Leif Carlson

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Education

2016	SCAD, Savannah, GA	MFA in Photography
2005	Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN	MA in Peace and Justice/ Religious Studies
2000	Concordia College, Moorhead, MN	BA in Scandinavian Studies

Exhibition History

2016 Darkroom Gallery, Essex Junction, VT In Stillness
2016 Welmont Gallery, Savannah, GA Simunition: Gun Culture in America (solo)
2016 Welmont Gallery, Savannah, GA Look Here
2015 Darkroom Gallery, Essex Junction, VT Semblance
2015 Gutstein Gallery, SCAD, Savannah, GA Silver & Ink
2014 Darkroom Gallery, Essex Junction, VT Mirror, Mirror
2014 Lenscratch Digital Exhibition Shut Eye
2014 Lenscratch Digital Exhibition Road Trip
2014 Photo Review Digital Exhibition On the Water
2014 Gutstein Gallery, SCAD, Savannah, GA Silver & Ink

Professional Experience

2016 SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN – Savannah, GA
Teaching Intern
*Assisted with Digital Printing Methodology course
*Taught demonstrations on alternative processes such as wood transfers, printing on metal, gold leafing, and using resins
*Led study sessions for exams and student workbooks
*Critiqued and graded student portfolios

2015 – 2016 SAINT VINCENT'S ACADEMY – Savannah, GA
Art Intern
*Assisted and co-taught Intro Black & White photography course, Intro Digital Photography Course, and two sections of Advanced Placement Photography courses
*Created lectures, workshops, and assignments on photography
*Critiqued and graded student portfolios
*Helped students prepare submissions for state and national competitions

2013 – 2016 LEIF CARLSON PHOTOGRAPHY – Savannah, GA
Artist
*Created portfolio to raise awareness of suicide-prevention programs on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota
*Provided portraits of student writers to Deep Speaks (Savannah, GA)
*Documented The Dalai Lama's six-day visit to Louisville, KY for the Tibetan CulturalCenter of Bloomington, IN
*Organized and cataloged photos for marketing and promotional use

2010 – 2013 ORDER OF MALTA – FEDERAL ASSOCIATION – Washington, DC
Programs Administrator
*Perform site visits to evaluate programs and conduct compliance interviews with grantees
*Evaluate grant applications and manage all grant materials and money (~$750,000 per year)
*Coordinate annual international event in France
*Provide reports, create budgets, and supply grants compliance materials to the board

2010 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – Mindanao, Philippines (PYL Program)
Consultant / Facilitator
*Developed and taught creative training sessions focused on conflict resolution, team building, and the use of art in social justice for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program
*Conducted site visits to evaluate youth-led community development projects
*Managed strategic planning sessions to assess challenges and strategies for improvement

2009 – 2010 FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION – Washington, DC
Program Assistant
*Designed and led training sessions for Annual Lobby Day
*Authored articles for newsletters and blogs, reaching over 1000 constituents
*Organized reception to introduce field organizers to Congressional staff
*Assisted in securing grants to fund field organizers in seven states

2005 – 2009 PEACE LEARNING CENTER – Indianapolis, IN
Team Leader / Youth Development Facilitator
*Taught classes on conflict resolution, communication skills, and character education to over 6,000 students per year, which resulted in a reduction of school violence by 15%
*Developed new program curricula (pre-K to 12th Grade) and increased client base by over 900%
*Supervised first-year AmeriCorps members in problem-solving sessions and daily programs
*Developed and taught training programs for youth from Mindanao, Philippines as part of the annual (4 years) Philippine Youth Leadership Program.

2008 HOLY LAND TRUST (PALESTINE SUMMER ENCOUNTER) – Bethlehem, Palestine
Program Coordinator
*Managed program logistics of international program in the West Bank for over 60 participants
*Supervised and taught training sessions and travel experiences in the West Bank and Israel
*Coordinated internships focused on social justice, youth development, and the arts
*Performed site visits to internship sites to assess participant success

2005 WI'AM – PALESTINIAN CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER – Bethlehem, Palestine
Intern
*Developed and taught conflict resolution classes to youth in the Gaza Strip
*Performed site visits and grants compliance evaluations on programs funded by Norwegian's People's Aid in the Gaza Strip
*Researched grants that increased organization's funding for dispute resolution program
*Authored a series of articles and photographed for an American newspaper

Scholarships

2002-2005 Cooper Scholar – Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN

Theses

2016 *Simuntion: Gun Culture in America* – SCAD, Savannah, GA
2005 *Nonviolent Action Versus Temptation to Leave the Holy Land: A Palestinian Christian Perspective* – Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN

Presentations and Lectures

2017 *Creative Methods for Addressing Violence in America* – PJSA Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL
2010 *What is a Lobbyist? Reflections on My Year at FCNL* – Philippine Youth Leadership Program, Washington, DC
2008 *Hope in the Holy Land: The Role of Children in the Middle East* – Franklin College, Franklin, IN
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2007 *The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: What Does it Look Like Today?* – Nokesville Church of the Brethren, Nokesville, VA
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2006 *The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: What Does it Look Like Today?* – Indianapolis Peace House, Indianapolis, IN
2006 *The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: What Does it Look Like Today?* – Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN
2006 *What is Your Service Ethic? (Keynote Speech)* – Americorps Annual Conference, Bloomington, IN
2006 *Non-Violent Action Versus Temptation to Leave the Holy Land: A Palestinian Christian Perspective (Thesis Presentation)* - Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN
2005 *Modern Bethlehem: Reflections on my Summer in Palestine* – Resurrection Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN

Language Skills

2001 – 2002 Arabic
1996 – 2000 Norwegian
1989 – 1999 Swedish

Skills

*Advanced proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Premiere, Lightroom, Bridge)
*Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office package: Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Publisher
*Advanced proficiency in database and accounting software: Donor Perfect, Quickbooks, Convio
*Advanced proficiency in HTML and Web management: Network Solutions, Constant Contact