

# Aram Zucker-Scharff

## Interests

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Information Technology, Website Design and Upkeep, Social Media, Computer Repair (software and hardware), Writing, Editing, Convergent Technology and Systems. Social Media. The Convergence of English and Information Technologies.

## Strengths

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Creating convergent content and media packages. Writing and editing experience, both in print publications and online. Proficient in the use of office technology including spreadsheets, databases, word processing, presentation software, and the internet. Speed reader. Adept Editor with knowledge of both AP and standard style. Design experience in both printed and online publications. Skilled in the use of graphics technology including, Photoshop, Paint Shop Pro, ACDSee, Flash, and Fireworks. Proficient in web software including, Dreamweaver, Fantastico, PHP-Fusion, Invision, phpBB and Frontpage. Skilled webmaster. Computer construction experience. Troubleshooting experience. OSX, XP, Vista and Office 2007 experience. Leadership experience. Skilled with web-authoring technology, including Googlepages, Dropbook, Wordpress, Drupal and Blogger. Strong, experienced, writer. Experience with web design and administration. Experienced user of QuarkXPress. Experience with Audacity. Experience with TADS3 software. Experience with WordpressMU. Adept user of Twitter, FriendFeed, SocialMedian and more social media.

## Professional Accomplishments

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### Technology

- Attended Presidential Classroom – Science Technology and Public Policy Program 2003, Inaugural Program 2004.
- Awarded, Mamaroneck High School Computer Animation Award 2003.
- The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Business and Computer Awards Program of the College of Westchester: Awarded, Computer Education Award for Outstanding Achievement 2003-2004.
- Developed Drupal theme for George Mason University's convergent media initiative Connect2Mason.

### Writing/Editing

- Awarded First Place, Absolute Power Productions "Summer/Fall 2003 Fiction Contest."
- Awarded First Place, Penpushers' "Competition II" Writing Contest.
- Volunteer Assistant Editor for CUNY Lehman College ESL Class.
- Winner of the 2008-2009 CHSS Dean's Challenge Scholarship
- Completed University of Cambridge's Literature Summer School, Achieving Class II:I (GPA 3.84)
- Created a course of independent study on interactive storytelling and media convergence.
- Featured blogger for United Press International's Voice of Young Voters Presidential Transition Blog

### Communications

- Attended Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Institute for Religious School Teaching Assistants Program 2004.
- Board Member of Local National Federation of Temple Youth Chapter (LarFTY) from 2003-2005.
- Led end-game World of Warcraft guild (on the server Garithos) Ascent.
- Alpha Epsilon Pi (George Mason University's Gamma Mu chapter), Treasurer, IFC, and Hillel Representative 2006-2007. Vice President 2007-2008
- George Mason University Hillel, The Jewish Student Association, Technology Chair 2005-2006. President 2007-2008.
- George Mason University Israel Club, President 2008-2009
- Selected as a representative of Student Media to attend the College Media Advisers Spring National Convention, 2008.
- Lifetime Member, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars

### Websites

- Designed and ran five now inactive websites, including websites for the Larchmont Federation of Temple Youth, the end-game World of Warcraft guild (on the server Garithos) Ascent, and a flash website.
- Designer for The Pryer Manor Association's website at [www.pryermanor.org](http://www.pryermanor.org).
- Webmaster and Designer for <http://www.phifty.net> and <http://kenyakiosks.googlepages.com>.
- Maintains web presences at <http://phifty.deviantart.com> and <http://www.linkedin.com/in/aramzuckerscharff>.
- Webmaster, designer and developer for <http://masonvotes.gmu.edu>
- Web Development lead for <http://connect2mason.com> (2009 iteration).

## Employment History

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2000-2004	Camp Assistant, Promoted to Recreation Room Supervisor	Mamaroneck Music Camp, Mamaroneck, NY
	Total Earnings: \$800/Summer.	
1999-2005	Religious School Teaching Assistant	Larchmont Temple, Larchmont, NY
	Salary: \$8/hour	
2002-2005	Computer Repair and Website Designer	Freelance, Mamaroneck, NY
	Salary: Negotiated	
2004-Present	Fiction Lead at <a href="http://affuniverse.com">affuniverse.com</a>	Angels Fall First Project, Troy, NY
	Salary: N/A	
2006 Fall-2008 Spring	Prose Editor	<i>Volition</i> Magazine, George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$0-120/ issue.	
2007 Spring	Copy Chief	<i>VoxPop</i> Magazine, George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$170/issue.	
2007 Jan. - May	Copy Editor	<i>Broadside</i> , George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$20/issue.	
2007 Fall-2008 Spring	Resident Technician	ITU Department, George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$3000/year.	
2008 Fall-2009 Spring	Promoted to Lead Resident Technician	ITU Department, George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$4500/year.	
2007 Fall	Promoted to Copy Chief	<i>Broadside</i> , George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$60/issue.	
2007 Spr.-April	Promoted to Managing Editor	<i>Broadside</i> , George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$200/issue.	
2008 Fall-2009 Spring	Promoted to Technology Manager	Office of Student Media, George Mason University, VA
	Salary: \$15/hour	

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## Education

(All degrees expected by) May, 2010	B.S. Information Technology (Information Security/Net Admin Concentration)	George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
	B.A. English (Creative Writing Concentration)	Honors Student
Received a merit scholarship.	Current GPA: 3.49	Dean's List for three semesters.