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## Skills

- Personable, friendly and presentable
- Quick to learn and possessing a strong work-ethic
- Works well both individually and in teams
- Pays close attention to detail
- Honest and reliable
- Has fluency in French and competency in Spanish (both written and oral)

## Education and Qualifications

- University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver: 2009
  - Bachelor of Arts in Human Geography with a focus on Urban Studies.
- Université de Paris 10, Nanterre (France): 2007
  - Exchange program in Geography and Urban Studies in conjunction with UBC.
- Sentinel Secondary School, West Vancouver: 2001
  - Grade 12 diploma with a focus in Photography and Film.
- AMS Bartending Course (including "Serving It Right – Licensee" certification): 2003
  - Learned the preparation of a wide variety of both alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, bartending standards and responsible service.

## Work Experience

- Library Assistant (UBC Department of Geography) – 2008 to 2009
  - Assisted patrons in finding materials. Also responsible for the filing, sorting and shelving of library materials and performing minor archival repairs.
- Research Intern (Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver) – 2008
  - Responsible for a project on immigration and the demographics of the Jewish community in Greater Vancouver. Also performed various administrative tasks, including front desk.
- Tour Guide Team Leader (Sandeman's New Paris Tours) – 2007
  - Led three different tours of central Paris to travelers. Responsible for the general operation of the company, including payroll, scheduling, business expansion, promotions and contact with central office.
- Office Assistant (Canadian Mental Health Association) – 2006
  - Compiled information and published a report on the Association's annual conference on mental health in the workplace. Short-term assignment.
- Customer Service Representative (Bingo.com) – 2005 to 2006
  - Took care of clients' concerns over the telephone, processed payments by electronic cheque, credit card and debit card, promoted the website through online campaigns, and

- prepared mail-out bonuses for preferred players.
- Production Coordinator/Silk-screener (Pollution Clothing) – 2004 to 2005
  - Ordered supplies, organized scheduling, produced silk-screened t-shirts, secured initial funding, oversaw prompt repayment and managed basic A/P and A/R responsibilities.
- Bar-back/Porter (Celebrities Nightclub) – 2004 to 2005
  - Maintained a clean, orderly and well-stocked bar, provided information and assistance to patrons and productively contributed to atmosphere.

### Volunteer Experience

- Co-Producer (The I-5 Chronicles) – 2009
  - Currently co-producing a journal about the socio-cultural experiences of communities between Vancouver BC and Corvallis OR on a trip using exclusively public transit.
- Director (Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia) – 2008 to 2009
  - Elected by the students in the Faculty of Arts. Researched issues pertaining to student interests. Advocated for my constituents on the Board of Directors and beyond.
- Speaker (Canadian Urban Transit Association Youth Summit) – 2008
  - Spoke on the topic of public advocacy, new media and how to spread ideas broadly
- Organizer (Eclipcycle)
  - Organized, promoted and executed a nighttime, communal bike ride in Paris. Also organized a similar event for the Paris LGBT Pride Week.
- Beer Manager, Off-Campus Promotions Coordinator, Driver and Field Entertainment Coordinator (Arts County Fair) – 2002 to 2007
  - Held various positions in the promotion and production of Arts County Fair, a 15,000-person charity beer garden and rock concert. Responsibilities included ordering field entertainment, liaising with performers, setting up and striking an outdoor venue, driving both cargo and passengers (including VIPs), actively promoting the event, coordinating poster locations, and managing all liquor service responsibly.
- Promotions Coordinator (UBC Arts Undergraduate Society) – 2002 to 2003
  - Organized the publicity of various events, chaired a committee, held regular meetings, sat on council and promoted school spirit within the Faculty of Arts.
- OutWeek Coordinator (Pride UBC) – 2002 to 2003
  - Organized and promoted a week-long series of events, including speeches, workshops, social mixers and two licensed events.
- Member (Sentinel Secondary School Grad Council) – 2000 to 2001
- Member (West Vancouver Youth Advisory Committee) – 1997 to 2001

### Interests

I'm very interested in urban issues, such as community governance, transportation and public and private spaces. I have a passion for quality food and drink (particularly coffee and micro-brew beer) from around the world. I write a good deal; I'm currently starting a novel and working on a second collection of poetry. Finally, I'm an avid cyclist; I go pretty much everywhere on two wheels.

*References gladly supplied upon request.*