Ellen Stern

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Creative, self-motivated individual with more than ten years of experience as a professional Fashion Photographer.
- Exceptional interpersonal communication and teaching skills.
- Proven ability to get along well with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Effective leader with detail oriented organizational and planning skills.
- Possess a high degree of professionalism and dedication to superior quality.
- Demonstrated ability to inspire and motivate students to achieve creative and technical excellence.
- Experience in creating and cultivating academic partnerships.
- Strong technical knowledge of traditional and digital Photography.

EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida (2009-2010)
Photographic Education in a variety of classes which include Photography, Digital Imaging, Color Photography, Applied Photography, History of Photography, Fashion Photography and Summer Study Abroad- Photography in Paris, France

DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR
Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Summer Study Abroad Paris Photography Program in Paris, France (2003-2008)
The Paris Photography Program is an intensive technical and conceptual workshop enabling students to thoroughly engage in the city of Paris through the medium of Photography.

- Conceived idea for and developed all aspects of the three week/ three credit program in Paris from startup to final completion.
- Established and continue to maintain alliances with French Photographic Institutions.
- Produced detailed orientation and informational literature and lectures for students on all aspects of practical life while living and photographing in Paris.
- Researched and leased apartment/loft space in Paris for a positive living and working environment.
- Conducted marketing of program and recruitment of students.
- Assumed full responsibility for academic curriculum, which includes: informative lectures, technical demonstrations, conceptual discussions, lab schedule, assignments, visiting artists, museum/gallery visits, and critiques.
- Demonstrated ability to teach students at all levels from beginners to advanced students in traditional and digital Photography.
- Act as support system for students while abroad and proficient in effective and efficient problem solving for student issues that arise.

DESIGNER
EJ Stern - Fashion in Bloom (2002-Present)
Designed, launched and successfully marketed unique line of “art to wear” handbags crated from rare and antique, handmade and hand painted silk flowers and leaves. Purses sold in museum stores and galleries in US, Canada, France, Italy, and Saudi Arabia.

- Designed website for “art to wear” line of handbags. (**www.ejstern.com)**
- Ellen Stern appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show with her designs as one of a handful of contestants chosen from 10,0000 applicants. (2003)
- Oprah Winfrey personally commissioned two custom EJStern handbags. (2004)
- Prêt a Porter-Paris invites EJ Stern to present designs at Paris Fashion Exhibition. (2004)
- EJ Stern accepted into numerous juried fine craft shows including Philadelphia Museum of Art, American Craft Council, Park Avenue Crafts at the Armory, NYC, Atelier, NYC, Palm Beach Fine Craft Show, and Coconut Grove Arts Festival.
- First Place Prize Winner in “ Fiber” at 2007 Coconut Grove Arts Festival.

INSTRUCTOR
Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, Maryland (2001-2004)
Photographic Instruction in courses: Photo-2 (Intermediate Photo) and developed syllabus for and taught "Photographic Creative Expression."

FASHION PHOTOGRAPHER
New York, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC (1982-1993)

- Photographed jobs for advertising and pr agencies, fashion designers, stores, magazines and newspapers.
- Coordinated, directed and scheduled production in studio and on location.
- Hired models, make-up artists, hair and clothing stylists for shoots.
- Developed strong team relationships, displayed positive leadership and inspired all to achieve excellence.
- Clients included; Washingtonian Magazine, Delaware Today Magazine, The Baltimore Sun, Merry Go Round Inc., Style Magazine, James Menswear, CV Magazine, Vivienne Designs NY, Brides Sun Magazine, In Fashion, Attivo, Silvermans, and DJs.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS (1988)
University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

BACHELOR OF ARTS, English (1981)
Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts