

ANIMATION - RESEARCH - INTERACTION

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EDUCATION PROFICIENCIES

University of Southern California

2016 - present

MFA - John C. Hench Division of Animation & Digital Arts

Carnegie Mellon University

2012 - 2016

BFA - Electronic & Time-based Media / Minor - Animation & Special Effects

Maya Hololens
Zbrush Oculus Rift
Photoshop HTC Vive

AfterEffects Illustrator Unity C# Python Html CSS

EXPERIENCE

Hanson Robotics - Animator / Technical Artist

2017 - present

Creating facial/gestural animations and rigs for Sophia, Hanson Robotics' fully interactive human robot driven by AI and chatscript. Collaborating with engineers to streamline web UI and animation pipeline.

USC Mobile Environmental Media Lab - Animator / Researcher

2016 - present

Creating models, animation, and visual direction for various VR and AR projects (e.g. experimenting with interactions in AR between digital characters and people). Supervised by Professor Scott Fisher. Working closely with computer scientists and Interactive Media students from USC.

Disney Research - Digital Artist Intern

2015 - 2016

Created content for various research projects involving animation, 3D modeling, and motion graphics. Contributed to interactive Disney Research projects presented at SIGGRAPH 2015 and GDC 2016. Coauthor of refereed paper "Designing Animated Characters for Children of Different Ages" presented at Interaction Design and Children 2016 conference.

CMU Articulab - Digital Artist / HCI Researcher

summer 2015

Translated, animated, and designed Chinese version of CMU's HCI virtual learning peer project, Alex, in collaboration with Professor Justine Cassell. Showcased at World Economic Forum in Dalian, China.

PROJECTS

ADAM - Software Developer

fall 2017 - present

Mixed Reality installation blending the physical and virtual environment through the use of physical textures and lights with digital assets. Programming with Unity and Vuforia. Assisting on creating various technical aspects of development pipeline involving Maya, Unity, and Hololens.

Yokai - Technical Director / Production Designer

2016 - 2017

Mixed Reality experience using physical puzzles to advance a narrative through interactions with virtual characters. Designed, modeled, rigged, and animated all visual assets in Maya.

Steelcase Virtual Design Workspace - 3D Artist

2016 - present

VR design space exploring the future of collaborative design and production process. Creating 2D and 3D assets for various prototypes where users interact with physical furniture in a virtual environment.

Memory Slugs - Animator / 3D Artist

2015 - 2016

Multiplayer VR installation where two physically adjacent players share a common experience and collaborate through dialogue. Modeled, rigged, and animated all 3D assets in Maya.