Alan Kirker

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EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW

Artist, Designer & Communicator (Kitchener, Ontario, Canada: Nov. 17 - present)

- create, develop and mount artworks and installations for both public and private venues;
- produce, engineer, and host a weekly radio program of experimental and ambient soundscapes on CFRU FM;

Media Producer & Director (Media Production - University of Waterloo, Canada: May 07 - Nov. 17)

- facilitated seminars and gave presentations to faculty, students and staff on topics ranging from visual communication, to media production, to educational technologies;
- worked with faculty, designers, and developers on the creation of instructional media, as well as producing and directing live media broadcasts over the web and for television using a variety of hardware and software;
- supervised and worked with co-op and casually-employed students in various capacities in their recording and production of media assets for online course content;

Information & Interface Designer (Centre for Learning & Teaching Through Technology,

University of Waterloo, Canada: Feb. 01 - Apr. 07)

- provided presentations and workshops to students, staff and faculty on various educational technologies;
- worked with faculty, staff, and students on the production of media resources for instruction;
- designed web-based interfaces and developed learning and teaching applications, templates, learning resources and activities;
- conducted usability studies and collected research data on various types of web content;

Visual Communications Designer (Graphics Dept, University of Waterloo, Canada: Feb. 99 - Jan. 01)

- conceptually developed, laid out and designed artwork and communication materials for both print and web; projects were taken from initial client meeting through to digital and/or print completion;
- developed the University of Waterloo's first unified web standard;

Visual Communications Designer (Studio-Space Design, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada: May 94 - Jan. 99)

- created complete print campaigns, annual reports, fundraising and collateral marketing materials for a variety of public sector clients; overseeing their design, production, and delivery;
- executed all administrative tasks related to running a successful small business;

Law Clerk (Richard A. Reid & Associates, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada: May 85 - May 89)

• research, courthouse filing, property title searching, and closing of real estate transactions.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Master of Environment & Business MEB (3 year part-time degree)				
(conducted 90% online / 10% face to face)		University of Waterloo, Canada	2017	
Focus on sustainability via research, writing, case study and real world projects.				
- academic achievement award recipient 2017				
- academic achievement award recipient 2016				
Graphic Design & Advertising (3 year dip	loma)	Conestoga College, Canada	1991	
(studio work and professional practice)				
Focus on conceptual design development, illustration, photography, computer skills				
Environmental Studies B ENV (4 year honours degree) University of Waterloo, Canada 1984				
(lecture and lab / field work)				
Physical geography with a focus on cartography and air photo interpretation				
Introduction to Programming Python	Coursera	(online via University of Toronto)	2012	
Public Speaking (Toastmasters)	Waterloo	Silver Tongues, Waterloo, Canada	2009	
Presenting Data & Information workshop	Edward 1	ufte, Boston, Massachusetts, USA	2008	
Project Management Essentials workshop Continuing Ed, University of Waterloo, Canada 2007				

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Writing, graphic design, web & interface design, photography, audio recording (Audacity), screencasting (Camtasia), studio, greenscreen, and location lighting, video recording, video editing, illustration, animation, live streaming for web (Livestream) and double-ended broadcasting for television (Dejero). Inkscape, Gimp, Adobe Creative suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects)

SERVICE & COMMUNITY

Urgent Action Letter Writer, Amnesty International (Canada)	2006 to present
Volunteer Programmer, CFRU FM campus-community radio, University of Guelph	2012 to present
Treasurer, Member, Waterloo Riverview Dharma Centre Board of Directors	2008 to 2014
Volunteer Hospitality Hour Host, Kitchener Downtown Out-of-the-Cold program	2009 to 2012
Member, Trinity United Church Board of Directors	2006 to 2008
English Tutor, International Students, University of Waterloo	2007
Volunteer Visitor, Canadian National Institute for the Blind	2004