

# MERQUIT GARCIA

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## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Arts Degree** in Communications | Area: Visual Media | Minor: Marketing

- American University
- University of New South Wales
- Universidad Católica Andrés Bello

Washington DC, USA | Aug. 2005 – May 2008  
Sydney, Australia | Jul. 2006 - Dec. 2006  
Caracas, Venezuela | Oct. 2004 – Jul. 2005

**High School Degree** in Humanities and Languages

- Colegio Cristo Rey de Altamira
- École Internationale Brillantmont

Caracas, Venezuela | 1998 – 2003  
Lausanne, Switzerland | 2003 - 2004

## EXPERIENCE

**Dynamic Advertising Solutions (DAS)** Art Director

- Directed, managed and organized DAS' art department
- Provided consultation in the development and design of corporate identities
- Designed promotional products and corporate packages
- Developed and designed DAS' advertising campaigns

(Clients: US National Guard, The Washington Capitals, BMW, Long & Foster y MaxMara and others.)

Arlington, USA | Jul. 2008 - Present

**Free-Lance Photography**

- Provided photography assistance for *Freed Photography* (a wedding and corporate event photography company, recognized as the *Best Wedding Photography Company* for eight consecutive years by the *Washingtonian Magazine*)
- Provided art consultation and photo-editing services to recognized commercial and fashion photographer *Iwan Bagus*
- Assisted during New York Fashion Week 2008 in the production and post-production of a fashion spread featuring the Spring 2008 Collection of *Diane Von Furstenberg* published in the Indonesian Fashion Magazine, *DEWI*

Washington DC, USA | Jan. 2008 – Present

**American University** Teaching & Lab Assistant

- Provided technical and theoretical assistance to photography students
- Researched audiovisual material for classes and lectures given within the department
- Assisted faculty in the production and post-production of photographic shoots
- Organized and maintained the dark-room, studios and photo labs

Washington DC, USA | Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2008

**National Geographic Society** TV Specials Production Intern

- Organized and researched photographic and video graphic material
- Researched for story development and scripts
- Assisted in script-writing and transcripts
- Translated Spanish, Italian and French materials to English
- Assisted setting up equipment, lighting and make-up during shoots

Washington DC, USA | Sept. 2007 - Dec. 2007

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Creative Growth Award | DAS
- John Bowden Jr. Memorial Scholarship | American University
- 1st Place: Outstanding Experimental Piece | Visions Festival 2008
- 3rd Place: Outstanding Photography | Visions Festival 2008
- Honorable Mention: Outstanding Photo-Essay | Visions Festival 2008
- Honorable Mention: Outstanding Portfolio | Visions Festival 2008
- 1st Place: Best People Picture | Australearn Photo-Contest 2007

Arlington, USA | Dec. 2008  
Washington DC, USA | May 2008  
Washington DC, USA | May 2008

Sydney, Australia | Mar. 2007

## EXHIBITIONS

- Photo-Series: Caraca - yaca | Katzen Arts Center
- Photo-Series: Caraca - yaca | British Ink
- Video-Art Installation: Theories of the Empty Space | FUEL Gallery

Washington DC, USA | Feb. 2008  
Washington DC, USA | Dec. 2007  
Philadelphia, USA | Nov. 2007

## CONFERENCES & COURSES

- *Project Katrina 2009 with Chris Usher: Working with NGOs* | Momenta Group (Advanced Photojournalism Workshop)
- *Beyond Boundaries: Digital Evolution and Change* | IDMAA (Conference)
- *Photography Workshops: Levels 1, 2 and 2.5* | Roberto Mata Photography Workshop

New Orleans, USA | Mar. 2009

Philadelphia, USA | Nov. 2007  
Caracas, Venezuela | Oct. 2004 - Jul. 2005

## HUMANITARIAN WORK

- *Theater & Community Workshop* | Medatia Foundation (Volunteer and Instructor)

Caracas, Venezuela | Oct. 2004 - Jul. 2005

## SPECIAL SKILLS

- Native Spanish speaker with excellent English skills, fluent in French with a basic knowledge of Italian
- Proficient in Adobe Photoshop CS4, Adobe Illustrator CS4, Final Cut Pro, Word, Excel & Power Point

**PHOTOGRAPHY & DESIGN** published in

- The American Observer, Smart CEO Magazine, American Literary Magazine and Top Shopping Malls Magazine