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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI **2007-Present**
Assistant Professor
Teach a variety of classes in the packaging program including materials, fundamentals, distribution packaging, package development and design & evaluation.

- Cooperative Education mentor for all packaging students and academic advisor for approximately 90 undergraduate students.
- Advisor for the Institute of Packaging Professionals Student Chapter (Stout IoPP)
- Assist with managing laboratories including student staffing, maintenance and equipment upgrades.
- Secured more than $10,600,000.00 in donations for the university programs to date.
- Guest speaker at Nakatani Learning Technology Services events.
- Created a International co-op for packaging students in Australia
- Created and run the study abroad program "Packaging in Germany" during summer term
- Represent the University at a variety of packaging related tradeshows
- Guided more than 16 student teams to Student Ameristar Design competition

UPS Professional Services Inc., Dayton, OH **1999-2007**
$42.6 billion global provider of specialized transportation and logistics services

Package Engineering Supervisor
Consult and train customers and employees to reduce claims and address cargo handling and damage issues. Supervise, train and evaluate employees responsible for repairing damaged shipments.

- Responsible for all Less-Than-Truckload (LTL) and heavyweight shipment packaging issues.
  - Conceived and implemented a method of identifying, notifying and tracking improperly packaged shipments in an effort to prevent reoccurrences and reduce claims.
  - Created the "Packaging Pointers" website as a resource for customers to increase their knowledge of packaging and better understand the distribution dynamics and requirements.
  - Developed a formal packaging education manual and test used to train and evaluate employees and customers on their packaging skills.
  - Evaluate packages for adequacy.
  - Provide design solutions to customers.
  - Define and create handling procedures and policies.

Advance Possis/Imation, Minneapolis, MN **1996-1998**
$1.2 billion manufacturer of magnetic and optical removable data storage media

Senior Packaging Engineer/Contractor
Provided expert knowledge and consulting to Division personnel on packaging materials, distribution, technology, legal issues, and corporate requirements for domestic and international trade. Lead engineer for the Medical Imaging Hardgoods and Document Imaging Divisions providing full packaging support including development, documentation, compliance, consolidation, and testing. Worked extensively with suppliers to create samples, specifications and conduct package performance testing.

- Saved and estimated $250K annually by developing and implementing a new distribution system for Medical Imaging Hardgoods Division.
- Consolidating packaging for several products in the Document Imaging Division resulting in $80K savings annually.
- Coordinated the change of more than 400 packaging specifications and related documentation.
- Supported three manufacturing facilities and one service parts distribution center.

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Plastic Industries, White Bear Lake, MN **1995-1996**
$1 million manufacturer of thermoformed and rotationally molded parts

Project Manager
Managed customer accounts including quotes, tool development, prototyping, first article approval, production material ordering, process development, training, delivery and customer satisfaction.

- Wrote quality standards for projects and trained production staff to use standards, greatly reducing the number of rejected parts for several products.
- Lead a team that developed quantity pricing program which prevented lost time needed to repeatedly rework quotes.
- Procured and qualified vendors to develop select tooling, shortening the development/prototype time by as much as 4 weeks.
- Managed more than 60 customer accounts.

Ideal Industries, Sycamore, IL **1994-1995**
$90 million manufacturer of electrical tools and supplies

Junior Packaging Engineer
Collaborated with all disciplines to develop packaging for new products and revise packaging for existing products. Maintained constant interaction with plant manager, purchasing, marketing, product managers and production workers to ensure completion and shrink implementation time line. Established timelines and budgets for new products and processes.

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- Justified the elimination of an inefficient skin package operation resulting in an annual savings of $60K.
- Involved with packaging design, cost estimates, supplier coordination, testing, equipment justification and manufacturing logistics.
- Investigated, analyzed and resolved all quality hotline issues related to packaging.
- Supervised the package technician position which included hiring, training, mentoring and conducting performance reviews.

3M Company, Maplewood, MN **1992**
$21.2 billion diversified technology company

Package Engineering Intern
Supported and assisted two supervisors and four engineers within the Hazardous Materials and International Divisions. Produced and revised packaging specifications, conducted UN performance tests, coordinated design forums and investigated archival information.

- Developed a searchable database for drums and pails. This resulted in a 50% reduction in the number of drum and pail specifications used globally and created a tool to help prevent future specification duplication.
- Provided and requested documentation and packaging samples from international operations to ensure compliance with global packaging standards.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Science, Packaging Science, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, 2004
4.0 G.P.A.

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Technology-Packaging, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI, 1994
3.6 G.P.A.

Overseas study program, The School of Packaging, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 1993
4.0 G.P.A.

FDA compliance and documentation requirements for medical devices

ISO 9000 trained Auditor

Institute of Packaging Professionals – Transport packaging and testing seminars

Lansmont shock, vibration and compression testing equipment seminar

Formal Training with the following software: CADKEY, C.A.P.E., TOPS, ArtiosCAD, Adobe Illustrator, Netscape, Explorer, Lotus Notes, Outlook, Windows, Word, Excel and PowerPoint

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Outstanding Educator Of The Year by Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute: 2013

Executive Vice President of Education and Certification- Institute of Packaging Professionals: 2013 – present

Inducted into the Institute of Packaging Professionals College of Fellows: 2012

Vice President of Education-Institute of Packaging Professionals: 2012

Certified Packaging Lab Professional (CPLP) “Professional” status with International Safe Transit Association: 2011

Lifetime Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) status with Institute of Packaging Professionals: 2010

Vice President of Certification-Institute of Packaging Professionals: 2005-2009

Ameristar Package Design Competition Judge (IoPP) 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012

Association of Independent Corrugated Converters (AICC) Design Competition Judge: 2009, 2011

Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) Package Design Competition Judge: 2011

Active member of various IoPP, ISTA, and ASTM International committees

Speaker at various packaging industry conferences and company programs

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TECHNICAL CONSULTING

- Leonard Bennett v. MillerCoors LLC, et al.
  U.S District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
  Case No.09-288-JJB-DLD

TEXTBOOKS

- *Transport Packaging Third Edition – In progress*
- *Food Packing Materials; Testing & Quality Assurance*, Chapter 16: Shock & Vibration Testing of Packaging Materials

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- *The Impact of Study Abroad on Students and Hosting Companies:* ASEE North Midwest Section Conference on Active Learning in Engineering Technology Education conference proceedings, 2012
- *Cooperative Education-A University and Employer's Perspective:* Transport Packaging Forum annual conference proceeding: International Safe Transit Association, 2010
- *The First Mile: is your shipment ready?:* Dimensions.07 conference Proceedings: International Safe Transit Association, 2007

INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS

- *The Impact of Study Abroad on Students and Hosting Companies:* ASEE North Midwest Section Conference on Active Learning in Engineering Technology Education conference proceedings, 2012
- Graphic Arts and Packaging Universities: Esko Artwork Worldwide User Conference, Phoenix, AZ 2011
- *Cooperative Education-A University and Employer's Perspective:* Transport Packaging Forum annual conference proceeding: International Safe Transit Association, 2010
- *Using the quiz tool in D2L*: Nakatani Teaching and Learning Center
- UW Stout Packaging Program Update: Fox Valley Institute of Packaging Professionals April 2008 meeting
- *The First Mile: is your shipment ready?:* Dimensions.07 conference Proceedings: International Safe Transit Association, 2007