

Ramie McDowell

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Education

Sep 2019 – Aug 2020

MA Museum Studies, Newcastle University (Distinction, 4.0 GPA)

Courses include: Understanding Challenges in Museum and Gallery Studies, The Role of Digital/Social Media and PR, Communicating and Learning in Museum and Gallery Studies, Caring for Collections in the Museum and Gallery Sector, and Understanding Academic and Applied Research in Museum and Gallery Studies

Aug 2016 – June 2018

BA Art History, California State University, Long Beach (*Cum Laude*, 3.64 GPA)

Courses include: Art of the Early – Mid 20th C., Art of the Mid – Late 20th C., Music and the Visual Arts, Western Art Theory and Criticism, History of Museums and Exhibitions, Seminar in Art History, Historiography of Art History, and Art History Methodologies and Writing

Aug 2013 – May 2016

AA Art History, Cuesta Community College (Honors, 3.61 GPA)

Courses include: Art History: Prehistory to Middle Ages, Art History: Renaissance, Art History: Non-Western Art, Art History: Modernism

Relevant Experience

Dec 2018 – Aug 2019

Gallery Manager, Double Dip Gallery

Discussed the artist(s) and artworks with clients. Designed and installed a visually appealing exhibition each month, hanging artworks and writing wall texts. Composed and sent monthly newsletters, notifying 1,000 subscribers of upcoming shows and events. Communicated with local publications regarding gallery activities and answered customer and visiting artist enquiries. Managed the gallery's social media presence and redesigned the website using WordPress to provide a more user-friendly experience with a modern aesthetic. Created and continuously updated the owner's Saatchi Art (worldwide online art gallery) webpage, resulting in the artist featured on the front page under the curated "New this Week" section within the first month. Posted items/processed orders online and prepared purchases for shipment. Maintained a clean, orderly shop and prepared the space for art workshops and special events.

Sept 2018 – Aug 2019

Volunteer, Crocker Art Museum

Installed temporary exhibitions featuring community artists by planning the layout, framing and hanging artworks, and adhering vinyl wall texts. Prepared spaces for events, including concerts, auctions, and the annual ball. Assisted visitors with wayfinding and general enquiries. Packaged and sent information to museum members every week.

Additional Experience

Sept 2018 – Aug 2019

Tasting Room Associate, Ripken Vineyards and Winery

Discuss the different varietals with clients. Answer phone calls and regularly communicate with wine club members. Follow up on sales and inquiries. Bottle and label recent harvests. Take inventory and maintain a clean facility.

Jan 2017 – Jul 2018

Clothing Specialist, Roger Dunn Golf Shops

Assist customers in locating and selecting merchandise and answer phone calls. Follow up on sales and inquiries. Organize the department and design table and wall displays. Order and receive items from other stores and vendors. Cashier when needed and train new hires.

Jun 2013 – May 2016

Garden Sales Associate, The Home Depot

Inform customers of garden-related products and services in person and on the phone. Follow up on sales and inquiries. Maintain inventory and cleanliness of the department. Load pallets, pavers, and soil into customer vehicles. Paint price and promotional signs when needed. Administer monthly Kids Workshop events.

Achievements

- Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship 2019/20 by Newcastle University
- Spring 2018 President's List by California State University, Long Beach
- Fall 2017 President's List by California State University, Long Beach
- Spring 2017 Dean's List by California State University, Long Beach

Additional Skills

- Software – Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word), Microsoft Teams, Google Suite, WordPress, Mailchimp, Corel
- Languages – Elementary French