

# ELLEN VAN WYK

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## Education

### University of California, Berkeley

2016

Master of Information Management  
and Systems

### University of Washington, Seattle

2013

BS, Neurobiology  
BA with Honors, Visual Arts

## Design + Research

### UX DESIGNER + RESEARCHER / Cornell University - Cornell Tech

Aug 2016 – Present / Remote from Berkeley, CA

Redesigned Local Ground, a tool for spatial storytelling and analysis.  
Conducted user research and created interactive prototype, including  
visual design, in HTML/CSS/JavaScript. Presented UI at workshop.

### DESIGNER + RESEARCHER / UC Berkeley School of Information

Aug 2015 – Aug 2016 / Berkeley, CA

Wrote sections of research papers and designed research experiment.  
Designed and built two websites using HTML, CSS, and Wordpress.

### UX DESIGN INTERN / Amazon.com

Summer 2015 / Seattle, WA

Conducted competitive research and developed wireframes for Amazon  
Marketing Services with input from management and engineering.  
Developed high fidelity prototype for usability testing with 7 users.  
Analyzed user study results and finalized UX and visual design of feature  
scheduled for release in 2016.

### DESIGN CLASS T.A. / UC Berkeley School of Information

Spring 2015 + 2016 / Berkeley, CA

Developed assignments and critiqued student work for graduate level  
design class.

### RESEARCHER / UW Computer Science Department

2013 – 2014 / Seattle, WA

Wrote sections of research paper that received positive reviewer feedback.  
Designed, conducted, and analyzed user study, including survey.  
Developed components of math model in MATLAB that were integrated  
into Maya plugin prototype.

## Featured Projects

### DESIGNER, RESEARCHER + DEVELOPER / et al Health

Spring 2016 / Berkeley, CA

Designed wireframes and HTML/  
CSS for doctor search tool.  
Conducted interviews, usability  
tests, and competitive analysis.  
Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 260 in our Big Ideas  
track and won the Chen award.

### ANIMATOR + DESIGNER / UW Animation Capstone

2012-2013 / Seattle, WA

Contributed to production of a 5  
minute animated short in Maya.

## Tools + Skills

Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign  
Sketch and Axure  
Autodesk Maya  
HTML, CSS, and JavaScript  
MATLAB  
Wordpress  
Certified Natural Science Illustrator

## Leadership + Outreach

### MENTOR / UC Berkeley Code 510

Fall 2014 - Present / Berkeley, CA

Helped high schoolers develop games in Unity, Maya, and JavaScript in  
weekly meetings. Organized workshops on visual and UX design.

### PORTFOLIO INSTRUCTOR / UC Berkeley School of Information

Fall 2015 / Berkeley, CA

Co-taught 1-credit portfolio class. All students secured internships.

### EDITOR + ART DIRECTOR / UW Neuroscience Journal Grey Matters

2012 – 2014 / Seattle, WA

Raised \$3,000 for journal and established community of over 50 members.