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ABOUT ME

While I love making maps, other things I enjoy include art, photography, sailing, gardening, playing music, and exploring the outdoors. I value being imaginative and curious about the world and cartography is one way to express that.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin

Expected Graduation: Dec. 2022 B.S. Cartography & GIS + People Environment Geography

SKILLS

Software

Esri ArcGIS Suite Adobe Creative Suite Microsoft Office Blender

Webmapping

Python, Javascript, HTML, CSS, Leaflet.js, D3.js, Mapbox Studio, ArcGIS Storymaps

Other

Hand drawn mapping, Photography, Writing, Poster Design

AUSTIN NOVAK

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UW Cartography Lab, January 2020 - Present

- Completed mapping projects for authors, publications, non-profits, and other organizations & individuals.
- Independentely communicated with clients and navigated issues related to accessibility, design, and data acquisition.
- Consistently worked within design constraints related to formatting, budget, and deadlines.

UW Cart Lab Design Challenge, 2021, 2022, 2023

- Collaborated with two cartographers to create a finished "scrollytelling" newsroom style product in one day.
- Worked in a six member virtual team based environment to formulate an idea and produce a complete map over the span of one week.
- In a team, designed lesson plans for the first k-5 cartography curriculum in Wisconsin.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Hoofers Sailing Instructor (May 2021 Present)
- Madison Greenhouse Store (April 2021 Present)
- JARS Bar & Grill Bartender (2019 2020)
- Crandon Water Shows President (2017 2021)

AWARDS

NACIS 2020 Student Map and Poster Contest Cartographic Design (*Iceland*)

NACIS 2022 Student Dynamic Mapping Contest

Group Dynamic Map Winner (Dark Sky Sanctuaries)

WLIA 2020 Map Contest

Best student map (Iceland)

Runner-up best base and reference map (Iceland)

WLIA 2021 Virtual Map Contest

People's choice award (Galapagos)

Runner-up best base and reference map (Galapagos)

WLIA 2022 Map Contest

Runner-up most unique map (Four Lakes Night Sky)