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EDUCATION:

- 2009- 11 Master of Arts in Art Therapy- School of the Art Institute of Chicago(SAIC), Chicago, IL
2008 Bachelor of Fine Arts- School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2007 Bachelor of Science in Visual Communication, M.O.P Vaishnav College, Chennai, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2011 Artist/ Art Therapist for the IFACES Mural Project, Chicago, IL
A program for children that are refugees under the umbrella of Heartland Alliance
• Facilitated and directed a mural with the children
- 2011 Camp Therapist at Camp Kesem, Chicago, IL
A supportive camp for children whose parent(s) have or have had cancer
• Served in a supportive therapeutic role, engaging in individual therapy sessions for behavior management, eating disorders and depression
• Supervised and supported college students who run the camp in their roles as camp counselors
- 2010-11 Art Therapy Intern at Haymarket Center, Chicago, IL
An addictions treatment and recovery facility for adults
• Led group art therapy sessions for men with co-occurring disorders, pregnant women and mothers.
- 2010-11 Art Therapy Intern at Apna Ghar, Chicago, IL
A domestic violence shelter serving primarily immigrant women
• Led group and individual art therapy sessions for shelter and non-residential clients
- 2010 Art Therapy Intern at Banyan, Chennai, India
A shelter for homeless mentally ill women
• Led groups and individual therapy sessions for the acute and moderately impaired wards
• Facilitated weekly educational sessions for the residential health care workers
- 2010 Art Therapy Intern at International Center for Crime Prevention and Victim Care(PCVC), Chennai, India
An organization serving survivors of domestic violence and their children
• Led group art therapy sessions for survivors focusing on resilience
• Served as an ally for redrawing resistance traveling art show
- 2010 Art Therapy Intern at RICE Child and Family Center, Evanston, IL
A residential behavioral treatment facility for children of ages 8-15
• Observed, assisted and led group and individual art therapy sessions
- 2008- 09 Studio Facilitator at Project Onward, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
An art studio supporting adult artists with developmental and mental disabilities
• Assisted in the maintenance of Studio.
• Managed the art work production and sales
- 2009 Art Volunteer at SriLankan Refugee Camp, Mandapam, India
Houses about 800 srilankan families that have been displaced due to the war
• Explored displacement with Kids of ages 9-15 using art and revisited memories through art work
- 2009 Mural Art Facilitator at Olcott Memorial School, Chennai, India
Provides free education to children from socially disadvantaged sections of the society
• Facilitated mural art creation with students (elementary and high school) from the school

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS:

- 2011-pr Research Committee, Member, American Art Therapy Association
2011-pr Nominations Chair, Illinois Art Therapy Association
2010-pr Membership Committee, Sub-Committee Chair, American Art Therapy Association
2010-11 Schweitzer Chicago Fellow, Albert Schweitzer Fellowship
2009-11 Student Government Representative, Illinois Art Therapy Association
2009-10 Membership Committee, Member, American Art Therapy Association
2009-11 Founder and Leader of the Art Therapy Association Student Chapter, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
2006- 07 Rotaract Club, Member, MOP Vaishnav College
2006-07 Cancer Awareness Campaign, Facilitator and Member, Cancer Institute of Madras

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

2011 Art Therapy with Survivors of Domestic Violence, Stella Maris College, Chennai. India

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

2011 Re-drawing Resistance documentary, 42nd American Art Therapy Association Conference, Washington DC

2011 Examining empowerment with Survivors of Domestic Violence in India, SAIC, Chicago. IL

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

2009 After School Art Instructor- Children's home +aid, Chicago. IL

Teaching photography, sculpture and other art medium to elementary school children

2008 Holography Technician and Teaching Assistant- SAIC, Chicago. IL.

Taught students beginners and advanced holography

2007-09 Student Assistant - Office of International Affairs, SAIC, Chicago. IL.

Greeted students and answered their queries relating to immigration issues

2006 Advertising Photographer- Senthil Photography, Bangalore. India.

Assisted with indoor and outdoor lighting and setup.

2005 Photojournalist - The Hindu, Coimbatore. India

Photographed all current events and assisted the principal news photographer

2005 Copywriter and Graphic Designer- Grey Worldwide, Bangalore. India

Designed layouts and wrote copy for print advertisements

2005 Volunteer for CRY at the Government Juvenile Division, Chennai, India

Taught art and English language as a means for empowerment to girls under 16 years of age

2005 Volunteer at the Kaleidoscope Learning Center for Dyslexia, Chennai. India

Painted murals designed to foster students' object recognition

2006-07 Produced Radio Shows for MOP FM, Chennai. India

Co-produced shows about drug abuse by college students.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2011 Student Leadership Award, SAIC

2010-11 Second year international graduate student scholarship, SAIC

2009 Prasad Family Foundation-International Student Scholarship (Sponsored by AATA)

2009 Incentive Scholarship Award, SAIC

2007 Awarded Scholars enrichment award, SAIC

2006-07 Best Project of the Year award for Advertising Photography at M.O.P Vaishnav College, Chennai. India

2006 State-Level Photography contest by Jaigopal Garodia and Madras Photographic Association

GROUP & CURATED ART SHOWS:

2011 Art of Connection, Chicago. IL

2011 Identity Politics, Chicago. IL

2010 Redrawing Resistance Travel Show, Queens, NY

2010 Social Bodies, Chicago. IL

2010 Melting Point, Chicago. IL

2010 Illuminating the landscape of art therapy and diverse community, SAIC, Chicago. IL

2010 Fire and Ice, Benton Harbor, MI

2009 MAAT group show, Chicago. IL

2009 Debonair, Chicago. IL

2008 Sullivan Galleries- SAIC, Chicago. IL

2007 Lalit Kalakshetra- MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai . India

2006 Madras Photographic Society- JaiGopal Garodia School, Chennai. India

RELEVANT TRAINING/ CERTIFICATE:

2010 40 hour Domestic Violence intervention training, Illinois Domestic Violence Act, Chicago. IL

SKILLS:

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Final Cut Pro, Corel Draw, Flash, Dreamweaver, JAVA, C, VB, Swish Max, Sound Forge, MS Office. Cross platform fluency (MAC and Windows).

35MM, 120MM, Speed 8mm, 16mm, Digital cameras. Use of light equipment-strobes, hot lights etc..

Manual printing (cyanotyping, tin types, ambrotypes) and digital printing techniques.

Knitting, crocheting, sewing, dyeing and hand embroidery.

Glass blowing and fusing, pottery, holography, drawing and painting.

LANGUAGES KNOWN:

To Read and Write: English, Tamil, French, Basic Spanish

Spoken: English, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Telugu, Basic Spanish