

# **ALEX NORTON**

Designer, Researcher, Creative Coder

EDUCATION

### MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design Departmental Honors

### MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Neuroscience, Architectural Computation, Computer Science

SELECT AWARDS & EXHIBITION

2016 Tribeca Film Festival BrainVR

2016 VR at MIT BrainVR

2016 Keynote Speaker
UT Brain Awareness Week

2015 Time Square Arts
Brain Images Take Over

2014 TED 2014 From Neurons to Space: A Virtual Reality Experience

2014 TEDxAmsterdam

Game to Map the Brain

2014 NY Times | Front Page All Circuits Are Busy

2014 Koch Image Awards Winner: Ganglion Style

2014 National Science Foundation
Winner: Best Visualizations of 2013

2014 Science Magazine
Winner: Best Visualization of 2013

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FOCUS

Multidiscplinary designer with a focus at the intersection of people and technology, weaving lessons from natural systems into creative solutions, delightful interactions, and computational models.

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

## EYEWIRE, A GAME TO MAP THE BRAIN | MIT

Lead Interaction & Front-End Designer, 2015-

Responsible for leading design decisions and managing a team of designers + illustrators to best serve a diverse community of online gamers and science enthusiasts. Created identity systems, design UX + UI guidelines, and implemented production—quality code.

Worked with an interdisciplinary team of artists, scientists, and developers to transform complex theory into playful systems, delightful interface, and interactive story-telling.

### **BEANTOWNVR**

Founder, Creative Director, 2016

Founded a Boston based virtual reality project positioned to explore the complexity of scientific and tech spaces through browser based interactive narrative and immersive data visualization experiences.

### MACRO CONNECTIONS | MIT MEDIA LAB

Designer + Developer + Researcher, 2014

Designer for a multi-disciplinary team of researchers, architects, urban planners, physicists and developers creating an application helping specialists find insights in complicated data streams.

## SEUNG LAB | MIT, MCGOVERN INSTITUTE

UROP + Designer, 2013-2014

Designer + Animator alongside a lab of computational neuroscientists. Established an identity system and assisted in preparing national publications, animations, and 3D figures from raw data.

INTERESTS	SOFTWARE	DEVELOPMENT
Algorithms	Adobe Creative Suit	Angular
Augmented Reality	Asana	Bash/Git
Exploring	Autodesk 3ds Max	C#/Unity/VR
Info Architecture	Google Suit	D3/p5js
Machine Learning	Keynote	Jade/HTML/CSS
Neuroscience	Rhinoceros	Javascript/NodeJs
Photography	Sketch/FramerJs	Maxscript/Python
Prototyping	Slack	Openframeworks
Responsive Design	Sublime/Vim	OpenCV
Typography	Unity	Processing/Arduino
Ultimate Frisbee		Stylus/jQuery
Virtual Reality		ThreeJs/Box2d
Windsurfing		