

# MICHAEL KAHANE

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## PROFILE

- UX designer and technologist well-versed in utilizing design thinking to create digital experiences that minimize user effort.
- Strengths in synthesizing research, communicating empathetic user stories, and creating technologically feasible solutions and prototypes.

## EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCE CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST

BROOKLYN, NY / 2017 – PRESENT

- Creative concepting and prototyping of technology platforms such as websites, interactive kiosks, and AR experiences for clients such as 72andSunny, RP3 Agency, and The International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination.

### CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST

RP3 AGENCY / WASHINGTON, DC / 2015 – 2016

- Collaborated with strategists, visual designers, and web developers to create information architectures, wireframes, and prototypes using agile methodologies and user-centered design processes.
- Developed front-end code and performed QA testing.
- Harnessed emerging technologies to provide innovative solutions to clients from concept to prototype.

### ONLINE MEDIA SPECIALIST

MOVING MARYLAND FORWARD / TOWSON, MD / 2012

- Wrote content for an online advocacy network, funded by the Robert Deutsch Foundation, designed to educate and engage Maryland residents in support of state social justice issues.

### GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN

THE KENNEDY CENTER / WASHINGTON, DC / 2011

- Designed program stuffers, signs, advertisements, houseboards, and brochures.

## EDUCATION

### MFA DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN / NEW YORK, NY

- **Open Society Foundations Fellow**

Created and tested a mobile health platform in Guatemala during six-month fellowship.

- **Fútbol Forever (Thesis)**

Made a four-player post-planetary soccer arcade game that has been exhibited at many galleries and events.

### BA ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND / COLLEGE PARK, MD / CUM LAUDE

## EXHIBITIONS/AWARDS

### SMITHSONIAN INDIE ARCADE (FÚTBOL FOREVER)

SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM / WASHINGTON, DC / 2014 & 2017

### GOLD ADDY (RPTREE, GAME CENTRAL)

AMERICAN ADVERTISING AWARDS / WASHINGTON, DC / 2016

### BEST ARENA-BASED EXECUTION (GAME CENTRAL)

MEDIAPOST DIGITAL OUT OF HOME AWARDS / WASHINGTON, DC / 2015

### BEST IN SHOW (FÚTBOL FOREVER)

WORLD MAKER FAIRE / NEW YORK, NY / 2014

## SKILLS

### USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN

Sketch, InVision, Ideation, IA, User Scenarios, Wireframes, Rapid Prototyping

### WEB DEVELOPMENT

HTML, CSS/Sass, JS, React.js, Pixi.js, Three.js, Git

### GAMES/INSTALLATIONS

Unity3D (C#), AR/VR, Physical Computing (Arduino), openFrameworks (C++)