

Karen Gathany

DESIGN + ILLUSTRATION

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EDUCATION

BFA in Graphic Design from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama
Degree completed May 2008, Magna Cum Laude, 3.7 GPA

EXPERIENCE

Slaughter Group, Birmingham, AL; *Graphic Designer*

Worked in a fast-paced environment on a wide variety of design projects including identity design, advertising, environmental graphics, invitations, and websites. Clients ranged from small, local non-profits to real estate developments and financial institutions. Held a great deal of responsibility as the company's solo designer for a 4-month period. The job required careful attention to detail, time management, pre-press file preparation, attending press checks, and coordinating with writers, photographers, and account executives.

DECEMBER 2008 - PRESENT

True North Custom Publishing, Chattanooga, TN; *Associate Designer*

My work included designing custom magazines for clients in the healthcare industry, selecting and retouching photographs, working on teams with publishers and editors, and collaborating on identity design for Blue Canoe - a new division of the company.

JULY 2008 - DECEMBER 2008

Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn, AL; *Publishing Assistant*

I worked as an intern/Publishing Assistant in the ACES communications department. Duties included designing and editing publications, exhibit graphics, and other print projects in Adobe InDesign, managing and organizing an archive of digital files, working in tandem with editors and other designers, and pre-press file preparation.

JANUARY 2007 - DECEMBER 2007

SKILLS

Well-versed in Adobe Creative Suite 3 (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Acrobat), Keynote, Microsoft Office, and PowerPoint. Intermediate knowledge of CSS and HTML. My design strengths are in brand identity, typography, and publication design. Experience creating watercolor, vector, and line art illustrations.

AWARDS + RECOGNITION

Auburn University Graphic Design Senior Project Exhibition; May 2008
Franklin Setzer Gallery Poster Exhibition, Birmingham, AL; December 2007 – January 2008
Auburn University Graphic Design Juried Student Exhibition; 2008, 2007, 2006
Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, "American Streamlined" Seminar, illustration selected for display; February 2008
Mississippi State University AIGA Juried Student Exhibition; 2008, 2007
AU Design Interaction Symposium Student Exhibition; Fall 2007
Auburn University Bulletin (course catalog) cover design competition winner; 2006
Auburn University Dean's List; 5 semesters

AIGA MEMBER

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST