

Laura Bain

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Summary: More than 15 years experience in Education/Training, Instructional Design, Administration and Living History. Demonstrated exceptional presentation skills and ability to effectively communicate with community leaders, agencies, organizations, businesses and the general public. Ability to prepare and deliver formal and informal presentations for a wide variety of audiences. Demonstrated ability to quickly trouble-shoot and rework programs/activities in order to fit the needs of customers and co-workers. Proficiency in research, computer skills, presentation development and web development.

Phun Knits | Indian Land, SC

May 2010 – Present

Owner

- Develop, design and produce fiber craft patterns and projects for companies such as Red Heart Yarns and Knit Crate
- Deliver classes, workshops, interpretive experiences and programs including but not limited to fiber preparation, yarn dyeing, culture and entertainment in a variety of settings
- Present customized educational material to groups based on interest and age
- Research, plan, and implement classes, workshops and interpretive projects

Historic Brattonsville-CHM | McConnells, SC

May 2014 – September 2016

Interpreter

- Deliver interpretive experiences and programs including but not limited to cooking, fiber preparation, yarn dyeing, sewing, culture and entertainment in a variety of settings
- Present customized educational material to groups based on interest and age
- Research, plan, and implement interpretive projects in conjunction with on-site activities
- Maintain knowledge in cultural history and best practices/current concepts in interpretation and education
- Evaluate and encourage museum visitors with ability and interest in volunteer activities to pursue volunteer positions with CHM.

Claritas Inc., a Nielsen Company | San Diego, CA

April 2003 – December 2007

Training Manager - Precision Marketing Institute

- Manage department of 4 trainers in different geographic locations; coordinate schedules, evaluations, benefits of employees
- Manage, coach, train, and serve as a resource for customers and staff
- Develop computer and web based training applications
- Consult with sales team to deliver customized training
- Maintain full understanding of marketing environment

Trainer/Instructional Designer - Precision Marketing Institute

- Assist with design, production and delivery of all training
- Design training manuals, classes, and evaluation procedures for all training classes

Tyco Healthcare / Puritan Bennett | Carlsbad, CA

October 2001 - December 2002

Technical Trainer CIS

- Manage Computer-Based-Training Authorware development project
- Lead classroom training sessions for CliniVision and Crystal Reports software
- Create and develop web and computer based training interactive applications using Macromedia Flash
- Develop training materials and create documentation on CliniVision and Crystal Reports software
- Assist users in isolating problems, support users after application implementation

Brunswick | Vernon Hills, IL

September 1999 - June 2001

Web Developer - The Web Den

- Establish content guidelines for posting content to the web
- Redesign and build Intranet site for using Cold Fusion and HTML
- Coordinate and implement web broadcast a French boat race on location in real time
- Create interactive applications for the web using Macromedia Flash and Director

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Arts (History and Theatre) - Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1998

National Association for Interpretation

Certified Interpretive Guide, June 2015

AWARDS and PUBLICATIONS

Distinguished Graduate Student Award – Eastern Illinois University, MA History Program
1999

Published “Pleasures of Disorder: New Work on Hanoverian Culture” in Historia: A Journal of the Epsilon Mu Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta and Eastern Illinois University History Department Vol. 8 1999