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UX Research UI Design Web Dev

About Me

I'm a researcher, designer, and developer that loves helping businesses grow by eliminating frustrating user experiences and designing intuitive ones. My interest in human behavior led me to my training in Anthropology while my passion for design and web development brought me to UX research and design. My experience includes a variety of services and industries, from web design and development to brick-and-mortar services, and from prototyping a hiking trail to testing a mobile transportation app.

Experience

Associate Archaeologist

ASM Affiliates

2018-Present

I lead teams in documenting and researching archaeology sites and coordinate with private developers, Native American groups, and government agencies to ensure our clients are in compliance with environmental laws. I focus on finishing projects on time and within budget by documenting client needs at each stage of the project, designing intuitive maps for a range of stakeholders, and creating data visualizations that help us interpret our research.

UX Researcher and Designer

Cultivate

2016-2017

I developed the UX research and design strategy for a business consultancy startup that used design-thinking methods to solve problems for small businesses and community organizations. I tested market interest in our services, researched the needs of potential clients, pitched projects to clients, and used my interviewers with small businesses to design Cultivate's website. As part of an hiking trail expansion in San Diego, our team researched, designed, prototyped, and proposed an interactive trail experience and a street crossing to State Park Officials and San Diego Council Members.

Quality Assurance Tester

Veyo Logistics

2015-2016 (Part-time)

Veyo is a non-emergency medical transportation startup with a mobile app that connects drivers with passengers. I was responsible for finding technical issues and usability pain points in the user sign up process and for the mobile driver app. Know for my attention to detail, I systematically described issues for the development team to target in future iterations. As Veyo rapidly grew, I conducted usability and functionality testing for the mobile driver app by simulating user experiences and tasks, helping the company solve user pain points for new markets.

UX Researcher and Designer

BriskTravel (design concept)

2015

BriskTravel is a design concept for a travel planning and booking service targeting backpackers desiring travel flexibility and low costs. BriskTravel's main feature is a trip planner map that allows users to quickly compare nearby destinations, travel routes, lodging options, and costs. I developed BriskTravel by becoming a "UX team of one", taking on all aspects of user research, design, and testing. I interviewed backpackers at hostels to create user personas and design requirements that guided my wireframe designs. I tested my hi-fidelity prototype with users and documented changes for the next iteration.

Education

2016 Prototyping Certificate2016 User Experience Professional Certificate

2013 Master of Arts, Anthropology2008 Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology

University of California, San Diego Extension University of California, San Diego

University of California, San Diego

NovoEd Design Kit

Skills

Research

Journey Maps
User Personas
Storyboards
Rapid Prototyping
Usability Testing
Competitor Analysis
User Interviews
Questionnaires
Heuristic Analysis

Design

UI Wireframes
Photoshop
Illustrator
Dreamweaver
Flash
Axure
Balsamiq

Languages

HTML5 CSS3 Javascript JQuery Bootstrap Responsive Design