

# NICK SIMONS

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## Work Experience

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### **UX Research Associate** Dec. 2020 - Present

*PRO Unlimited @ Google Geo*

Conducting qualitative studies in quick project cycles with Google Maps, analyzing results, and presenting findings to embedded designers, engineers, PMs, and researchers

### **Data Visualization Researcher** June 2017 - Aug. 2017

*Bucknell University Research Project*

Revised and developed a data visualization-curating Google Chrome extension, designed user tests

## Projects

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### **UX Researcher/ Technology Lead** Jan. 2020 - Aug. 2020

*The Pittsburgh Foundation MHCI Capstone Project*

Performed a variety of research and synthesis exercises to design a novel philanthropic tool, led research and relations with external foundations, and generated realistic tech recommendations

### **Research Lead/ Interaction Designer** Feb. 2020 - May 2020

*Social Music App for Social Web course*

Set goals and deadlines for user research, designed and conducted tests, and prototyped interactions and animations for a socially driven music application

### **UX Researcher/ Product Manager** Jan. 2020 - May 2020

*Rapid Prototyping for Computer Systems course*

Researched Parkinson's Disease and those impacted by it, established requirements for a computer system, and ensured different teams met those requirements in building the system

## Education

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### **Carnegie Mellon University**

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2020

Master of Human-Computer Interaction

### **Bucknell University**

Aug. 2014 - May 2018

Bachelor of Arts, double major in Computer Science & Psychology

## Methods

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Think-aloud testing  
Grounded theory analysis  
Open-ended text coding  
Storyboard speed dating  
Affinity diagramming  
Agile methodology  
Digital and paper prototyping

## Tools

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Figma  
Mural  
Trello  
Git  
Linux Environments  
Firebase  
Visual Studio Code