

BRIAN MICHAEL BUIRGE

Visual Communication Designer

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EDUCATION

Kent State University
KENT, OHIO
August 2004 – December 2008
Bachelor of Fine Arts in
Visual Communication Design
3.63 GPA – Magna Cum Laude

Osaka Shoin Joshi Daigaku
OSAKA, JAPAN
Summer 2006
International Study Abroad
Certificate of Language Study
4.0 GPA

ACCOLADES

Gold Addy Award
2009 AKRON ADDY AWARDS
Moving Minds RTA Poster Series;
Via Glyphix

Silver Addy Award
2009 REGIONAL ADDY AWARDS
Moving Minds RTA Poster Series;
Via Glyphix

Excellence in Typography
2008 VCD SENIOR SHOW
Graduating Portfolio

Outstanding Achievement
2008 INTERACTIVE
MEDIA COUNCIL AWARD
Kent State University School
of Visual Communication Design
Web site;
Via Glyphix

EXPERIENCE

Kent State University
KENT, OHIO
August 2009 – Present
Adjunct Professor responsible for working with sophomore, junior and senior-level students; taught design and technology classes covering the topics of motion graphics, foundation-level web site design (including planning, design, and programming HTML + CSS), and Adobe CS applications.

Flourish Inc.
CLEVELAND, OHIO
March 2009 – July 2009
Freelance designer primarily responsible for art direction, design and concept development for clients; contributions included: rebranding The Music Settlement, packaging design for BlondersHome, and advertising and marketing materials for Cleveland State University; also gained valuable experience with on-location photoshoots

Wall-to-Wall Studios
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
May 2007 – October 2008, July 2009
Intern & freelance designer primarily responsible for print design, concept and production; also gained valuable experience with interactive design conceiving, corporate identity development and client interaction

Glyphix
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, OHIO
August 2007 – May 2008
Designer responsible for concept, design and production of print and web materials for on-campus groups and off-campus businesses; also responsible for IT of the Glyphix lab

Undergraduate Student Government
KENT, OHIO
October 2006 – December 2008
Creative Director responsible for concept, design and production of print and web; also managed a staff of three people and assisted in the review and selection of new hires for design positions

Self-Defense Instructor
NORTH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL
Winter 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006
Responsible for assisting Physical Education teachers in the development and implementation stages of a high school martial arts/self-defense curriculum; assisted teaching high school students basic self-defense concepts

ACTIVITIES

Chito-ryu Karate-do
YOSEIKAN KARATE DOJO
2000 – Present
Assistant Instructor; currently hold the rank of
3rd degree black belt

Koseido-ryu Jiu-jitsu
ALLEGHENY COUNTY BUDO-KAI
2003 – Present
Currently hold the rank of Kirigami-dai (brown belt)

Kent State Okinawan Karate Club
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
2004 – Present
Senior Instructor and club manager responsible for
teaching bi-weekly classes

AIGA
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
2004 – 2007
Member of the Executive Board of the Kent State
AIGA Group; assisted in bringing in guest speakers

INTERESTS

I enjoy outdoor activities when not training in martial arts or practicing design. I enjoy camping, winter camping, caving and rock climbing.

When time allows I have a keen interest in cooking and the culinary arts. I enjoy making recipes, trying to figure out recipes from restaurants and experimenting with developing my own.

Stemming from my interest in martial arts, I have strong interest in both contemporary and traditional Japanese and Okinawan cultures. This interest prompted me to begin the study of the Japanese language in college which ultimately lead to my taking part in a study abroad program in Osaka, Japan during the summer of 2006. I continue to practice both written and spoken Japanese in my spare time.