

# MAGGIE GILLETTE

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Fashion entrepreneur with experience in writing, design, and social media.

In depth knowledge of multiple aspects of the fashion industry.

Creative, detail oriented, and motivated.

#### **EDUCATION**

# 2008 LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION

Intensive Course - Certificate Awarded Courses included Art History, Marketing, and Trend Forecasting

#### 2007

NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY
Masters Degree in Education

## 2004

# VANDERBILT/UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BA in Psychology Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society, Dean's List, Kappa Kappa Gamma

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## THE UPCOMING(BRITISH CULTURE AND FASHION WEBSITE)-WRITER COVERING NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

# 2016-

- Attended multiple show per day and wrote articles under tight deadlines
- PRESENT Identified trends as they emerged and connected them to the broader social climate
  - Created posts for Instagram, Instagram Stories, and Twitter to boost website engagement and deliver content in real time
  - Conducted interviews with designers
  - Uploaded formatted posts through Content Management System

#### THE GIVING BRIDE-FOUNDER AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR

# 2012-PRESENT

- Designed and developed full lingerie line from conception to finished product sold in upscale boutiques across the country
- Created a "brand voice" and maintained it across various social media platforms
- Launched e-commerce website
- Developed copy for product descriptions
- Created marketing collateral for brand across both print and web applications
- · Used Google Analytics to track website usage and tailor web content accordingly

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

#### THE LINGERIE SELECTION-COFOUNDER

2016-

• Created boutique lingerie trade show from the ground up

- PRESENT Managed social media to build brand awareness
  - Secured event sponsors
  - Developed communications campaign to reach industry press and buyers, consistently increasing attendance season over season
  - Acted as liaison to lingerie brands, grew participation over 150% in a single season
  - Represented the brand in interviews, podcasts, and live events

#### **MAISON DE LECOUR**

2011-2012

- · Helped coordinate a fashion show as part of Chicago Fashion Focus including assisting with event promotion, setup, and front of the house on the day of the show
- Wrote press releases and garnered press coverage about the fashion line
- Managed social media profiles including launching and writing a blog
- Tracked and evaluated media coverage for client PR campaigns

#### NONPROFIT SERVICE MANAGER (MERCY HOUSING) AND CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

2004-2011

- · Worked independently with children and families in highly challenging environments
- Developed new programs and curriculum
- Gained excellent communication skills working with a variety of clients and coworkers
- Utilized creative problem solving skills to assist clients with diverse needs
- Supervised a staff of five employees
- · Maintained office operating budget

#### SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



Maggie Gillette



The Maggie Gillette The Lingerie Selection The Giving Bride Mr Buster Bedlington



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Writina

The Giving Bride

SKILLS HOBBIES

Social Media Volunteer children's docent at The Met with Art Works

Brand creation Fashion Illustration

Avid reader and book collector

Museum Junkie **Problem Solving** 

Trend Analysis and Forecasting Enthusiastic cook in a tiny New York kitchen