

Skills

Software:

Photoshop, Indesign, Illustrator, Auto CAD, Sketchup, Balsamiq Mockups, PowerPoint, Microsoft Office

Methods:

User-Centered Design, Situated-Action Prototyping, Rapid Ideation, Participant Observation, Persona Development, Scenario Development, Conducting Interviews, Conducting Surveys, Storyboarding, Ethnographic Research, Design Thinking, Task Analysis, On-Site User Testing, Activity Theory, Mental Models, Conceptual Models

Across Discipline:

Public Speaking, Leadership, Communication, Group Work, Management, Teaching, Mentoring

Work Experience

Freelance Voice and Data Subcontractor

Kosary Cabling Inc. in Carrollton, Tx | October 2012 - January 2014

Delivered voice and data cabling and telephone services to clients.

- Led first day of service equipment training.
- Wrote proposals and cable quotes.
- Edited and marked-up digital cabling plans.
- Managed small scale projects.
- Trained new employees.
- Managed invoicing and billing.

Volunteer in Russian Orphanage with Disabled Children

ANDORC in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation | June - October 2012

Partnered with Sanitakarars (Russian Nurses) to maintain the hygiene, health, safety and well being of twelve Russian children with disabilities.

- Empathized with the children and vowed to treat them as children (and not as institutional beings) by singing, reading and encouraging them to laugh.
- Encouraged a welcoming and loving environment for the children.
- Allotted one hour a day, four days a week, for 1:1 development and life skills training.
- Maintained a strict schedule and rules.
- Overcame the language barrier by learning a basic Russian work vocabulary and pairing it with gestures and body language when communicating with staff.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Kansas in Lawrence, Ks | July 2011 - May 2012

Assisted in teaching both graduate and undergraduate students Human Factors, Design Methods and an Industrial Design Studio under the direction of Richard Branham. Assisted a blind graduate student with her thesis research and project development.

- Offered constructive criticism and appropriate data to encourage students to further develop projects.
- Maintained courses' Blackboard Sites.
- Co-facilitated discussions.
- Recorded attendance and students' progress.

Education

MA Interaction Design

The University of Kansas

August 2010 - May 2012

GPA 3.93

BA Environmental Design

Texas A&M University

August 2006 - May 2010

GPA 3.78

Study Abroad Italy

Santa Chiara Study Center

January 2009 - May 2009

GPA 4.0

Workshops

Workshops that have recently been attended include:

Design For Social Impact

AC4D in Austin, Tx | March 2014

Focus:

- Guerilla Ethnography
- Rapid Ideation
- Storyboard Prototyping

Turning A Blind Eye to

Usability

SxSW in Austin, Tx | March 2014

Focus:

- Web Accessibility
- Web Usability
- Product Accessibility
- Product Usability

Global Design Service Jam

Jam in Lawrence, Ks | 2011

Focus:

- Design Services That Help Others
- Creation of An Application Concept to Help The Blind

Work Experience

Lead Nursery Teacher

GEPC in Lawrence, Ks | December 2010 - May 2012

Partnered with another teacher to oversee the health, safety and well being of 7-20 two-year olds during Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study.

- Planned and taught Bible Lessons.
- Facilitated crafts, music and other interactive lessons.
- Maintained a fluid schedule.
- Checked-in and monitored children.
- Kept the shared classroom organized.
- Provided a safe environment for children to engage.

Weekend Caregiver

CLO in Lawrence, Ks | September 2010 - September 2011

Oversaw the health, safety and well being of three consumers (adults with disabilities).

- Taught consumers life skills.
- Planned and executed community outings.
- Followed and maintained a consistent schedule.
- Maintained a level of professionalism and calmness at all times.
- Constantly aware of surroundings and the consumers behavior for their safety and the public's safety.
- Administered medication.
- Maintained confidentiality.

Lead Nursery Teacher

Grace Bible Church in College Station, Tx | September 2007 - May 2010

Oversaw the health, safety and well being of 5-20 children between the ages of 6 Months to 4 years of age during: Sunday Morning Services, Wednesday Evening Services and Thursday Morning Bible Study. The last two years, were spent primarily with two-year olds.

- Planned and taught Bible Lessons.
- Facilitated crafts, music and other interactive lessons.
- Maintained a fluid schedule.
- Checked-in and monitored children.
- Kept the shared classroom organized.
- Taught volunteers ways they could assist the children.
- Provided a safe environment for children to engage.

Lighting Design Intern

Lighting Design Alliance in Los Angeles, Ca | June 2008 - August 2008

Interned under Jeremy Windle's Team consisting of himself, Jenn Doran and Sara Dixon.

- Generated, mocked-up and corrected Lighting CAD Documents and Specifications.
- Assisted on site visits and final stages of aiming lights.
- Built and tested mock-Up fixture and alcove models.

Publications

Finalist in 2012 Nurture Collegiate Healthcare Design Competition: Project Titled:Nurturing U Mentioned in November 2012 Issue of Design Healthcare and Blog November 2012

sp[A.C.E.]: Student's Personal Academic Collaboration Environments ProQuest/UMI April 2012

Turned On Light Show "Color Oasis Image 6," 2007. Archone. Newsletter of the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University 2008

Installations

Langford Bridge at Texas A&M University

in College Station, Tx
2008 - Current

Milano Mi Fa Male-NABA Salone Di Mobile

in Milan, Italy
Spring 2009

Turned On Light Showcase

in College Station, Tx
Fall 2007

References

Available upon request.