SARAH CHEKFA

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EDUCATION

Cornell University \cdot 2015 - 2019 \cdot GPA: 3.81

B.A. Information Science (UX Design & Interactive Technologies) B.A. Government • Business Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VICE Media · Product Design Intern

Brooklyn, NY · Summer 2018

Designed an end-to-end podcast user experience to encourage users to discover, listen, & subscribe to VICE podcasts. Worked with the engineering intern to prototype and develop my designs.

Cornell U. Dept. of Information Science • Teaching Assistant

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2017 — Dec. 2017 · Aug. 2018 — now

Currently TA INFO 1200: Information Ethics, Law, & Policy. Previously: INFO 4240: Designing Technology for Social Impact. Hold office hours, grade student assignments, ideate micro-activities for lecture.

CROWDPAC • Digital Media Fellow

San Francisco, CA · Summer 2017

Managed digital & social media content. Designed digital marketing materials & wrote copy. Tracked digital metrics & ad analytics, improving performance on socials.

BBDO · Client Service 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

Thumbnail. • Graphic Designer & Event Planner

Ithaca, NY · Feb. 2019 — now

Follow the Pecha Kucha format to create an interdisciplinary platform for the exchange of various viewpoints, ideas, & topics that affect our everyday.

Virtual Embodiment Lab · Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2017 — Dec. 2017

Utilized Oculus Rift, Unity, FaceGen, & DAZ to explore how mediated experiences change people's perceptions in virtual reality.

Kitsch Magazine · "Bite Size" Section Editor

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2015 - May 2016 · Aug. 2017 - now

Write & edit articles for an alternative opinion & feature mag. Manage the Bite Size section, which features shorter, more experimental pieces.

Cornell U. Sustainable Design · UX Designer & Content Curator

Ithaca, NY · Sept. 2016 — now

Designed a real-time, innovative bus information system interface for TCAT, the public transportation system in Tompkins County, NY.

The Cornell Daily Sun · Writer

Ithaca, NY · Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2017 · Jan. 2019 - now Write articles examining modern social & political culture.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Sketch

Adobe Creative Suite
HTML/CSS
Invision, Principle, Origami
Python, Java, PHP, SQL, JS
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 experience 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 6/7 Semesters

Creative Sprint: Honorable Mention October 2017

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Silver Key
Spring 2015