

# Urmila Venkatesh

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## Education

- Master of Fine Arts, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor** **May 2009**  
School of Art and Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, University of California, Berkeley** **June 1999**  
College of Environmental Design
- Language and Cultural Exchange, University of Granada, Spain** **August 1996 - May 1997**  
Focus in Spanish Language and Islamic Architecture

## Employment

- Instructional Designer, MPortfolio Project** **July 2008 – present**  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Conduct trainings on MPortfolio content generation and web tools for students, faculty, and staff
  - Teach design principles to MPortfolio participants
  - Manage MPortfolio Design Studio and its employees
  - Assist with implementation of pilot site evaluations and interviews
- Labor Organizer, Graduate Employees Organization** **September 2004 – December 2008**  
Local 3550, AFT Michigan, AFL-CIO, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Built membership in over 40 departments, trained volunteers, facilitated leadership development
  - Designed annual membership handbook, training manuals and publicity materials
  - Led training workshops on mobilizing and developing campaigns for social change
  - Planned national conference for graduate employees to discuss issues in academic labor
  - Oversaw development of annual budget of \$350,000 and managed all financial records
- Graduate Student Instructor** **September 2002 - May 2004**  
University of Michigan, School of Art and Design, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Developed curriculum and co-taught course on art and community partnership
  - Supervised undergraduate art teachers and elementary schoolchildren in urban school program
  - Evaluated undergraduate coursework, and facilitated weekly discussion about contemporary artists.
- Web/Graphic Designer and Draftsperson** **January 2000 – April 2002**  
Architectural Resource Consultants, Irvine, California

## Awards and Exhibitions

- Migration, Work: Detroit Gallery** (curator) **September 2009**
- University of Michigan Digital Media Center Fellowship** **November 2008 – April 2009**  
Received \$10,000 award as member of graduate student team to study use of digital media in collaborative learning. Proposal, "*Digitizing Knowledge: Exploring Archival Collections in Virtual Space*"; to examine the effects of the digitization of visual archives upon scholarly research .
- All Student Annual Exhibition, Work Gallery** (photography) **November 2008**
- Journey: Thesis, Warren Robbins Gallery** (photography) **February 2004**
- Collision: Recent Works, Warren Robbins Gallery** (photography and 3-D installation) **August 2003**
- Works in Progress, Work Gallery** (photography and interactive sound installation) **March 2003**

## Skills

**Graphic and Web Design:** Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, some HTML, CSS  
**Photography:** Digital Photography, Medium Format Analog Photography, Darkroom Printing  
**Other software:** Microsoft Word, Excel, Access; Quickbooks  
**Languages:** Proficient in Spanish (spoken and written)