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## **WORK HISTORY**

Job Title: **Gaia Online Sprite Contractor**

From: November 2010 - present

Company: Gaia Online

Location: San Jose, CA, and home

Description: - Designing and creating game items for Gaia Online sprite avatars.  
- Teamwork and high pressure deadline experience.  
- Occasional Illustration work.

Job Title: **Artist Alley Vendor**

From: June 2006 - Present

Various conventions in CA, GA, MD, MA, OH, VA, NY, Washington DC

Description: - Selling original artwork as prints, posters, greeting cards, trinkets, etc.  
- Networking and sales experience.

Job Title: **Pirate**

From: March 2007 - April 2008

Location: Savannah, GA

Description: - Costumed ghost and history tours at the Pirates' House Restaurant.  
- Performance and customer service skills.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

VARIOUS GAIA CHANCE ITEM GAMES: Illustration and pixel work for Arcana Break, Eternal Rivals, Screen King, Double Rainbow, Valefor Academy, Neverland, Famestar Masquerade, and more...

PERILS OF PICORNA, Spring 2010, issue 2 of 6 completed, 70+ pages.  
Hired comic artist for Dandelion Studios.

FANIMECON 15th Anniversary Illustration Collection, Spring 2009, page 70.

NICK MAG PRESENTS Nickelodeon, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, Winter 2007, issue 23, pages 48 - 50.

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Gallery show in Lacoste, France. Sold original artwork to private collectors.

Anime Central 2009 Panelist. "Avatar: The Last Airbender - Beginning and Beyond"  
Guest speaker for excellence in fan-art and costuming.

## **EDUCATION**

School: The Savannah College of Art and Design

From: Sept. 2006 - May 2010

Location: Savannah, GA

Program / Degree: BFA Sequential Art