# Khalil A. Somani

# **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a user experience job in design or research, where I can use my problem solving abilities and creativity to consistently exceed the expectations of the user. My portfolio can be viewed at khalilsomani.com.

# **EDUCATION**

Double Degree in Human Centered Design and Engineering (B.S.) and Psychology (B.S.) University of Washington College of Engineering, Seattle, Class of 2017

- Current GPA: 3.61

# **EMPLOYMENT**

# UI/UX Intern, Datstat

**June 2016 – September 2016** 

- Using Adobe Illustrator and Balsamiq to wireframe interfaces and interactions for incoming software platforms, patient portals, and client-facing applications
- Working to advance user experience and enhance application of use (via interactions, onboarding, etc.). Examples
  include designing a messaging system for patients to collectively interact with all their healthcare providers, and
  creating a top-user benefits model to display core benefits to clients on first exposure to new Datstat applications

# **Technical Specialist Intern, Datstat**

**December 2015 - June 2016** 

- Creating and designing survey interfaces for healthcare clinics and research institutions/universities
- Utilizing skills in HTML/CSS and Javascript to generate custom survey data and display solutions for clients

# Ability and Innovation Lab: Paid Research Assistant

**September 2015 - June 2016** 

- Designing approaches to analyze Long-Term EMG data utilizing Delsys and OpenBCI systems to improve daily muscle activity in people with neurological disorders such as hemiplegic cerebral palsy
- Creating data visualization methods for patients and heath care institutions

#### TECHNOLOGY/DESIGN SKILLS

**Web Design:** Adobe Illustrator, Balsamiq, InVision, Axure RP, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Microsoft Office Suite **Favorite Techniques:** Affinity diagramming, Wireframing, Prototyping, Personas, Surveys, Interviews, Usability Testing

#### **PROJECTS**

# Link Light Rail Design Project

**April 2016** 

- Created a live feed of user input through a large on-site console as well as a mobile application platform to provide efficiency and clarity of travel with greater reliability and usage of time

# **UW Study Space, User Research Project**

**March 2016** 

- Conducted user research in order to understand how students use campus study spaces
- Derived detailed analysis on ideal student study environments from 3 deep-hanging out field observation sessions, semi-structured interviews with 3 users, and a survey of 34 users

#### **Brand Identity Redesign Project**

November 2015

- Rebranded website and mobile landing pages as well as brand guidelines for the Washington Trails Association

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# **Dorsey Clinical Psychology Lab: Research Assistant**

December 2015 - June 2016

- Assessing Orphaned Children and Caregivers on evidence-based treatment for villages in Kenya and Tanzania

# Cortical and Cognitive Dynamics Lab: Research Assistant

February 2013 - December 2015

- Conducting research for BBB Language Experiment and UCLIMB Learning Study
- Heading Human Centered Design Research for a Neurofeedback EEG Study, assisting in feature implementation, running EEG and computerized experimental tasks, creating lab specific Raven's Progressive Matrices post-test tasks, training research assistants, presenting research