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CREATIVE | EDUCATION | LEADERSHIP

Résumé

Profile

- Two decades transforming vision into action as an academic director, active learning innovator, program developer, curriculum designer, and all things creative, with diverse teams and audiences
- Leading teams in designing and delivering active, learner-centered teaching and learning strategies, programs, curricula, assessments, and analytics to optimize efficacy and engagement
- The ability to advance the efficiency, efficacy, and spirit of teams, and craft meaningful, data-driven, human-centered learning experiences that catalyze system-wide change
- A talent for tech, a knack for storytelling, and the vision to transform how organizations engage their audiences and each other

Education

The University of Edinburgh, Moray House School of Education, College of Arts

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK: Master of Science (MSc), Digital Education (Honours)

Institutional Strategy for Online Education / Learning Engineering / Education Theory Research / Instructional Design / Learning Technologies / Learning Analytics / Educational Data Mining / Digital Game-Based Learning / Education Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Columbia University, Teachers College

New York, NY, USA: Learning Analytics: Process and Theory

Educational Data Mining / Intelligent Tutoring Systems / Artificial Intelligence in Human Learning

Ex'pression Center for New Media

Emeryville, CA, USA: Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc), Sound Arts (Honors)

Acoustics / Recording / Mixing / Mastering / Sound Design / Post Production / Signal Processing / Electronics / Electronic Composition / Interactive Audio / Multimedia Programming

Education Experience

Unforgettable Learning

Learning Engineering, Engagement, and Strategy Consultant

San Francisco, CA (Remote) September 2017 - Present

Leading corporate and academic teams in designing and delivering active, learner-centered teaching and learning strategies, programs, curricula, assessments, and analytics to optimize efficacy and engagement.

SAE Institute North America

North America (Remote)

January 2021 - November 2022

North America Director of Learning Design

- Founded the Learning Design department for the North America system of colleges from scratch.
- Led learning designers and learning media developers in collaboration with curriculum committees, SMEs, and XFNs to develop and implement creative arts higher education teaching and active learning applications in multiple modalities for 7 North American campuses.
- Served as the institutional expert for online and hybrid learning.
- Led academic and instructional innovation initiatives.
- Led the integration of learning design in the curriculum development of new academic programs and the enhancement of legacy programs.

- Oversaw systemwide learning management systems.
- Ensured institutional accreditation compliance and global educational quality standards.
- DE&I focused.

SAE Expression College

Emeryville, CA

Director of Education

October 2018 - September 2021

Chief academic and student affairs officer for the campus. Responsible for managing all aspects of academic operations on a practical, day-to-day, and long-term strategic basis, including oversight of academics, 60+ Program Chairs and faculty, Office of the Registrar, Student Services, student advising, library/learning resource center, student success, retention, technology, facilities, and implementation and maintenance of internal and external policies, including Standards of Accreditation. SEVIS principal designated school official (PDSO). Programs: Animation and Visual Effects, Game Art, Game Design and Development, Digital Filmmaking, Audio, Sound Arts, Interactive Audio, and Entertainment Business, as well as career preparation, fine arts, core, and general education courses.

Academic Programs Chair

April 2010 - December 2018

- Directed education and operations of Audio, Sound Arts, and Interactive Audio baccalaureate programs.
- Professor of Sound Design, Post, Electronic Music, Game Audio, Experimental Composition, Intermedia Installation, Interactive Environment Design, Recording Arts, Signal Processing, Technical and Creative Project Development, Capstone Research & Thesis Advisor.
- Chair, Instructional Design, North America (9 Campuses).
- Campus Instructional Technologist.
- Developed and managed the rollout of baccalaureate programs across campuses.
- College representative for Ed and Tech panels, conferences, and workshops.
- Awarded Instructor of the Year. Awarded Faculty Member of the Year.
- Responsible for improving KPIs, including measurable student success, new enrollments, attrition, and reentries.
- Apple, Avid, and Adobe certification liaison.
- Audio Engineering Society (AES) Student Chapter Advisor.
- Original Accreditation and renewal experience.
- Experienced in U.S. DoE Gainful Employment regulations for Title IV eligible programs.
- Experienced in Title IX regulations. Experienced in ADA protections and accommodations.
- Extensive policy development experience.
- Designed and executed annual department budgets and purchasing of \$XXM.
- Managed 124,000 square feet of audio/video facilities and equipment across two campuses, direct supervision of theater halls, lecture classrooms, music and post studios, computer labs, broadcast studio, campus radio station, live performance venues, and video production facilities.
- Diagnosed and troubleshoot analog and digital audio systems and implement solutions to ensure the reliable functioning of 40 zero-downtime studios and production suites.
- Managed extensive analog and digital media archives.
- Advised, planned, and supported Facilities in the design and development of the branch campus and the multi-million-dollar build-out of the main campus.

