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Stephen Withers // recruiter, educator, vfx artist

experience

Savannah College of Art and Design // 2019 to present
career adviser

• Directly oversees a population of over 1800 students as Career Adviser. Prepares students & alumni for opportunities at industry-leading studios in Visual Effects, Games, Motion Media, and Animation.

• Cultivates partnerships with employers and leads recruiting visits from top-hiring studios. Coordinates with company representatives to promote opportunities to students, plan + host information sessions, schedule interviews, and liaise with faculty.

• Collaborated with faculty to organize the VISION virtual lecture series reaching over 800 student and alumni attendees over 15 events. Leads promotion & logistics for events bringing in industry professionals and alumni from top companies like DreamWorks Animation, MPC, Naughty Dog, and ILMxLAB.

• Created & grew a Discord community to over 890 members, effectively reaching remote students & alumni, and supported a virtual career fair with over 70 companies and 1000 filled interview slots.

Freelance Supervisor, Compositor & CG Generalist // 2009 to 2020
Collaborated with clients to provide on-set supervision, visual effects, and overall post-production supervision for numerous short films and commercials.

Withers Films // 2012 to 2020
owner + filmmaker
Worked closely with clients to craft unique films for weddings and brands from pre-production to final delivery. Recruited a team of videogrpahers to capture over 150 individual events. Recognized as a premier luxury wedding videographer in the region.

Institute of Digital Design - Beijing, China // Summer 2007
instructor
Wrote curriculum and taught lessons in Maya, photography, and video editing to Chinese animation students.

skills & software

Talent Acquisition, University Relations, Employer Partnerships, Applicant Tracking Systems, DE&I Concepts, Teaching & Education, Event Planning, Project Management, Scheduling, Communication, Collaboration

Microsoft Office, Google Docs/GSuite, Maya, Houdini, Nuke, Adobe After Effects, Premiere, Photoshop & Illustrator, Python, Melscript, Javascript, PHP

education

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Effects // 2011
Savannah College of Art + Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Effects // 2009
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