NICK SIMONS

San Francisco, CA

607-331-7008
nicholas.r.simons@gmail.com
linkedin.com/in/simons-nick
nicholasrsimons.com

Work Experience

Google, via PRO Unlimited: UX Research Associate
Contract position with Geo, Dec. 2020 – Today
Conducting qualitative studies in quick project cycles with Google Maps, analyzing results, and presenting findings to embedded designers, engineers, PMs, and researchers

Bucknell University : Student Researcher
CS Department research, June 2017 – Aug. 2017
Revised and developed a data visualization-curating Google Chrome extension, designed user tests

Projects

Pittsburgh Foundation : UX Researcher/ Tech Lead
MHCI Capstone, Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2020
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

Music App Design : Research Lead/ Interaction Designer
Social Web course, Feb. 2020 – May 2020
Set goals and deadlines for user research, designed and conducted tests, and prototyped interactions and animations for a socially driven music application

Tool for Parkinson's : UX Researcher/ Product Manager
Rapid Prototyping course, Jan. 2020 – May 2020
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

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

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

Tools

Figma
Mural
Trello
Git
Linux Environments
Firebase
Visual Studio Code