SARAH CHEKFA

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EDUCATION

Cornell University · 2015 — 2019 · GPA: 3.90

B.A. Information Science (User Experience)

B.A. Government • Business Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cornell U. Dept. of Information Science · Teaching Assistant

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2017 — Dec. 2017

Selected by Professor Phoebe Sengers to TA her class, INFO 4240: Designing Technology for Social Impact. Held office hours & graded student assignments.

CROWDPAC • Digital Media Fellow

San Francisco, CA · Summer 2017

Managed digital & social media content. Designed marketing materials & wrote copy. Tracked digital metrics & ad analytics. Wrote fundraising emails to potential political campaign donors.

BBDO · Advertising Intern

Kuwait City, Kuwait · Summer 2016

Performed social media competitor SWOT analysis to improve advertising communications. Wrote creative briefs to guide the work. Conducted regional industry research.

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Virtual Embodiment Lab · Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2017 — Dec. 2017

Utilized Oculus Rift, Unity, FaceGen, & DAZ to assist with a study exploring how mediated experiences change people's perceptions in VR. Ran participants, created avatars, coded responses, & transcribed audio.

Kitsch Magazine · Section Editor

Ithaca, NY \cdot Sept. 2015 – May 2016 \cdot Aug. 2017 — now Write and edit articles for an alternative opinion & feature mag.

Cornell U. Sustainable Design (CUSD) · UX Designer

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2016 — now

Currently designing a real-time bus information interface for the public transportation system in Tompkins County, NY.

The Cornell Daily Sun · Writer

Ithaca, NY · Aug. 2016 - now

Write articles examining modern social & political culture.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop + InDesign Sketch HTML/CSS InVision, Origami Python, Java, PHP, SQL Social Media Analytics

DESIGN THINKING SKILLS

Contextual Interviews
Affinity Diagrams
Persona Creation
Storyboarding
User Testing
Paper Prototyping
Balsamiq Wireframing
Heuristic Evaluations
User Evaluations

PROJECTS

UX Designer & Researcher

FALL 2017: Designed an app & watch to decrease & manage the consequences of excessive drinking on college campuses. Worked in a team of 6.

Product Designer

WINTER BREAK 2017: Conducted a case study on the Depop iOS app, redesigning the Explore page so that it is personalized for each user and promotes increased exposure for smaller sellers.

HONORS

Cornell Arts & Sciences: Dean's List Fall 2015 — Present

Creative Sprint: Honorable MentionOctober 2017 / Team of 4

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Silver Key Spring 2015