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Objective

Seeking a BoH role in a creative, efficient kitchen environment. Strong knife skills with a passion for experimenting with food and designing eating experiences. Hungry to learn and motivated to add to an inspiring team culture. Previously a digital designer with 3+ years of experience organizing, building and launching products to millions of people.

Skills

Clean, efficient and hygienic in the kitchen
Autonomous self-starter and team player
Able to handle high pace, stressful work
California Food Handler Card

Design: Brand, Audience Research,
Graphic and Web design
Tech: Web development, SEO

Food Experience

Garde Manger, Nari

SF, CA | Oct 2021 - Mar 2022

Prepping and plating a set of cold and warm dishes as well as desserts for the seasonal menu
Communicating and planning with a team of other garde mangers to run this station

Founder, York Street SF

SF, CA | Sept 2021 - Present

Running a bi-weekly espresso and food pop-up out of my garage in the Mission with a focus on community-building and collabs with local artists/creators. ~60people/event

Baker's Apprentice & Prep Cook, Golden View Restaurant

Firenze, Italia | Mar - Jun 2018

Assisted the head baker in preparing focaccia, schiacciata, cannoli, and other traditional baked goods
Prepared the mise for produce and seafood, made fresh pastas, and worked the dinner line

Researcher, Stanford Food Design Lab

Stanford, CA | 2019

Worked with Dr. Soh Kim to lead a team of students researching how Gen-Z audiences consume food media, use recipes and learn to cook (prototyped systems, published paper)

Host & Cook, Pop-up Dinners

everywhere | 2015 - present

Conceptualize and run themed dinners with hundreds of guests in multiple countries
Lead kitchen crews of 5+ people with a focus on efficiency, personal growth, and quality food

Design Experience

Senior UX Engineer and Designer, TED Talks

NY, NY | 2019 - 2021

Organized concurrent international partnerships, led weekly team meetings, created team rituals, conducted global user research, developed a new brand identity, and designed tech tools

Lecturer, Stanford d.school

Stanford, CA | 2021

Design Strategist, Urgent.Agency

Copenhagen, Denmark | 2020

Design Engineering Intern, Facebook

Menlo Park, CA | 2019

Education

B.S. in Product Design, Stanford University

Stanford, CA