

SARA LESKO

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EDUCATION

- 2005-2009 **CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** **New London, CT**
BA Studio Art (Design and Drawing Concentration) and Minor in Computer Science. GPA 3.46
Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology scholar and certificate recipient.
Senior Certificate Project: 3D animated, interactive children's book to teach early reading skills.
Dean's Honors, Art and Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology Department Awards.
- Fall 2007 **TYLER SCHOOL OF ART/TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ROME** **Rome, Italy**
School of Fine Art, Painting and Printmaking courses, Baroque Art History

EXPERIENCE

- September 2009- Present **Little Dust Productions [Freelance Web & Graphic Design]** **New York, NY**
Designed an educational study guide for teachers and students that will accompany their most recent documentary, 'Gypsy Caravan', when shown in schools around the world. Updated and wrote HTML script for website pages/CSS style sheet and uploaded them onto FTP server.
- August 2009- Present **Assistant to Orna Bradshaw [Freelance Design & Motion Graphics]** **New York, NY**
Designed and animated seven short sequences in After Effects for the new documentary 'Blank City' that is being shown in multiple festivals and galleries around the world, including the Tribeca Film Festival and MoMA in 2009. Prepared, cut up, and edited multiple images in Photoshop for animations. Created and wrote HTML code/CSS style sheet in Dreamweaver for Orna Bradshaw's website.
- Fall 2008- Spring 2009 **Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology Certificate Project** **New London, CT**
Created an educational, 3D animated, interactive children's book to teach early reading skills. Wrote and drew story boards. Modeled, textured, and animated characters in 3D using Maya and Photoshop. Recorded, cut up, and aligned voices for characters in Final Cut Pro. Mapped out and executed interactivity in Virtools. Project was presented on a touch screen monitor in an Arts & Technology Exhibition at Connecticut College in May of 2009.
- Summer 2008 **jumP [Video Editing Intern]** **New York, NY**
Logged and loaded dailies footage onto computer and prepared it for editors and assistant editors. Found exact frame matches in cuts on higher quality footage and replaced old clips with new video. Selected specific types of clips from television shows and commercials for two montages. Participated in editing sessions of dailies, color correcting, and music mixing.
- Summer 2008 **WINE&SPIRITS MAGAZINE [Design Intern]** **New York, NY**
Designed layout of pages for small articles in three issues of magazine. Photoshopped images and photographed bottles of wine that were published in magazine. Updated and wrote HTML code for *Wine&Spirits* website to add monthly events, new photos, and featured articles. Called winemakers and various restaurants around the world to secure images for magazine.
- Summer 2007 **SONALYSTS, INC. [Modeling/Animating Intern]** **Waterford, CT**
Created and designed characters and scenes for a few short animations. Learned how to manipulate special effects particles, create reflective surfaces, and design proper lighting of scenes. Completed various Maya and Photoshop tutorials.
- Summers 2004 -2007 **YMCA [Senior Camp Counselor]** **Westfield, NJ**
Supervised children ages 6-12. Facilitated games to promote growth and build confidence. Supported staff during arts and crafts, dance and drama exercises, and various science experiments. Created safe and enjoyable environment from 9am-6pm five days a week.

LEADERSHIP

- Fall 2008- Spring 2009 **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE [Publicity Chair and Team Captain]** **New London, CT**
Created and lead a team of five people to publicize Connecticut College's first Relay For Life both on campus and within the New London community. Successfully helped gather over 400 participants, 10 survivors, and raise \$53,000. Organized a team of 12 people to participate and walk in the event. Motivated them to fundraise for cancer research.
- December 2008 **SIGGRAPH ASIA 2008 [Student Volunteer]** **Singapore, Singapore**
Assisted artists with installation set up in gallery space. Directed conference attendees where to find specific lectures/rooms. Guarded doors and checked badges for validation.

- 2003-2009 **LACROSSE [Player and Captain '08/'09]** **Westfield, NJ/New London, CT**
Played three years for Westfield High School and four years for Connecticut College Club Lacrosse teams. Coached, taught beginners, and organized/scheduled practices and games as captain on club team. Learned to work as a team player and compromise.
- Spring 2007 **AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM [Volunteer]** **New London, CT**
Lead organized arts and crafts activities in lower income elementary schools. Helped students develop their creativity and motor skills through various multimedia projects.
- Fall 2001-2002 **SEEING EYE FOUNDATION 4-H CLUB [Puppy Trainer]** **Westfield, NJ**
Raised a seeing eye puppy for twelve months then returned it to the foundation. Took care of dog and trained it basic obedience. Attended weekly classes for extended obedience training.

EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS Connecticut College Senior Thesis Exhibition ('09). Connecticut College Arts and Technology Senior Certificate Exhibition ('09). Wine&Spirits Magazine Publication for photography and illustration ('08). University of Rome All Student Show ('07). Connecticut College All Student Art Show ('06-'08).

SOFTWARE SKILLS Proficient on Windows/Mac platforms, Adobe Creative Suite, Quark, Maya, Virtools, After Effects, Final Cut, Avid, HTML, Dreamweaver, Flash, Java, Garage Band, Microsoft Office, and various digital photography applications.