

Maya Benari

EDUCATION

BA Art History, UCLA

Courses in Design Media Arts 2006-2011

UC Education Abroad Program: Brazil and Italy

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Code for America [Jan 2014 – Present]

Fellow with the City of San Antonio

- Designed and developed web applications to make city governments more participatory, efficient, and open
- Streamlined paper processes to make it easier for residents to apply for building permits and empower residents to own the city they live in
- Collaborated with city government officials to build policies to sustain the civic hacking movement

Independent Design Professional [2009 – 2013]

Branding, Web Design, and Development Specialist

- Ongoing collaborative practice with clients and agencies
- Specialize in design, development, and strategy for the web

44 Pixels [Oct 2012 – Dec 2013]

Frontend Developer

- Collaborated with lead designers to develop clean and usable frontends and fully integrate them with Wordpress CMS
- Built custom field template systems allowing clients to easily update their sites

verynice [Dec 2010 – Dec 2013]

Designer, Developer, Volunteer

- Ongoing collaborator on 10+ projects for global clientele
- Manage technical web projects using WordPress
- Lead development on interactive designs and digital storytelling

World Affairs Council of Brazil (CAIB) [May 2011 – Dec 2013]

Executive Committee, Web Specialist

- Lead the USA & Brazil teams to launch a new web presence
- Developing strategies for CAIB to educate and engage Brazilians of all ages in international affairs and critical global issues
- Initiated a social media integration to grow the CAIB's presence in Brazil to 1000+ active members

UCLA [Sept 2006 – June 2008]

Art Director and Marketing Designer

- Collaborate in production meetings to define marketing strategy
- Launched campaigns for "Art Echoes," SCA, and UCLAlive
- Designed feature posters, catalogs, and postcards (5000 circulated)

INTERNSHIPS

RadicalMedia™ [Jan 2009 – June 2009]

Production Intern

Milan Records [June 2008 – Sept 2008]

Graphic Design Intern

MGM Studios [June 2008 – Sept 2008]

Marketing and Public Relations Intern

SKILLS

- **Technical Skills:** User-Centered Design, Graphic Design, Interaction Design, Responsive Web Design, Mobile First, Web Development, Frontend Development, User Experience, User Interface, User Research, Usability Testing, Accessibility, Information Architecture, Content Strategy, Branding & Identity, Typography, Ideation, Prototyping, Agile Methodology, Scrum
- **Programming Languages:** Fluent in HTML5, CSS3, Sass, and Markdown. Working knowledge in JavaScript and jQuery. Integrations with Ruby on Rails.
- **Software:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Webflow, Balsamiq, Git, Github, Jekyll, WordPress, Pivotal Tracker, Trello, Typeform, E-commerce platforms, Google Analytics

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Code for America Fellowship, one of 30 fellows selected from a pool of 700+ applicants for the Code for America fellowship, a yearlong public service program that selects technology professionals to build web and mobile technologies that make city governments more participatory, efficient and open, 2014
- Published Case Study and Featured Developer, WooThemes, 2012
- "A Logo for Human Rights" Global Design Challenge – Top 100 Finalist out of 15,000 entries worldwide, 2011
- Warren Christopher Scholarship, 2006-2010
- UCLA Alumni Association Scholarship, 2006-2010
- Featured Visual Artist and Speaker, UCLA Art + Activism's World AIDS Day, 48 Hours to Action, 2007
- Photographer and Digital Artist, Kerkhoff Gallery, "Women for Change" Exhibit, UCLA Photography

GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- UCLA Alumni Association, '07-'11
- UCLA Film and Photography Society, '08-'11
- Founder, Art Collective, 100 member Student Chapter, '07-'10
- Published, UCLA Forum for Energy Economics Journal, '08-'09

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST