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## WORK HISTORY

### Owner

Gish Creative ([www.gishcreative.com](http://www.gishcreative.com))  
2000-present

### Founder and Creator

IGNITE YOUR LIFE! art project and community campaign ([www.igniteyourownlife.com](http://www.igniteyourownlife.com))  
IGNITE!, Inc. (nonprofit associated with the art project)  
2013-present (IYL) and 2016 (IGNITE!, Inc.)

### Publisher and Creator

Gish Picks: Curated Culture for Kids and Adults ([www.gishpicks.com](http://www.gishpicks.com))  
The Summer Book®: A Guide to Houston Day Camps and Classes for Kids and Teens ([www.thesummerbook.com](http://www.thesummerbook.com))  
2003-present

### Writer/Advisor

Local Houston Magazine ([www.localhoustonmagazine.com](http://www.localhoustonmagazine.com)) – “Gish at the Movies”  
CultureMap ([www.culturemap.com](http://www.culturemap.com)) -- freelance  
Glasstire ([www.glasstire.com](http://www.glasstire.com)) -- freelance  
Houston Community Newspapers ([www.hcnonline.com](http://www.hcnonline.com)) – “Gish Picks”  
Houston Family Magazine ([www.houstonfamilymagazine.com](http://www.houstonfamilymagazine.com)) -- freelance  
My Table Magazine ([www.my-table.com](http://www.my-table.com)) – “Summer Camps for Kids”  
Texas Family Magazine ([www.texasfamilyonline.com](http://www.texasfamilyonline.com)) -- freelance  
Zap Magazine for Kids (out of business) – freelance  
1998-present

### Workshop Presenter/Speaker/Teacher (for adults and/or kids)

Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer; The Jung Center; Body, Mind, and Soul store; Conoco Phillips; Shell; Chevron; Baker and Botts; Bioneers Conference; various parenting groups; The Coalition of Behavioral Health Services; Houston Area Community Services Inc./SEARCH; The Junior League of Houston; West University Parks and Recreation Department; Harris County Department of Education/AmeriCorps; and many more

Topics include marketing yourself and your business, “I Can Fly!” (how to follow your heart), parenting issues, historic preservation; activism; “Ignite Your Life!” Many of them have an art-making component.

2005-present

### Intuitive Guide

Body Mind & Soul ([www.bodymindandsoulhouston.com](http://www.bodymindandsoulhouston.com))  
2012-present

### Community Labyrinth Leader and editor of Houston labyrinth list

Labyrinths all over Houston  
2000-present

### Co-Producer and Consultant

“Our Roots are Strong” -- album by Leah White of original songs about 14 historic landmarks which Sarah chose.  
2011

### Moderator

Amazing Faiths Dinner  
2007

### Founder & Presenter

Save Our Landmarks (a now defunct volunteer-based historic preservation organization)  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOUSTON: Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future (a public event)  
2007 and 2008

### Houston City Manager and House Manager (River Oaks, Greenway and Saks Theatres; only the RO is still in operation)

Landmark Theatres  
1993-2000

### Co-Founder and Publicist

Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (now called Q Fest)  
1996-1998

**Advertising Account Executive**

WKOC-FM (modern rock), Virginia Beach, Virginia  
KRTS-FM (classical), Houston, Texas  
1992-1993

**Facilitator**

Sister City program between Toyoma, Japan and Grapevine, Texas  
1991

**Radio Announcer and Narrator**

KPFT-FM (Pacifica radio), Houston, Texas  
KBNA-FM (rock), Tokyo, Japan  
Asahi Publishing Company, Tokyo, Japan  
KTRU-FM (Rice University radio), Houston, Texas  
1979-2012

**Resource Center Coordinator (Education Department)**

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas  
1991-1992

**Telemarketer**

The Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas  
American Heart Association, Houston, Texas  
Houston Grand Opera, Houston, Texas  
1991-1992

**Head of School and English Teacher**

EFT English School, Yokohama, Japan  
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (Japanese Ministry of Education), Toyoma, Japan  
1988-1991

**Curatorial Assistant for Education and Public Relations**

Blaffer Gallery-University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
1985-1988

**EDUCATION****Bachelor of Art, Art History, 1985**

University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1983-1985  
Hollins College, Roanoke, Virginia, 1981-1983

**Selected studies and conferences:**

"Compassion Cultivation Training" (Stanford University curriculum at Hines Center); "Texas Yoga Conference" (Jennyoga); "Veriditas Labyrinth Introduction" (St. Paul's Community of Spiritual Formation); "Houston Cinema Arts Festival" (Cinema Art Society); "Beyond Child Focus" (Bowen Center for Study of the Family); "The Tranquil Brain: Mood Swings, Hormones, and Stress" (Institute for Natural Resources); "Children's Summit" (Children at Risk); "Women Who Use the Arts to Engage the Community" (Owl's Nest); "Recognizing Dyslexia: Utilizing Multisensory and Discovery Teaching Strategies" (Neuhaus Center), "Compassionate Communication (Center for Nonviolent Communication), "Anger, Anxiety, and Hypertension" (Institute for Natural Resources); "Mastering the Art of Selling" (Tom Hopkins); "Real World Selling Seminar" (Rick Alan and Associates); "Art on Screen: Film and Video in Museums" (Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS****Selected achievements and awards:**

- ◆ Art Exhibitions:  
"Ignite Your Life! A Visual Journey of Love" (Fotofest exhibition at Flo Paris); "Mod Mandalas: The Chakra Series" (Central Library, Koelsch Gallery); "Día de los Muertos" (Lawndale Art Center); various shows at the Art Car Museum; "DEVOUT: Divas Everywhere Visualizing Our Unfolding Truths" (Super Happy Fun Land); "The Box Show" (Mind Puddles Gallery); "The Holiday Yard Sale" and "The Box Show" many times (Bering and James Gallery)
- ◆ Four art cars: "Phoenix Rising" (2013-present); "Space City" (mini car, 2012); "Hubba Hubba" (2010-2013); "The Artmobile" (2004)
- ◆ Consistent interviews in the media (radio, print, television, internet) since 1993
- ◆ Guest lecturer on "Mass Communication" class at HCC-Central College
- ◆ Panelist for "The Future of Exhibition", South by Southwest Film Festival and "Making the Media Work for You", Film Expo Houston
- ◆ Co-Founder and Organizer: "Celebrating Cultures!" festival at Briargrove Elementary School
- ◆ National Association of Theatre Owners' Sid Graumann Award for "Excellence in Theatre Marketing" at ShowEast
- ◆ Landmark Theatres' "Market Leader of the Year" and "Manager of the Year"
- ◆ Organization of the Landmark River Oaks Theatre's annual "Academy Awards® Viewing Party" and the celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## COMMUNITY

### Past and Present **Affiliations:**

- ◆ Fourth Friday Divas, founder of this private women's community group in 1998
- ◆ Houston Labyrinth Community
- ◆ Houston History Association
- ◆ University of Houston Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
- ◆ City of Houston Archeological and Historical Commission Education Sub-Committee, [www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/commiss\\_hahc.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/commiss_hahc.html) La Leche League International
- ◆ Brigid's Place
- ◆ The Magdalene Community
- ◆ Women in Film and Television/Houston
- ◆ Archway Academy, Teen and Family Services, Lamar High School, Lanier Middle School, Grady Middle School, and Lovett Elementary School (volunteer at all)
- ◆ Christ Church Cathedral/The Hines Center for Spirituality and Prayer
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon