

OBJECTIVE

Multidisciplinary designer with a BFA in Visual Communications and a passion for creating visually compelling, audience-driven work. Experienced in branding, digital and print production, and crossfunctional collaboration. Seeking opportunities to contribute bold, strategic design solutions that elevate brand presence, streamline processes, and support meaningful user experiences.

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago BFA, Visual Communications

- Presented the Trustee Award for Academic Achievements
- Dean's List (multiple semesters)
- Represented the Loyola University Psychology Association as Public Relations Director

CERTIFICATIONS

User Experience Design Upskillist, Issued December 2023

- Foundational UX Principles
- User Research, Prototyping
- Figma, Design Process

SKILLS

Design & Creative Tools

 Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects

Web & UX

HTML, JavaScript, Figma, Adobe XD

Marketing & Communication

MailChimp, Microsoft 365, Canva

Production & Technical

 Adobe Acrobat, AutoCAD, Prepress File Preparation

LANGUAGES

Polish (Fluent), Spanish (Advanced)

EXPERIENCE

Prepress Technician
Cat-i Glass Manufacturing, South Elgin
2023 - Present

- Ensure high-quality production by preparing accurate, print-ready files, including color correction, proper formatting, and adherence to bleed/margin requirements
- Reduce quarterly production errors by 50% through meticulous attention to detail and proactive troubleshooting of file inconsistencies
- Streamline design-to-print workflows by leveraging expertise in Adobe Creative Suite to optimize files for production
- Improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness by anticipating and resolving printing issues
- Apply knowledge of print technologies to advise on substrate and ink choices for optimal results
- Enhance design outcomes by integrating creative skills with technical prepress expertise

Design Specialist IDL Ventures, Chicago 2022 - 2023

- Spearheaded the creation of multimedia assets, resulting in the **enhanced brand identity** and market positioning of startup businesses
- Elevated online presence through strategic email and web design initiatives, leading to a substantial increase in user engagement
- Conducted comprehensive market research and competitor analysis to inform design decisions, ensuring alignment with industry trends
- Mastered design challenges by harmonizing creativity with practical solutions, effectively bolstering brand growth in a rapidly changing market

Public Relations Director

Loyola Psychology Association, Chicago 2022 - 2023

- Led media metrics to optimize content strategies, amplifying outreach impact with measurable results
- Maximized event attendance by strategically leveraging social media, using attention-grabbing graphics to drive a substantial increase in participation
- Mentored incoming directors, ensuring a seamless transition and upholding high design standards in PR efforts
- Applied graphic design skills to create materials, significantly enhancing the association's reputation and message delivery