

EMPLOYMENT

Doors Open Rhode Island Founder and Director

Providence, RI
June 2016 to Present

Doors Open RI is a new Providence-based program that connects people to local places of cultural, historical and architectural significance in an effort to bridge communities and inspire new perspectives on our cities.

- Manage 3 interns and an advisory board of 12 working members
- Conduct outreach to community partners, site partners, donors and sponsors
- Plan and implement a monthly place-based public program series and our inaugural citywide open house festival
- Handle all marketing and communications including our festival guide

Chicago Architecture Foundation Program Manager, Open House Chicago (OHC)

Chicago, IL
December 2012 to May 2014

OHC is a free public event, presented by the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) that offers behind-the-scenes access to 150 great spaces and places across Chicago. The largest architecture event in the city, 55,000 visitors attended in October 2013 (its third year).

- Led the program's planning process, including the selection of neighborhoods and community partners
- Stewarded OHC sponsors and oversaw the program's \$250K budget
- Supervised the OHC Program Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator
- Managed the organization, recruiting, and training of 150 participating OHC venues and 1300 volunteers
- Acted as the spokesperson for the OHC program, handling TV, radio, digital and printed media requests
- Facilitated the creation of the OHC event guide (500,000 copies)

Program Coordinator, Open House Chicago

February 2011 to December 2012

- Created a city-wide asset map and database of Chicago's built environment
- Designed the site application process and coordinated the participation of building owners and managers
- Developed the OHC internship program and supervised interns
- Recruited and managed 20 volunteer docents who assisted with site development
- Prepared monthly OHC newsletters, maintained the OHC website, and wrote building descriptions for web and printed media

PROJECTS / CONSULTING

West Broadway Neighborhood Association: Cranston St. Armory Armory Preservation Campaign Project Leader

Providence, RI
September to December 2015

- Wrote and received a \$10,000 grant to organize a charette in the fall of 2016 to determine a reuse plan for the building
- Built a database of 250 armories around the country to demonstrate its potential to be a national landmark
- Developed a preservation strategy informed through interviews with 25 state, city and community leaders

Boston Society of Architects: Common Boston Program Consultant

Boston, MA
September to December 2015

- Produced program work plan, site host contracts and waivers for Common Boston: BSA's first annual "open house" festival
- Provided feedback at bi-weekly planning meetings

**Seattle Architecture Foundation: Neighborhood Program Development
Program Specialist**

Seattle, WA
June to August 2015

- Interviewed 26 individuals from 23 organizations across Seattle neighborhoods to inform the design of new public programs
- Wrote a program proposal (realized in the fall of 2016) and a report of recommendations and partnership opportunities
- Planned and implemented an “ask an architect” popup event in partnership with a local architecture firm

**Providence Preservation Society (PPS): MEP20
Producer and Writer**

Providence, RI
February to May 2015

- Explored, blogged (ppsri.org/mep20) and tweeted my way through 20 buildings in 10 weeks on PPS’s MEP list to build community around preservation in the city
- Increased PPS’s twitter following by 25%, the number of PPS “retweets” by 134% and twitter replies by 3750%
- Developed an audio and visual information archive of MEP buildings

**Providence Preservation Society: Public Programs
Public Programs Specialist**

Providence, RI
September 2014 to February 2015

- Organized six public programs attended by 300 people ranging from a micro-living tour of downtown Providence to a time traveling event led by a local historian
- Fostered community partnerships and assisted with marketing

**BLUEPRINT: Chicago
Producer and Writer**

Chicago, IL
December 2009 to April 2012

- Produced weekly blog posts (blueprintchicago.org) telling the stories of famous and forgotten Chicago buildings
- Used social media to drive blog traffic, averaging 1,000 hits weekly
- Mentioned in Architect Magazine, Chicago Magazine, Gapers Block and the Chicago Reader
- Approached by Google to have BLUEPRINT featured in the launch of their Fieldtrip app

VOLUNTEER WORK

**Chicago Architecture Foundation
Docent**

Chicago, IL
May 2008 to May 2014

- Completed a graduate level class on Chicago's architecture, history and tourism
- Led architectural walking tours of historic and modern buildings in downtown Chicago

EDUCATION **Brown University:** MA in Public Humanities, Class of 2016

Beloit College: Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*
Majors: Studio Art and Art History, Class of 2006

Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Chicago Arts Program: Spring 2005

Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Florence Program: Fall 2004

AWARDS **Embark Fellowship,** Brown University Swearer Center for Public Service: March 2016