

Kathy Anna Vajda

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EDUCATION

*Fall 2000-
Present* **University of Texas**, Austin, TX
Department of Radio-Television Film
Candidate for M. A. in Media Studies

May 1998 **Amherst College**, Amherst, MA
Major Field: English/Fine Arts
Minor Field: Chemistry
B. A., Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS

1998 Awarded High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Amherst College
1998 The Hasse Prize for the best-submitted work of art using the human figure as a theme, Amherst College Department of Fine Arts
1997 Department of English Alpha Delta Phi grant for thesis research, Amherst College
1995, 1996 Howard Hughes Research Fellowship, Amherst College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1997-1998 **Amherst College, Amherst, MA**
· *Teaching Assistant.* Assisted Professor Elisabeth Subrin with her introductory video course. Led production workshops and discussions for students.
· *Teaching Assistant.* Assisted Professor Joan Broderick in her course, "Inorganic Chemistry." Graded written work and assisted students in the laboratory.

2001 **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
· *Teaching Assistant:* Assisted Professor Sharon Strover in her course, "Communities and Computing." Helped create curriculum, composed exams and term paper assignments, led weekly workshops, graded all written work and determined final grades.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

*Fall 2000-
Present* **Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute,
The University of Texas**, Austin, TX
· *Graduate Research Associate.* Currently working on two projects; The Austin Telecommunity Network Project is designed to connect Austin communities to the most effective and helpful community networking resources. Another project involves research on Internet connectivity in rural regions of Texas.

Summer 2000 **Redmoon Theater**, Chicago, IL
· *Volunteer.* Assisted with the Halloween Parade and the Winter Pageant, led small workshops for children, and offered support for weekend community open-house workshops. The pageants are created by and for Redmoon's adopted community—the Logan Square neighborhood—and feature dozens of local children performing with puppets they helped design and build.

Summer 2000 **SuperSphere.com**, Chicago, IL
· *Volunteer Producer.* Integrated live web-casting technologies, both video and audio, in order to bring independently produced media to people in an emerging digital environment.

1999-2000 **Noble & Associates**, Chicago, IL

· *Account Coordinator* for Gerber/Novartis at an agency specializing in packaged foods. Assisted in strategy writing and development, created presentations, and worked on planning and competitive research. Proofed print/TV ads for client, involved in light design work.

May 1998- November 1998 **American Montage**, New York, NY
· *Assistant Editor/Producer*. Conducted pre-production research, assisted in digital editing projects and video/web production management, and managed office.

Summer 1997 **Video Data Bank, School of the Art Institute Chicago**, Chicago, IL
· *Curatorial Intern* for distributor of the largest video art collection in the U.S. Created a searchable database of the collection, and managed artists' files and new acquisitions.

Summer 1997 **Chicago Filmmakers**, Chicago, IL
· *Programming Intern* for a nonprofit media arts center. Devised a demographic survey of members, researched funding options, and wrote grant proposals.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Fall 2001- Present **The Velvet Light Trap**, Austin, TX
· *Editor*, "Beauty Marks" issue

May 2000- June 2001 **Street Level Youth Media**, Chicago, IL
· *Volunteer Instructor*, video.

LANGUAGES

- Reading, basic speaking, and translation competence in French
- Speaking and basic reading knowledge of Hungarian

REFERENCES

Samantha Krukowski, Assistant Professor (512) 471-6916
Department of Radio-TV-Film
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Ann Reynolds, Professor (512) 471-7757
Department of Art History
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Helen von Schmidt, Senior Lecturer (413) 542-3248
Department of English
Amherst College, Amherst, MA

Timothy Segar, Professor (802) 251-7612 x612
Department of Fine Arts
Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT

Elisabeth Subrin, Five-College Visiting Assistant Professor of Film/Video (413) 542-8399
Amherst College, Amherst, MA/Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

Sharon Strover, Professor (512) 471-6667
Department of Radio-TV-Film
The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX