Simon Griffee

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Summary

I work with photography, art direction, design and editing to observe and absorb and then craft and convey information that hopefully helps make our world a better place. I have diverse technical skills and enjoy learning.

Experience

Designer, Photographer, Printer

Milton Glaser, Inc., New York City, 2015 – Designing, photographing, editing and printing for Milton Glaser.

Graphic Designer

Columbia University, Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, New York City, 2015–Visual design work to promote the Academy's projects from music and visual arts to robotics and neuroscience.

User Experience Designer & Developer (Information Systems Officer)

Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations, Rome, Italy & Worldwide, 2009–2015: Helped increase funding and the number of contracting parties to the International Plant Protection Convention and raise public awareness of its work. Helped people from around the world with web information publishing.

Independent Designer · *Hypertexthero, Worldwide, 2005–2009*:

Completed a variety of successful user experience, interactive, web and editorial design projects for various clients, from large companies in London and internet startups in the Bay Area to non-profits and United Nations agencies in Rome.

Education

Stanford University 2006: Concept Design Workshop at Stanford University's d.school.

Bournemouth University 1996–1999: B.A. with Honours in Creative Advertising.

Arts University Bournemouth 1997–1998: City & Guilds Diploma, Distinction in Photography.

Skills

Personal: Communicate clearly, enjoy learning and finding the right questions by listening to people and through project briefs. Enjoy crafting solutions working with the elements of user experience: strategy, scope, structure, skeleton and surface. Like fast, simple interfaces and good writing over excessive style.

Languages & Software: Speak and write in English and Portuguese fluently, Italian well and French and Spanish somewhat amusingly. Highly experienced with Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom). Experienced with hand-coding of HTML, CSS and some JavaScript. Fairly experienced with Python and Django, Git and GitHub. Know some Ruby and PHP, including Jekyll and Wordpress.

Visual Design: Drawing with pencil, pen and chalk on paper, white and black boards, or with and on whatever is at hand. Typography and layout to make things beautiful and useful. Candid photography, usually on the street using rangefinder and small cameras.