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## OBJECTIVES

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I am looking to gain more experience and contacts in web development. I am eager to learn more Dynamic HTML and hope to be challenged with new problems and design concepts. Though still several years off, I intend to launch my own web-based startup based on an entire year spent researching web services and micro-content. Much of this research has been theoretical and I am looking for more direct opportunities with database-driven websites, e-commerce, content management systems, AJAX, and XML.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Freelance Web Designer** (2006 -current)

I design small and medium sized websites ranging from custom HTML pages to single-user Content Management Systems. My primary focuses are clear navigation; cross-browser compatibility; and clean typography. Graphic design is of course important, but the designer's primary concern should be effectively conveying content. Clients include Anthology Video Productions, Southern Review Inc, and Poet Anne Becker, among others.

- **Assistant Director of Summer Camp**

I worked as Counselor ('03 and '04), Head Counselor ('05), and then Assistant Director of Camp Life('06) for Point Counter Point Chamber Music Camp in Leicester, Vermont. I consider myself a leader and particularly excelled in mediating conflicting desires and needs of the staff. As an Assistant Director I had to learn effective communication; time management; and people skills.

## VOLUNTEER / LEADERSHIP

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- **Founder of Public Transportation Committee**

In 2004, I volunteered to renegotiate an annual \$40,000 contract between Lorain County Transit(LCT) and Oberlin College. When the parties entered a partnership in 2000, the College failed to appoint anyone to work with LCT on the joint bus route. In response to a proposal by LCT to dramatically reduce the number of runs on the bus route, I approached both parties with a new budget and timetable to maximize the route's effectiveness. In 2005 two students volunteered to continue my work and together we established a committee to research and negotiate this annual contract.

- **Independent Researcher for Hot Meals Program**

In 2002, I surveyed every hot meals program (soup kitchen) in Lorain County. St. Andrews Episcopal Church had been considering starting their own hot meals program. With interviews and advice from both staff and clients, I presented my findings to the church to help the congregation better understand resources available to them; utilize existing models; and ensure minimal overlap in services provided. In 2003, St. Andrews Episcopal Church founded their own hot meals program, which continues today as the Heather Campbell-Reich Community Meals Program.

## EDUCATION

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- **B.A. Oberlin College ('05)**

With a Major in Sociology and minor in Studio Art, I pursued a true liberal arts degree; taking electives in Theater, Biology, English, Computer Science, Philosophy, Womens Studies, Mathematics, Social Services, Environmental Studies, History, and Economics. Additionally, I lived and cooked in student co-operatives; played intramural sports; organized performance art; worked bicycle maintenance shifts; tutored schoolchildren; attended lectures; led a 5-person independent study; choreographed and performed a 4-minute dance; and performed in the conservatory symphony.