

Alan Kirker

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EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW:

Researcher, Writer, Producer & Designer: Kitchener, Canada; November 2017 – present;

- research, write, synthesize, edit, publish short essays on various topics in the natural and social sciences;
- produce, engineer, host weekly 90-minute program of experimental and world soundscapes for radio broadcast;
- create, design, mount artworks and installations for public and private venues;

Media Producer & Director: Media Production, University of Waterloo, Canada; May 2007 – November 2017;

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

Information & Interface Designer:

Centre for Learning & Teaching Through Technology, University of Waterloo, Canada; January 2001 – May 2007;

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

Visual Communications Designer:

Graphics Department, University of Waterloo, Canada; January 1999 – January 2001;

- conceptually developed, designed, and produced artwork and communication materials for print and web; projects taken from initial client meetings through to digital and print completion;
- collaborated with various stakeholders to develop the University of Waterloo's first unified web standard;

Visual Communications Designer: Studio-Space Design, Kitchener, Canada; May 1994 – January 1999;

- created complete print media 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, Canada; May 1985 – May 1989;

- research, property title searching, registry and courthouse filing, closing of residential real-estate transactions.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Master of Environment & Business MEB (3 year part-time degree), University of Waterloo, Canada 2017,
(conducted 90% online / 10% face-to-face);

Focus on sustainability via research, writing, case studies, and real-world projects;

- academic achievement award recipient 2017;
- academic achievement award recipient 2016;

Graphic Design & Advertising (3 year diploma), Conestoga College, Canada 1991,

(studio work / professional practice);

Focus on conceptual design development, illustration, photography, print production, and computer skills;

Environmental Studies B ENV (4 year honours degree), University of Waterloo, Canada 1984,

(lecture / lab-field work);

Physical geography with a focus on geomorphology, 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 Tufte, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 2008;

Project Management Essentials workshop, Continuing Education, University of Waterloo, Canada, 2007.

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY SKILLS:

Research, writing, reporting, synthesis, graphic design, web/interface design, photography, audio recording, screen-casting, studio/greenscreen/location lighting, video recording, video editing, digital illustration, animation, live streaming for web/double-ended broadcasting for television (Dejero); MS Office, Open Office, Inkscape, Gimp, Audacity, Camtasia, Adobe Creative suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After-Effects, Audition).

SERVICE & COMMUNITY:

Urgent Action Letter Writer, Amnesty International (Canada), 2006 – present;

Volunteer Programmer, CFRU FM Campus-Community Radio, University of Guelph, 2012 – present;

Volunteer Hospitality Host (Trinity United Church), Kitchener Downtown Out-of-the-Cold program, 2009 – 2012;

Member, Treasurer, Waterloo Riverview Dharma Centre Board of Directors, 2008 – 2014;

Member, Trinity United Church Board of Directors, 2006 – 2008;

Volunteer English Tutor, International Students, University of Waterloo, 2007;

Volunteer Visitor, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 2004.