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Project Manager

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Rick Garmon is a Chicago-based Project Manager with over 20 years experience managing various projects: from small-budget public performances to multi-million dollar installations that included managing numerous construction and fabrication companies. Rick is naturally drawn to complex projects with a STEAM (**S**cience-**T**echnology-**E**ngineering-**A**rt-**M**ath) or DEI (**D**iversity, **E**quity and **I**nclusion) focus. His diverse background has also included stints as an Art Director, Designer, Programmer and Journalist. His portfolio includes projects for the National Basketball Association, Marshall Fields (now Macy's), and several major motion pictures. Rick's writings have been published in *National Geographic*, *USA Today*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. Rick holds a degree in Visual Communication from the Illinois Institute of Art. In his free time Rick enjoys staying active, tinkering, comics, gaming and exploring the unique architecture and neighborhoods of Chicago.

Professional Experience

<u>Project Manager Consultant, Chicago, IL</u>	2020-Present
<u>Chicago Children's Museum, Chicago, IL</u> Project Manager	2003-2020
<u>City Year Chicago, Chicago, IL</u> Operations Associate	2002-2003
<u>IBM Global Services, Chicago, IL</u> User-Experience Designer/Programmer	2000-2001
<u>Tribune Interactive, Chicago, IL</u> Interactive Producer	1997-2000

Publications/Conference Presentations

21st Century Museum Professionals, Training Museum Professionals to Facilitate Family Learning:

Facilitated discussion with ten children's museums on staff training and staff/visitor interactions at the Association of Children's Museums' 2009 Interactivity Conference. Presented with Ellen Thompson and Tsvia Cohen. (May 2009)

Partnership of Playful Learners Project Overview: Presentation of National Science Foundation (NSF) grant project to fellow grant recipients at NSF's 2008 Principal Investigators Summit. Presented with Tsvia Cohen (July 2008).

Children's Museum Investigation: Research poster session of 17 research projects into family learning at the Association of Children's Museums' 2008 Interactivity Conference. Presented with Tsvia Cohen (April 2008).

Adult/child Collaborative Learning in Museum Environments: Professional development workshop co-hosted with DuPage Children's Museum and Kohl's Children's Museum at the Illinois Museums Open House 2008 conference. Presented with Dr. Catherine Haden, Dr. Suzanne Gaskins, and Tsivia Cohen (March 2008).

Skyline Exhibition Preview: Museum exhibition tour/preview and related research presentation at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's 2007 annual conference. (December 2007).

Partnership of Playful Learners, Museum Partnership Research Summaries: Facilitated discussion of research projects conducted by over 20 children's museums at the Association of Children's Museums' 2007 Interactivity Conference. Presented with Tsivia Cohen (April 2007).

Partnership of Playful Learners, Museum Partnership Kick Off: Presentation of NSF-funded museum collaboration project at the Association of Children's Museums' 2006 Interactivity Conference. Presented with Rachel Hellenga and Tsivia Cohen (May 2006).

Professional Activities/Associations

- Advisory Board (2011-2013): *Creating Communities of Learners for Informal Cognitive Science Education* (National Science Foundation grant #1113648)
- Program Committee (2009-2011): Association of Children's Museums
- Board of Directors (2003-2005): Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement, Chicago Chapter