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Education

Carnegie Mellon University

MA Design, May 2021
Cumulative GPA: 4.08/4.0

Washington University in St. Louis

B.A. International Studies, May 2016
Minor Anthropology

School for International Training

Spanish-intensive semester
Buenos Aires, Argentina, Spring 2015

Skills

Design

After Effects • Blender • Cinema 4D
Figma • Fusion 360 • Illustrator
InDesign • Invision • Keynote
Microsoft Office • Photoshop
p5.js • Sketch • User Research

Programming

HTML/CSS • Javascript • jQuery

Languages

English • Spanish (working)
Chinese (conversational)

Hobbies

Animation • Ceramics • Creative
Coding • Hiking • Yoga

Summary

Master's student at Carnegie Mellon University in Interaction Design; 4+ years of professional experience designing programs and communications for social impact.

Work Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANT/ Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2020 – Present • Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate research assistant to Professor Stuart Candy in the field of Design Futures. Manage project timelines, conduct literature reviews, and create visualizations.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR / Friends of the Rail Park

Dec 2018 – Aug 2020 • Philadelphia, PA

Prev. Community Engagement & Programs Manager

Spearheaded creative strategy as second employee at startup organization: identified opportunities through user research, cultivated partnerships, managed Board of Directors, and led presentations to funders. Reached 8,000+ people through 62 arts & culture events, supervised four interns, and recruited and managed 200 volunteers.

EMERGING CITY CHAMPIONS FELLOW / Knight Foundation

June 2019 – June 2020 • Philadelphia, PA

Awarded competitive fellowship (200+ applicants) for civic leaders nationwide. Received seed funding and training to launch innovative arts initiative at the Rail Park.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE / NKCDC

Aug 2016 – Dec 2018 • Philadelphia, PA

Prev. Community Engagement VISTA

Designed improvements to social service experiences, including physical and digital interventions. Launched organizational rebranding and website redesign. Managed communications and press strategy.