

James Mason

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Education

Lesley University, Cambridge, MA
Masters of Arts, May 2013
Self-Designed Master's Degree Program
Fashion Design

Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
Bachelor of Fine Arts May 1981
Fashion Design major

Paris Fashion Institute, Paris, France
Summer 1981

Employment

Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Associate Professor
Fashion Design
Boston, MA
September 2006-Present

Fisher College, Boston, MA
September 2007-December 2011
Adjunct Professor
Fashion Design

GAP

July 2002-December 2007

Responsible for interviewing, hiring and training of assistant managers, stock supervisors and sales associates in 2- 4 million dollar locations. Created an in-store training plan to teach the key elements for business success. Also involved with payroll merchandising, and loss prevention.

Associate Manager, Gap/Gap kids/Baby Gap
Canton, MA May 2006-December 2007

Store Manager, Gap Kids/Baby Gap
Atrium Mall, Chestnut Hill, MA October 2003-May 2006

Associate Manager, Gap
Natick Mall, Natick, MA September 2002-October 2003

Associate Manager, Gap
Chestnut Hill Mall, July 2002-September 2002

Old Navy
Merchandise Manager
South Bay Mall, Boston MA January 2002-July 2002

Responsible for the merchandising of product, tracking top programs, including top 20 items as well as the key volume drivers. Responsible for planning shipment placement and maintaining stock. Also responsible, when manager on duty, for running floor operations. Focused on Old Navy credit accounts, upt's and average transactions. Responsible for the women's department and the hiring of new staff.

New York and Company
Store Manager
Cambridgeside Galleria Mall, Cambridge, MA
July 2001-December 2001

Responsible for ensuring a focus on credit accounts, upt's and average dollar sales. Also ensuring that customer service was maintained on a consistent level. Responsible for the hiring and training of new sales associates as well as the training of management. We also partnered with the other divisions - Express, Bath and Body Works and Victoria's Secret - within the mall for support.

Gap
January 1994-July 2001

Associate Manager, July 2000-July 2001
Gap, Atrium Mall Chestnut Hill, MA

Store Manager, November 1998-July 2000

Gap, Proter Square, Cambridge, MA

Assistant Manager, June 1997-November 1998

Gap, Burlington Mall, Burlington, MA

Assistant Manager, 1996-June 1997

Gap, Belmont, Belmont, MA

Merchandise Manager, 1995-1996

Gap, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA

Assistant Manager, 1995

Gap, Square One Mall, Saugus, MA

Visual Trimmer, January 1994-1995

Gap, Porter Square, Cambridge, MA

Fabric Showroom and Brighton Upholstering

Brighton, MA

Sales

1987-1994

Assisted interior designers and decorators in the selection of appropriate fabrics for walls, furniture and windows from a range of possible vendors. Also assisted in the design and ordering for fabrication of custom furniture, draperies and upholstery.

Fiandaca

Boston, MA

Workroom assistant, 1985

Worked with Alfred Fiandaca on the design of his Spring '86 collection, including pattern and cutting. Also designed his collection for the furrier Lapine Company of Japan.

Winmil Fabrics

Boston, MA

Sales, 1985-1987

Shows and Exhibits

Worship and Praise Collection
Hynes Auditorium Boston, MA
July 2014

BAU Past and Present Show, December 2010
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Florals and Fashion, April 2010
Chestnut Hill Mall

Selections 10, February 1-March 13
Collection Fleur
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Glam Slam, October 2009
Estate

Moxie Fashion Show, Fashion Group of Boston

UMOJA Fashion Show, Harvard University

Fisher College Annual fashion Shows

International Fashion Boutique Show
Javitz Center, New York, NY