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Work Experience

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

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

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
Storyboard speed dating
Affinity diagramming
Agile methodology
Digital and paper prototyping

Tools

Figma
Mural
Trello
Git
Linux Environments
Firebase
Visual Studio Code