# Kristine Mendoza

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## **EDUCATION**

# Carnegie Mellon University University of Madeira December 2013

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Masters in Human-Computer Interaction, School of Computer Science

# Fordham University, Cum Laude May 2006

B.A. Economics
B.A. International Political Economy
Oxford University

Junior Year Abroad, 2004 - 2005 Philosophy, Politics and Economics

#### **DESIGN METHODS**

Participatory Design
Contextual Inquiry
Usability Testing
Heuristic Evaluations
Think Aloud
Sketching
Wireframing
Storyboards
Personas and Scenarios

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Illustrator/InDesign/Photoshop Balsamiq/Axure Keynote

#### **VOLUNTEER**

Women's Shelter, St Ignatious Loyola Soup Kitchen, St. Francis Xavier Job Readiness Mentor, Streetwise Partners HIV Outreach, Global Outreach: Romania Tutor, City Squash

# **PROJECTS**

# Wow!Systems, Jan - Dec 2013

Product and User Experience Designer for new writing application; will be deployed on iOS in early 2014

- Worked with a multi-disciplinary student team to narrow down focus on an undefined product using human-centered research techniques
- Interviewed over 30 writers, both on-site and remotely
- · Created concepts based on feedback, generated over 50 product ideas
- Defined product using personas, scenarios and use cases
- Built paper and mid-fi prototypes, which include interactions

#### Madeira Story Centre, Jan - May 2013

Service Design

- · Created service concept aimed at increasing museum's profitability
- Used stakeholder, customer journey, experience cycle models as tools for ideation and communication with client

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Patch.com, Sept 2010 - Dec 2011

Researcher, Business Directory

- · Composed original content for community-focused digital media startup
- Cultivated relationships with business stakeholders to promote brand and generate advertising campaigns

#### Police Athletic League, Mar 2010 – Jan 2011

**Educational Coordinator** 

- Facilitated group workshops for 30 teenagers in Juvenile Justice System
- Tutored all subjects with traditional and out of the box teaching methods
- · Helped in creation of holistic intern program

# Achievement First, Sept 2008 – Sept 2010

Tutor

- Assessed literacy and math for elementary and middle school
- Tailored and iterated session according to tests and standards
- Piloted Leveled Literacy Summer Program