# R. Gonzalez DESIGN

#### **Professional Experience**

# 2014-Present New Jersey City University, Graphic Designer Jersey City, NJ

- Clarified project needs and goals through client meetings
- Managed deadlines for multiple projects simultaneously through Gantt charts and team based management software
- Maintained daily comprehensive project logs to ensure accountability from all parties
- Maintained project documentation for future reference of recurring events
- Negotiated prices with print vendors to ensure the lowest prices for my clients
- Created documentation of the various print and web based processes to assist in integration of new designers to minimize the transition process

#### Spring 2016-2020

# **New Jersey City University**, Adjunct Professor Jersey City, NJ

- Instructed students in formal and conceptual design techniques
- Prepared design briefs for between 15-20 design students
- Managed the deadlines and creative processes of my students

#### 2013-2015; 2020

# Rutgers University, Adjunct Professor

Newark, NJ

# 2010 Creative Color Lithography, Junior Designer

Garwood, NJ

# 2009-Present Freelance Design

Scotch Plains, NJ

# 2008-2010 The Design Consortium, Internship

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

#### **Design Education**

#### 2011-13 MFA in Communication Design

Pratt Institute

## 2012 Type Design Certificate

The Cooper Union

# 2007-10 BFA in Graphic Design

**Rutgers University** 

## **Design Awards**

- 2019 American In-House Design Award. *Graphic Design USA Magazine. NJCU Athletics Posters* 2018-2019. A series of posters for the Fall/Winter/Spring athletic seasons.
- 2019 **2nd Place—Annual Publications Competition, Poster Category.** University Photographer's Association of America. NJCU Athletics Posters 2018-2019.
- 2018 **Citation for Excellence in Publications.** College Sports Information Directors of America. NJCU Athletics Posters. A series of posters for the Fall/Winter/Spring athletic seasons.
- 2016 American Graphic Design Award. Graphic Design USA Magazine.
  (2 Awards) Sounds@NJCU Album for the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre. Alumni Day Invitation Suite for NJCU's Office of Alumni Relations.

#### **Design Awards** (Continued)

- 2015 American Graphic Design Award. Graphic Design USA Magazine.
  (3 Awards) NJCU Admissions Mini View Book. Logo design for Sounds of Summer
  Concert Series. Poster and Advertisements for The National Society of Leadership
  and Success Live Speaker Broadcast Series.
- 2015 Merit Award for Type Design. Graphis Typography 3. Ludd: a typographic system, BRED, New York City
- 2012 **Editorial Merit Award.** *How Magazine*, International Design Awards Annual. *Fabiruckus*, a limited edition book by the Montserratian poet Eze Bongo.

## **Bibliographic Citations**

- 2015 Carter, Rob, Philip Meggs, Ben Day, Sandra Maxa and Mark Sanders. Typographic Design: Form and Communication. John Wiley & Sons, 2015. pp. 241-248.
- Frana, Maura, Leigh Mignogna and Liz Seibert. Five Conversations on Graphic Design and Creative Writing. Pratt Institute Press, 2013. pp. 59-61.
- 2013 McNamara, Carmel, Merel Kokhuis and Kanae Hasegawa.

  Masterclass: Graphic Design: Guide to the World's Leading Graduate Schools.

  Frame Publishers, 2013.
- 2013 Guest Critic, Introduction to Design & Visual Culture, Kean University
- 2011-12 Speaker and Guest Critic for Senior Portfolio, Rutgers University

I spoke to senior design students about the importance of their final year, about working professionally and about graduate school. I also critiqued the work that they were preparing for their senior portfolio show.

2011 Alumni Speaker for the Rutgers Arts, Culture and Media Department

I represented the Rutgers Graphic Design program in an inaugural conference introducing the restructured Arts, Culture and Media Department, (formerly the Visual and Performing Arts Department). I spoke to a group of educators and advisors from NJ high schools about the strengths of the program and the advantages that the department's improvements would afford potential incoming students.

2010 Drew, Ned and Paul Sternberger. Purity of Aim: The Book Jacket Designs of Alvin Lustig. Graphic Design Archives, Chapbook Series: Four, Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Cary Graphic Arts Press, 2010.

I assisted the authors in the research and editing of of this book. As a researcher I found and analyzed primary documents. As an editor, I proofread for errors, fact checked, and contributed small amounts of raw source material from which the authors could adapt and write.

# **Exhibitions**

- 2013 Ludd. Newark Release Party for the Ludd Typographic System, and the letterpress designs of Ned Drew. Solo(s) Project House, Newark, NJ.
- 2013 This is Not Graphic Design. Pratt GradComD MFA Thesis Show. GradComDGallery, New York, NY.
- Jajo Gallery, Newark, NJ.