Simon Griffee

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Summary

I love working with people to move things from an existing condition to a preferred one. Whether visual, interactive or experience, my work is design.

Experience

Designer, Developer & QA Specialist

United Nations Archives and Records Management Section, 2016–Present Improved quality and speed of the archiving of documents from Ban Ki-moon's tenure as Secretary General of the UN.

Graphic Designer

Columbia University, Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, 2015–Present Raised the number of event bookings, attendees and fellowship applications with visual design work promoting the academy and its projects.

Designer, Developer, Printer

Milton Glaser Inc., 2015-2016

Completed an identity design project for a U.S. state, a Japanese accessories manufacturer and a music festival. Developed an image catalogue application and produced editioned fine prints of Milton Glaser's artwork.

UX Designer & Developer

Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations, Rome, Italy & Worldwide, 2009–2015 Increased funding, number of members and amount of plant protection information contributed to the International Plant Protection Convention of the United Nations with web development, branding and information management work.

Education

Bournemouth University B.A. with Honours in Creative Advertising. **Arts University Bournemouth** City & Guilds Diploma, Distinction in Photography. **Stanford University** Concept Design Workshop at Stanford University's d.school.

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). Seasoned hand-coding of HTML and CSS, some JavaScript. Practical knowledge of Python and Django, Git and GitHub, some Ruby, PHP, Drupal and Wordpress, Unix shell, SQL and OCR.

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.