Lan Zhang

+ education

2018 - 2020 MFA Design and Technology 4.0 / 4.0

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

2013 - 2017 BS Advertising Art Direction, honor cum laude 3.65/4.0

Syracuse University, New York, NY

+ experience

Feb 2020 - present Front-End Research Assistant

Semantic Dive Project, New York, NY

- + Tested and built data visualizations of text nodes for web and mobile platforms
- + Explored designs of front-end interfaces that help users understand qualitative data

Jan 2020 - Mar 2020 Programming Participant

Recurse Center, Brooklyn, NY

- + Developed a terminal comedy bot
- + Created generative tools for computational comedy performances
- + Self-taught Vue.js, GLSL/OpenGL
- + Gave a technical presentation on a computational comedy web application

Aug 2019 - Dec 2019 Immersive Storytelling Teaching Assistant

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

- + Led weekly recitation/workshop of 25 undergraduate students for Dr. Anezka Sebek
- + Faciliated critical discussions and debates around emerging technologies
- + Developed and taught Unity and Arduino beginner-friendly workshops
- + Helped students brainstorm, develop and iterate technical and storytelling projects
- + Assisted hosting the end-of-semester class showcase of 75 students

May 2019 - Aug 2019 MFA Bootcamp Coding Teaching Fellow

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

- + Collaboratively developed a curriculum around coding fundamentals with other TFs
- + Independently developed an elective curriculum-"Object, Class, and Particle System"
- + Taught incoming first-year graduate students to code creatively with Processing

Aug 2018 - Jan 2019 Creative Coding Tutor Specialist

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

- + Hosted tutoring hours for Com Design undergraduate students for HTML/CSS/JS
- + Helped students understand how to use the web as a creative medium
- + Taught incoming first-year graduate students to code creatively with Processing

May 2017 - July 2018 Art Director

Publicis Worldwide North America, New York, NY

- + Worked on the Citi Bank Sponsorship team
- + Developed the (2017-present) visual identity for the yearly Urbanspace Holiday Market
- + Art directed on campaigns for the Mets, Urbanspace, President's cup, Harlem Eatup
- + Worked on print ads, outdoor campaigns, digital campaigns, VI design, mobile UI/UX

Dec 2016 - May 2017 Art Director, Designer

AAF National Student Advertising Competition, New York, NY

- + Developed the visual Identity for 'Taipei' frozen food campaign
- + Designed book, presentation deck and social content

Jun 2014 - Aug 2016 Designer

School of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

- + Designed prints, posters, and visual identity materials for student organizations
- + Produced promotional campaigns for the school
- + Photographed for events and campaign materials

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016 Art Director Intern

The Halo Group, New York, NY

- + Designed and art directed for accounts like NYU, NYCA, Shoprite, and It's learning
- + Participated in various new business pitches

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015 Creative Intern

Saatchi & Saatchi, Beijing, China

+ Designed social materials for accounts like Lexus, Oral-B, Mazda, and Yili

+ workshops/performances/exhibitions

Mar 2020 Hack(Comedy) Performance

CultureHub, LaMama Experimental Theater, New York, NY

Mar 2020 "Natural Language Processing with Python" Dorkshop Workshop

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

Nov 2019 Performing with "Hitchhiker" Performance

Babycastles, New York, NY

Aug 2019 "Body Fun Jewelry Making" Dorkshop Workshop

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

Aug 2019 "Advanced Processing: Object, Class and Particle System" Bootcamp Elective

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

2017 S.I. Newhouse Advertising Gallery Exhibition

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

+ awards

2019 - 2020 Parsons Graduate Student Research Fund

2018 - 2020 Parsons Dean's Scholarship

2016 - 2017 Graphis New Talent Student Advertising Award

1 platinum award, 3 silver awards, 2 merit awards

2017 AAF National Student Advertising Competition District 2 Winner