

# Adam Powers

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I'm an interdisciplinary design thinker, organizer, and technologist with a tireless passion for doing the right thing. I'm searching for roles with inclusive and socially responsible organizations where my diverse background in experience design and community facilitation might be put to use towards crafting a more compassionately connected world.

## Skills Overview

### Digital

- Web design (research, analysis, prototyping)
- Front-end development (HTML/CSS/some JS)
- UI wireframing/prototyping (Axure, Sketch)
- Light visual design (Photoshop, Illustrator)

### Analog

- Team and organizational leadership
- User research and ethnography
- Usability testing and interviews
- Event design and production
- Group mediation and facilitation
- Copy and creative writing
- Liaisonship and networking
- Nonviolent communication

## Education

### University of California, San Diego

Cognitive Science and Human-Computer Interaction  
Minor in psychology  
(B.S. degree in progress)

### Lab and research experience

The Design Lab (UC San Diego)  
Embodied Cognition Lab (UC San Diego)  
Distributed Cognition and HCI Lab (UC San Diego)  
Media Computing Group (RWTH Aachen, Germany)

### Leadership and extracurriculars

President, UCSD Transfer and Commuter Association  
Senator, Associated Students of UCSD  
Advocate, UCSD Transportation Policy Committee

## Selected Experience

### Moderator and Community Manager, WeAllJS 2016 to Present

- Founding admin of a thriving global Slack community for diverse JavaScripters, with 500+ members.
- Crafting policy, enforcing code of conduct, and growing community organically while retaining quality.
- Designing and operating local events in San Diego, with a focus on inclusion and supporting beginners.

### Community Liaison, The UC San Diego Design Lab 2014 to 2016

- Created own role at the newly-formed interdisciplinary research hub led by design scientist Don Norman.
- Scouted mutually beneficial partnerships, built relationships, stewarded projects, and produced events.
- Utilized extensive knowledge of San Diego's designer, entrepreneur, and technologist communities.
- Core production team member for Design Forward, a massive civic, industry, and academic summit.
- As the Lab's entrepreneur liaison, curated and produced San Diego Startup Week's first Design Track.

### Front-End Developer, San Diego County Credit Union 2013 to 2014

- Coded and launched redesigned website as sole front-end developer for San Diego's largest credit union.
- Advocated for user experience and successfully campaigned to perform website usability studies.

### Community Organizer, San Diego Polyamory 2014 to Present

- Creating resources, events, and supportive spaces for the San Diego alternative relating community.
- Working with fellow leaders to forge an umbrella organization for city-wide representation and advocacy.

### Executive Board Member, San Diego Experience Design 2011 to 2014

- Revived the near-defunct UX practitioner networking group, now the largest such in San Diego.
- Produced monthly talks and workshops featuring local speakers and industry-relevant topics.

### Site Operations and Volunteer Coordination, California Music Festivals 2013 to 2016

- Co-production of local events, including Desert Hearts, Lucidity, and San Diego's regional Burning Man.
- Coordinating and leading volunteer teams, managing site ops, and designing for participant experience.