated over 120,000,000 views, and features cross-promotions with properties including Sesame Street, PBS Kids, and Curious George
- Animates motion graphics and edits videos for clients including DreamWorks, Glamour and Kayak
- Manages staff of animators and video editors

Freelance Animator/Cartoonist

AboveAverage, CollegeHumor, Cracked

2011 - present

- Writes, designs, and animates comic strips, illustrations, and short films

Animator, Thomson Reuters, New York, NY

Freelancer, 2010 - 2014

Intern, Summer 2010

- Produced animations, motion graphics, logos, style guides, and illustrations

Production Intern, Pace Advertising, New York, NY

Summer 2009, Summer 2008

- Edited promotional movies using Final Cut Pro
- Illustrated print advertisements and logos

Digital Media and Video Expertise

- 2D: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash
- 3D: Maya, 3D Studio Max
- Video: Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Premiere
- Relevant Courses: Figure Drawing, Video Production, Computer and Hand-Drawn Animation, Cartooning

Education

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Science in Engineering: May 2011

Major: Digital Media Design

Minor: Cinema Studies

Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY

Graduated: June 2007

Awards, Film Festivals, Publications

Awards for "NWAR," an animated series

- Official selection at the 2014 New York Television Festival, www.nytvf.com
- Upright Citizens Brigade, Channel 101 NY
 - Episodes selected for continuous screening at monthly video competition since February 2014, including seven 1st place awards
 - Winner of "Best Show," "Best Director," and "Best Writing" at 2014 end-of-year award show

Awards for "Board to Death," a stop-motion film

- \$10,000 first place winner, "Action" category, OnVidi Student Film Competition, www.onvidi.com
- Official Selection at the following film festivals:
 - 2012 Hyart Film Festival (Wyoming)
 - 2012 Toronto Animation Arts Festival International
 - 2012 Charleston International Film Festival
 - 2011 CutOut Fest (Queretaro, Mexico)
 - 2011 SoDak Animation Festival (South Dakota)

Awards for "Socknapped," a live-action film

- "Audience Favorite," 2011 UPenn Film Festival

Published McSweeney's articles, www.mcsweeneys.net

- "Rude Goldberg Contraptions" (4/30/13)
- "Beyond the 4th Wall" (9/29/11)
- "This Standoff Has Gone on Long Enough" (7/20/11)
- "I Dance Like I Have Two Left Feet" (2/3/11)

Leadership Positions

ACM SIGGRAPH, University of Pennsylvania chapter

President, 2009 - 2011

- Led group projects and work on short films
- Taught tutorials on production pipeline for 3D modeling and animation

First Call, University of Pennsylvania magazine

Art Director, 2007 - 2011

- Wrote and illustrated biweekly comic strips
- Managed staff of illustrators and cartoonists

References furnished
upon request

Portfolio/Reel available
at www.Defectivity.com

