

Lynn Priestley

Digital Narrative & Interactive Design

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SUMMARY

Detail-oriented college student with strong communication and problem-solving abilities. Passionate about making digital spaces accessible through inclusive design. Consistent research focus in the disability studies field, whether coursework-prompted or self-directed. Also interested in creative writing and the intersection of design with narrative to convey messages.

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

EXPECTED GRADUATION APRIL 2024 · GPA 4.0
B.A.

Digital Narrative and Interactive Design
(Online Media track)

Certificate

Disability Studies

Select Courses

Coding

Intro to Computing for the Humanities
Intermediate Programming

Design & Composition

Intro to Typography
Composing Digital Media
Integrating Writing and Design
Projects in Digital Composition

English

Project Seminar
Digital Humanity
Intro to Creative Writing
Narrative and Technology

Extracurricular Program

Emerging Leaders

SKILLS

Coding

Python
Java
HTML
CSS

Media

Audacity
Photoshop
Illustrator
InDesign
Figma

TEACHING

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Integrating Writing and Design · 01.2022 – 04.2022

- Drafted lesson plans for three topics (accessible design, zines, and style guides) that the class covered
- Executed the three 30-45 minute lectures outlined by the lesson plans and led related demos or activities
- Assisted during studio time by helping students navigate and learn the fundamentals of Adobe Photoshop and InDesign
- Provided students with feedback on their designs to help them gain a stronger understanding of design principles and accessibility

RESEARCH

Research Assistant

09.2021 – 12.2021

- Worked on serious healthcare game to improve understanding of self advocacy practices in cancer patients
- Responsible for creation of features matrix to identify value added by each feature, as well as missing features, and prioritize them accordingly for revision of the pilot version
- Created three separate, playable versions of one scenario within pilot game for a mini-study examining the effect of different choice pathways on learning objectives

LEADERSHIP

Vice President

ARTificial @ Pitt · 01.2021 – 01.2022

- Collaborated to organize special art club events, handling budgeting, advertising, and supply distribution, while remaining flexible to shifting covid regulations
- Created weekly presentations to explain art prompts and structure regular club meetings
- Strategized on adaptations to best cultivate community in a socially-distanced environment
- Helped organize the production, sale, and distribution of club merchandise

HONORS

Pitt Digital Media Showcase · 2022

"Body Language" Zine (awarded runner-up for Best in Show) and Fall 2021 Design Portfolio were both accepted into the showcase

Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Dean's List · 2021

University of Pittsburgh Academic Scholarship · 2019 – 2023

National Merit Scholarship Recipient · 2019 – 2023

OCC Honor Society · inducted fall 2020

Outside the Classroom Curriculum – completed activities for ten competency categories such as communication, leadership, and cultural awareness

Pitt School of Nursing Dean's List · 2019 – 2020