Executive Director of Professional Training

September 2008 - June 2014

Independently developed and led the professional training and certification branch of Expression College (Expression Pro) from the ground up. 221 unique students in the first year. Complete P&L responsibility. Authorized Training Center/Partner initiation experience. Courses/certifications in Apple (AATC), Avid (ALP), Ableton (ACTC), Adobe, social media, animation/visual effects, game design, filmmaking, creative coding, electronic music, synthesis, electronics, projection mapping, and installation. Ongoing training of 40 Pixar artists, Apple Gold Level distinction. Accreditation compliance. Hired, developed, and managed faculty and staff, developed curricula, instructional design, scheduling, budget, student advising, social media, and online course development.

Manager of Program Development

January 2009 - January 2012

Responsible for the development of new degree programs.

Academic Course Director and Assistant Professor

June 2002 - April 2010

Oversaw academic courses and taught in the Audio, Game, and Film programs.

SAE Institute North America

North America (Remote)

North America Chair of Curriculum Design

November 2015 - March 2019

Led North America team of instructional designers and SMEs in original program development, institutional strategy, compliance, market relevance, articulation, curricula, resources, active teaching and learning tools, and online platforms for Diplomas, Associate, and Bachelor degrees for 9 campuses.

After-School All-Stars

Oakland, CA

Instructional Designer (Volunteer)

January 2018 - January 2019

Developed comprehensive after-school arts programs in underrepresented communities.

San Francisco State University

San Francisco, CA

Lecturer and Curricula Designer

September 2012 - November 2015

Lecturer and Curricula Designer, Graduate and Undergraduate level courses: Sound Design, Advanced Recording & Production, Post Production, Electronic Music, Game Audio. Student review average: 9.73/10.

Apple Training Hawaii

Kilauea, HI

Executive Director

February 2011 - June 2015

Founded professional certification training centers from the ground up. Oversaw academics and operations. Complete P&L responsibility. Designed programs, courses, curricula, and policy.

Creative Experience

THE STUDI/O International

Chief Creative

July 1993 - Present

Multimedia expert production and consulting: music/sound, games/interactive media, AR/VR, and mixed media composition, design, studio, performance, installation, and production for hundreds of artists and companies, including Apple, Google, LeapFrog, Honor Code, Legends The Game, Robot Invader, Eagre Games, OtoCast, Universal Audio, Ableton, Twisted Tools, iZotope, Imagine Research, Tarpan Studios, WorkforceLogic, Bag End, City of Emeryville, SEAMUS, Peachpit Press, Focal Press, KSFR Santa Fe Public Radio, Shure, SMACNA, 1Light Media, Country Road Films, Harbor Picture Company, Stardust Brands, Alsiona, Mazrine, Massimiliano Giornetti, Salvatore Ferragamo, GQ, Playboy, Vogue Magazine, PSY, PETA, (dub pioneer) Scientist, Greg Phillinganes, Siedah Garrett, Narada Michael Walden, James Taylor, Carole King, Smokey Robinson, Billy Joel, Sting, Elton John, and Katy Perry.

Country Road Films

Los Angeles, CA

Producer, Composer, Music Supervisor

February 2011 - August 2015

Multimedia production, mastering, composition, and performance for clientele including GQ, Playboy, Vogue, PSY, and Katy Perry.

Narada Michael Walden - Tarpan Studios

San Rafael/Los Angeles, CA

Producer, Songwriter, Arranger, Recording, Mixing, and Mastering Engineer

July 2001 - September 2004

Worked closely with one of Billboard Magazine's Top Ten Producers of All Time: 57 #1 Hits, multi-GRAMMY, Emmy & multi-Platinum, Producer and Artist Narada Michael Walden. Worked on countless projects, including work for artists James Taylor, Carole King, Smokey Robinson, Greg Phillinganes, Siedah Garrett, Billy Joel, Sting, and Elton John.

"A man for all seasons...from Ahmad Jamal to the hippest in contemporary music, Chris knows how it's done...a whiz with the computer and the drums. Chris has the genius touch." - Narada Michael Walden

KSFR Santa Fe Public Radio

Santa Fe, NM

On Air Host and Show Producer

September 1997 - May 1998

Producer and On-Air Host for prime-time radio shows 'Artist Portrait,' 'Stereo Jelly,' 'Eclecticism,' and 'All Talk Don't Bounce.'