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Independent Consultant

Current

Oklahoma National Guard Museum: Oklahoma City, OK
Design of New 17,000 sq ft exhibits. Design-build 2.5 year, accelerated Schedule.

Opening 2026

Montana Heritage Center: Helena, MT
Design of New 18,000 sq ft core exhibits.

Opening 2026

Albuquerque Zoo Asia Exhibits: Albuquerque, NM
Tiger, Orangutan, Siamang, Snow leopard. Graphic Kiosks and mechanical Interactives.

Opened 2023

Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller: Danforth Museum, Framingham MA
Recreated studio from this influential African American woman artist's home

Opened 2019

Universal Studios Beijing: Orlando, FL
Working with Main Street Design, We designed zoo style exhibits to add an element of realism to the Theme park environment in China.

National Museum of the United States Army: Ft Belvoir, VA
Working with Eisterhold Associates Inc. to redesign the post cold war gallery to reflect the latest US Army history. As well as a temporary preview gallery near the construction site

Opened 2020

Brent Johnson Design. Boston, Massachusetts

2013-2016

The Story of Virginia: Virginia Historical Society: Richmond, VA
Design development through opening. Detailed design, oversaw fabrication, coordinated content and artifact placement, oversaw AV production.

Opened 2015

Yorktown Engine Room Experience: Charleston, SC

United States Marshals Museum: Ft. Smith, AR

Cambridge Seven Associates Inc. Cambridge, Massachusetts

2011-2013

Kid Zoo U: Philadelphia Zoo. Philadelphia, PA
Oversaw construction administration. Worked closely with fabricator, architect and client to fulfill design intent throughout the construction process. Responsibilities included review of all shop drawings, coordination of architecture, aquarium, and habitat work.

Opened 2013

Geo-Science Center: King Abdulla Financial District: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Adaptations Gallery, Aquarium: King Abdulla Financial District: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. CD phase redesign of many parts required. All exhibits modeled in Revit.

Hohhot Children's Museum: Hohhot, Inner Mongolia 20,000 sqft children's museum. All exhibits modeled and documented in Revit.

Christopher Chadbourne and Associates. Boston, Massachusetts

2003-2011

Opened 2011

North Carolina Museum of History Core Exhibits: Raleigh N.C.

Lead Designer. The exhibit covered North Carolina's history from the end of the American Revolution through the current day. Saw project through to completion.

National Museum of the United States Army: Ft. Belvoir, VA.

Exhibit Designer. Managed sub-team of designers. Balanced desires of lead designer with the technical aspects of the project. Responsibilities included: Lighting, AV and architectural coordination as well as production of SD, DD and CD packages for highly complicated and immersive 50,000 square ft exhibit space.

National Infantry Museum: Columbus, GA.

Opened 2009

Exhibit designer, from master plan through construction. Tasks included artifact case coordination, specification review, lighting and AV review, shop and site visits, artifact case layouts, as well as client relations.

National Museum of the Marine Corp: Quantico VA

Exhibit designer. Vietnam, Korea and Making Marines galleries.

National Law Enforcement Museum: Washington, DC.

Designer. Redesign of the History of Law Enforcement Gallery.

Filament Design. Reading Massachusetts

WOW: Botanic Gardens Consortium traveling Exhibit

Cost-efficient walkthrough outdoor/indoor exhibits. Design and content development through schematic design.

Amaze Design. Boston Massachusetts

Gallery of First Australians: National Museum of Australia: Canberra,

Karim Rashid Inc. New York, NY

Product Design. Umbra: Oh Chair. Go Card: fragrance marketing dispenser

Avalon Acoustics. Boulder, CO

Production Woodworker: Built high end loudspeaker cabinets

Education

BS Industrial Design: University of the Arts, 1996

BA Fine Arts: The Colorado College 1991