

# Paul Ahern



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## Education

### Parsons School of Design

BFA IN COMMUNICATION DESIGN, MINOR IN JAPANESE STUDIES

*Sep. 2017 - May 2022*

- Courses included: Typography, Motion Graphics, and Editorial Design, with supplemental courses in History, Accounting, and Management.

## Work Experience

### JNJ Creative, (jnjcreative.com)

GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERNSHIP

Chicago, IL

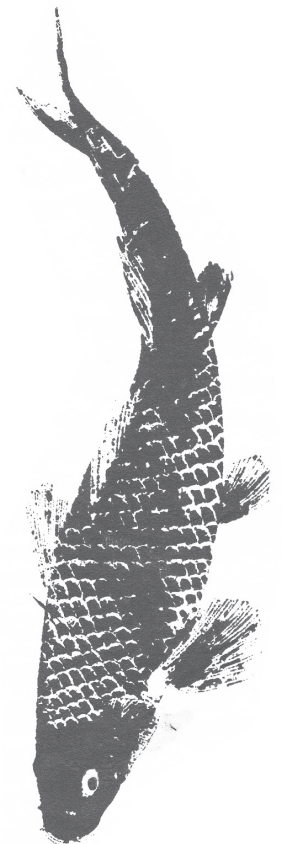
*July 2023 - Nov. 2023*

Completed an internship developing experience from the owner in the client management process and managing client expectations.

- Designed social media posts to promote client work and events.
- Helped design posters, event maps, and a sponsorship deck.
- Helped design a Board Book for a non-profit organization.

## Experience and Capabilities

- Proficient knowledge and demonstrated understanding of the design process from concept to iteration to finished product.
- Well-developed sense of concept and design with the ability to understand and integrate complex data.
- Skilled at gathering complex information from relevant sources through observing, receiving, and researching all necessary aspects of a project.
- Experienced in working through big ideas and complex systems while keeping a keen eye on the overall timeline and goals of a project.
- Strong interdisciplinary approach to art and design. Developed the ability to work with, make connections, and see relationships across disciplines.
- Ability to self-teach software and basic information technology, particularly Adobe programs, without instruction.



## Skills

- Highly proficient in Adobe Photoshop and InDesign.
- Proficient in Adobe Illustrator, Premiere, and Audition.
- Strong basic coding skills in HTML, CSS, and Javascript.
- Conversational Japanese speaking level with a Minor in Japanese Studies.

## Leadership and Team Development

- Developed experience in critique and constructive feedback: works with designers to identify potential improvements which are communicated in a respectful and amicable way.
- Learned to teach and help others through collaboration, discussion, and compassion.
- Experienced in project management; can oversee designers and collaborate with coworkers effectively and respectfully.
- Strong communication skills and experience working with peoples of diverse backgrounds and cultures, with particular skillfulness in cross-cultural communication where English is not someone's first language.
- Cofounder of Exeter Filipino Society at Phillips Exeter Academy; raised funds and provided tuition for students in the Phillipines in coordination with the Lifeline Foundation based in Parañaque, Manila.