

# Nadia Mariyan Smith

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## Education

<b>PhD, Information</b> <i>University of Toronto</i>	Expected 2030
<b>Master of Information, User Experience Design</b> <i>University of Toronto</i>	2025
<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts, Photography</b> <i>Concordia University</i>	2021

## Professional Experience

<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Faculty of Information, University of Toronto</i>	September 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance with course administration, including facilitating activities and providing feedback to students during practicums, and grading assignments.</li></ul>	
<b>Research Assistant</b> <i>Just Sustainability Design Lab, University of Toronto</i>	January 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Under the supervision of Dr. Christoph Becker, conduct primary and secondary research for various projects, submit REB proposals, write academic papers, and facilitate conference presentations and workshops.</li></ul>	
<b>Patient Partner Committee Member</b> <i>Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto</i>	March 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participate in monthly committee meetings with faculty, healthcare professionals, and research teams to provide feedback on research projects, communications, and educational materials from a patient perspective.</li><li>Write and design patient-facing communication materials including newsletters, surveys, committee updates, and research summaries.</li></ul>	
<b>Experience Designer</b> <i>XD Lab, Government of Ontario</i>	May – December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Worked on four team projects, each spanning different stages in the design development cycle (discover, define, ideate, prototype, test).</li><li>Designed and conducted primary research activities, including interviews, usability tests, and ethnographic studies, to create, evaluate, and enhance services.</li><li>Collaborated with cross-functional teams to ensure research findings informed product iterations, while promoting user-centered, inclusive, and ethical design practices.</li></ul>	

## Mutual Aid Experience

<b>Food Server, Driver</b> <i>Food Not Bombs, Toronto</i>	2024 – Present
<b>Event Volunteer</b> <i>Sistering, Toronto</i>	2024
<b>Curatorial Committee Member</b> <i>The ArQuives, Toronto</i>	2023
<b>Library Committee Member</b> <i>QPIRG McGill Alternative Library, Montréal</i>	2021 – 2023
<b>Collections Assistant</b> <i>Artexte Information Centre, Montréal</i>	2022
<b>Computer Centre Desk Attendant</b> <i>Atwater Library, Montréal</i>	2022
<b>Book Donation Sorter</b> <i>Books to Prisoners, Montréal</i>	2022
<b>Peacekeeper, Buddy</b> <i>Every Child Matters March, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
<b>Gallery Assistant, Jury Member</b> <i>Art Matters &amp; Concordia Photo Collective, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
<b>Food Server, Gardener</b> <i>The People's Potato, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
<b>Goodreads Librarian</b> <i>Goodreads, remote</i>	2021
<b>Transcriber</b> <i>Library of Congress, remote</i>	2021
<b>Open Librarian</b> <i>Internet Archive, remote</i>	2021

## Additional Experience

<b>Photographic Archivist</b> <i>The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton</i>	2022 – 2023
<b>Specialized Indigenous Child &amp; Youth Support Worker</b> <i>Binkadi Community Services, Victoria</i>	2021
<b>Seasonal Postal Clerk</b> <i>Canada Post, Montréal</i>	2019 – 2021

<b>Community Event Coordinator</b> <i>West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Business Improvement Association, Vancouver</i>	2019
<b>Community Event Coordinator</b> <i>Fairbank Village Business Improvement Association, Toronto</i>	2018
<b>Revising Deputy Returning Officer (RDRO)</b> <i>Elections Ontario, Toronto</i>	2018
<b>Server, Shift Manager</b> <i>Krepsz, Toronto</i>	2015 – 2018

### Skills and Qualifications

Primary research (survey, interview, usability, observation, and ethnography methods)	Adobe Suite	Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Certification
	Microsoft Suite	
Secondary research (literature, task, and comparative review methods)	Google Suite	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training
	Figma	
Qualitative and quantitative analysis	GitHub	Trauma-Focused Caregiving Certification
	VS Code	Naloxone Certification
Sketching, wireframing and prototyping	Miro	Accessibility Note-Taker Certification