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Education

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

Professional Experience

Research Assistant <i>Just Sustainability Design Lab, University of Toronto</i>	January 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under the supervision of Dr. Christoph Becker, conduct research for various projects, create REB proposals, write and submit academic papers, and participate in conference presentations and workshops.• Create presentations and visual assets, manage social media, and use GitHub to support public engagement.	
Patient Partner Committee Member <i>Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto</i>	March 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively 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.• Write, design, and provide consultation on patient-facing communication materials including newsletters, surveys, committee updates, and research summaries.	
Experience Designer <i>XD Lab, Government of Ontario</i>	May – December 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked on four team projects, each spanning different stages in the design development cycle.• Designed and conducted user research activities, including interviews, usability tests, and ethnographic studies, to create, evaluate, and enhance services.• Created and presented prototypes and visual artifacts that integrated user feedback.• Collaborated with cross-functional teams to ensure research findings informed product iterations, while promoting user-centered, inclusive, and ethical design practices.	

Mutual Aid Experience

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

Additional Experience

Photographic Archivist <i>The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton</i>	2022 – 2033
Specialized Indigenous Child & Youth Support Worker <i>Binkadi Community Services, Victoria</i>	2021
Seasonal Postal Clerk <i>Canada Post, Montréal</i>	2019 – 2021

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

Skills and Qualifications

User research (conducting surveys, interviews, usability testing, observational and ethnographic studies)	Adobe Suite	Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Certification
Qualitative and quantitative analysis	Microsoft Suite	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training
Sketching, wireframing and prototyping	Figma	Trauma-Focused Caregiving Certification
	GitHub	Naloxone Certification
	VS Code	Accessibility Note-Taker Certification
	Miro	