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## **ABOUT ME**

I am a passionate, hardworking, and dedicated artist born and raised in Chicago. I have always been inspired by the uniqueness of each of our 77 neighborhoods and love using art to express their cultural vitality. My art, whether its architecture or photography, aims to shine a spotlight on underutilized spaces in our city as well as engage individuals that have historically been excluded from the arts.

# **EXPERIENCE**

#### January 2021 - Present

Freelance Photographer • Self-Employed

- Photographed live and still subjects to highlight the beauty and potential of underutilized spaces in Chicago
- Developed marketing strategy to improve business promotion by 10% over 3 months

### January 2017 - March 2020

Volunteer 

Cook County Jail

- Led creative writing workshops with incarcerated individuals
- Created 6-week creative writing curriculum

### August 2016 – June 2019

Art Department Head • Dunbar Vocational Career Academy

- Oversaw curriculum of 6 art programs to ensure an enriching experience for students
- Led team of 10 in finding creative ways to engage students in the arts August 2012 – June 2019

Architecture Drafting Teacher • Dunbar Vocational Career Academy

- Taught daily architectural drafting classes to group of 20-30 students
- Planned, reviewed, and revised class curriculum to ensure students received quality instruction
- Demonstrated many aspects of the architectural drafting process such as mechanical design, constructing 3D models, and mastering CAD software
- Mentored over 30 students in their career development to becoming a licensed architect

# **EDUCATION**

- University of Illinois Chicago Chicago, IL Architectural Studies, BA 2009 - 2011
- Wright College Chicago, IL Architecture, BC 2006 - 2008

Relevant Courses: Intermediate Design Studio, Architectural Sketching, Architecture at Chicago, Creative Arts

# **KEY SKILLS**

- PROFICIENT IN CAD AND REVIT
- CREATIVE DESIGN
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS

# AWARDS

• TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 2015

#### September 2010 - June 2011

International Friends Club Vice President • University of Illinois Chicago

• Facilitated relationships between international and domestic students at UIC between community and cultural events

## **EXHIBITIONS**

2022 – Solo Exhibition: *Underutilized & Underappreciated*, Stony Island Arts Bank, Chicago, IL 2012 - 2019 – Group Exhibition: *End of Year Showcase*, Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, Chicago, IL