

# Kristina Shirk

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## Education

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

M.S., Scientific and Technical Communication / 2019

Public Health Minor

University of Wisconsin - Madison

B.S., English Linguistics / 2017

Digital Communications Minor

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## Technical Skills

- Adobe Suite (Indesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat)
  - Structured Authoring (XML, DITA, Markdown, FrameMaker, Oxygen Editor, PTC Arbortext)
  - Web Development (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Jekyll, WordPress, Drupal)
  - Programming (Python)
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## Experience

Graco Inc. - Minneapolis, MN

Technical Writer / 2019-Present; Technical Writing Intern / Summer - Fall 2019

- Authored user-focused technical materials for Graco products in accordance with corporate, engineering, and legal standards.
- Reviewed and revised published materials to address product updates and evolving content requirements.
- Managed the translation process for technical material.

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN

Teaching Assistant / Fall 2019

- Mentored graduate and undergraduate students to develop technical skills with digital writing and web development tools including git, GitHub, HTML, CSS, XML, and DITA.
- Developed dynamic, web-based instructional material to supplement course material - <https://kristinashirk.github.io/digital-tech/>.
- Worked closely with course instructors to identify students' learning weak points and develop appropriate instructional solutions.

Asmodee North America Publishing - Roseville, MN

Production Coordinator / 2017-2019

- Facilitated communication between producers, localization teams, and manufacturers.
  - Managed production schedules to ensure on-time delivery of customer orders.
  - Created best practices and training documentation for internal processes.
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## Published Works

- Helping Users Help Themselves: Assessing Corporate Web Accessibility - May 2019 - [University of Minnesota's Digital Conservancy](#)
- Selective Inhibition of Neisseria gonorrhoeae by a Dithiazoline in Mixed Infections with Lactobacillus gasseri - September 2018 - [American Society for Microbiology's Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy publication](#)