

# Laila S. Wessel

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## Education

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- **B.A. in Photography**, Minor in German, Certificate of International Studies  
Webster University, St. Louis, MO, August 2008, GPA 3.95
- Study Abroad Program, Webster University, Geneva campus, Summer 2006
- Honors: Dean's List Spring 2006, Fall and Spring 2007
- Architecture major, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, August 2004-May 2005

## Photography Experience

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- Photography Intern at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Summer 2008  
Images chosen for the Missouri Botanical Gardens 150th Anniversary book, 2009  
Calendar, images used in the Bulletin, and members' emails
- Images published in Monroe County Clarion newspaper and online
- Staff photographer of *The Journal*, Webster campus newspaper
- Staff photographer, page designer, and writer of *The Ampersand*, Webster campus magazine
- Two images chosen to exhibit in 2007-2008 Annual Juried Photography Show at Webster

## Work History

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- Photographer for Southwest Illinois College, March 2009-present
- Assistant and photographer for Wagner Photography, Feb. 2009-present
- Assistant Women's Tennis Coach for Webster University, Oct. 2008-present
- Assistant to Dave Preston, professional sports/freelance photographer in St. Louis area Sept. 2008-present
- Photographer for Wagner Portrait Group, August 2008-Feb 2009
- Freelance Photographer for the Monroe County Clarion newspaper, July 2008-present
- Wedding Photography Assistant for St. Louis Color, June 2008-Oct. 2008
- Photography Intern at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Summer 2008

## Technical Skills

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- Proficient in Photoshop, Bridge, Lightroom, Photo Mechanic, Dreamweaver, and FTP
- Darkroom experience processing black and white film, printing black and white negatives, and printing color negatives
- Studio experience with basic lighting techniques, medium, and large format cameras

## Campus Leadership and Community Involvement

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- Tennis team captain for Webster University, 2005-2008
- Scholar-Athlete Award recipient, 2008
- SAAC, Student Athletic Advisory Committee representative, 2005-2008
- Webster Works Worldwide volunteer, Fall 2005-2007
- Campus Blood Drive volunteer, Nov. 2006