Erica Sachiyo Deahl

EXPERIENCE

Earnest

Lead product designer | January 2017-present, San Francisco CA

I currently manage the Earnest design team and serve as design lead on Earnest's new Home Loan product, which we launched in May.

Hillary for America

Senior designer | August-November 2016, Brooklyn NY

I led the effort to evolve Hillary Clinton's campaign brand language during the final push to get out the vote. I guided our 15-person design team in developing a visual system to mobilize voters and coordinated execution across platforms.

18F, General Services Administration

UX design lead | November 2014-August 2016, San Francisco CA

My role as a UX design lead at 18F spanned product design, visual design, user research, and management. I worked as part of an agile team to discover the needs of users and to design, test, and iterate products. I helped launch labs.usa.gov, the U.S. Web Design Standards, myUSCIS, and openFOIA. I also managed designers, facilitated hiring, and established our design team critique program.

Adaptive Path

Experience design contractor | August-September 2014, San Francisco CA

I worked as an experience designer developing a new feature for a peer economy platform. My role included user research, service design, and UI design.

Civic Data Design Lab at MIT

Graduate researcher | June 2013-July 2014, Cambridge MA

I led design for City Digits, a curriculum and web app that helps high school students learn statistics and data science by investigating social issues in their neighborhoods.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Teaching assistant | February-May 2014, Cambridge MA

As a TA for the Building Mobile Experiences course, I mentored student teams as they developed mobile apps, from research to design, implementation, and testing.

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Senior designer | May 2011-August 2012, New York NY

As part of the interactive team, I designed desktop and mobile interfaces and oversaw design research, startegy, interaction design, and visual design. I worked closely with developers, mentored junior designers, and managed client relationships. Clients included Barneys New York, Fondazione Prada, Yale University Art Gallery, and Longwood Gardens.

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Designer | May 2009-May 2011, New York NY

I designed and managed branding projects for print and digital media. Clients included the American Academy in Rome, the Gardner Museum, Maharam, Columbia GSAPP, and the International Contemporary Furniture Fair.

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Junior designer | August 2007-May 2009, New York NY

I collaborated with designers and art directors on branding, print, and environmental design projects. Clients included the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, the Studio Museum in Harlem, and Malin+Goetz.

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Intern | June-August 2007, New York NY

I assisted with branding and print design and production.

Brand Integration Group, Ogilvy & Mather

Intern | June-September 2006, New York NY

I worked with designers to develop branding and environmental concepts and design.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

M.S. in Comparative Media Studies | 2014, Cambridge MA

I completed graduate coursework at MIT's Comparative Media Studies program, the Media Lab, and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Yale University

B.A. in art, concentration in graphic design | 2007, New Haven CT

I graduated cum laude and studied abroad at l'Ecole nationale supérieure des arts décoratifs in Paris. France.

SPEAKING

AIGA presents the Hillary for America design team

Panel at The New School with the HFA design team | 2017, New York NY

Building trust and harmony across government design

Keynote at the AIGA DotGovDesign conference | 2016, Washington DC

Transforming immigration

Talk at Designer Fund | 2015, San Francisco CA

myUSCIS: Improving the user experience of immigration

Talk at the Lean Startup conference | 2015, San Francisco CA

Big data's big capacity gap: Developing youth data literacies for civic engagement and social impact

Talk at the 6th International Conference for the Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory | 2014, Lima Peru

City Digits: Developing socially-grounded data literacy in the classroom

Talk at the MIT Kevin Lynch Awards | 2014, Cambridge MA

Local Lotto: A critical analysis of the state lottery through mathematics

Professional development workshop at Math for America | 2014, New York NY

WRITING

Beyond data literacy: Reinventing community engagement and empowerment in the age of data

Article in the Dαtα-Pop Alliance white paper series with Rahul Bhargava, Emmanuel Letouzé, Amanda Noonan, David Sangokoya, Natalie Shoup | 2015

Youth data literacy as a pathway to civic engagement

Case study in The Civic media project | 2015

Better the data you know: Developing youth data literacy in schools and informal learning environments

M.S. thesis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2014

A design workshop in Lima, Peru: Teaching a creative process

Article in *User experience magazine* with Rodrigo Davies, Julie Fischer, Jason Lipshin, Eduardo Marisca, Ling Zhong | 2014

Local Lotto: Mathematics and mobile technology to study the lottery

Article in Cases on technology integration in mathematics education with Vivian Lim, Laurie Rubel, Sarah Williams | 2014

City Digits, Local Lotto: Developing youth data literacy by investigating the lottery

Article in Journal of digital and media literacy with Sarah Williams, Laurie Rubel, Vivian Lim \mid 2014

SKILLS

Design & research

UX design, service design, qualitative user research, design management, visual design, workshop facilitation, branding and identity, information architecture, design research, public speaking, teaching

Frequently used tools

Sketch, Adobe Creative Cloud, InVision, Mural.ly, Keynote, HTML, CSS

Languages

English, French