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Self-motivated and inspired individual with a passion for experience and environmental design. 5+ years experience working collaboratively on successful design projects for web, mobile, product, and performance.

## Areas of Expertise

User Experience Design User Interface Design Design Theory + Practice Information Architecture Native Mobile Design Wireframing + Prototyping Research Theatre Product Design

Copywriting Marketing Physical Computing

## Education

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** Master of Science in Digital Media

### **UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON**

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

#### **BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Associate of Arts degrees in English and Theatre

## **Professional Experience**

#### Humana

#### Lead Product Designer

• User experience and service design consulting, design, and research for internal associate and contractor experiences and tools (Associate Experience Technology team).

#### Humana

## Senior // Lead Mobile User Interface Design Engineer

• Co-led effort to create enterprise wide mobile standards and design system.

• Paired with/assisted/mentored other mobile designers in ensuring best UX research and design practices, brand and design system adherence.

- Helped lead broader/enterprise mobile app strategy.
- Sole Product Designer, Information Architect and Interaction Designer for the MyHumana mobile app, a consumer-facing transactional, informational, and marketing native mobile (iOS and Android) application that had the potential to reach 20 million members, with over 150,000 unique visitors each month.
- Pushed best-in-class user experience, upfront problem definition, and discovery research before work began.
- Delivered artifacts necessary to contribute to a robust Agile development cycle and followed design cycle from concept to delivery.
- Collaborated with leading design agencies, user-research firms, and teams across the organization to integrate best practices in usability, analytics, accessibility, responsive design, social media marketing, cross-platform strategy, and Agile development.
- Developed high-level and/or detailed user scenarios, wireframes and prototypes to effectively communicate design ideas and led at least one immersive user research, concept test, and/or usability test per month to assist in iterative design process and continual improvements.
- Participated in development of user personas to focus design efforts on the needs of our key users.

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Louisville, KY 2022 - Present

2017 - 2021

## Professional Experience, cont.

### **Big Ass Solutions**

**User Experience Designer** 

- Led and managed all UX research and design for Haiku Home mobile app and residential products
- Cited for innovative research methods in Amazon Developer blog directly related to my work designing
- Alexa utterances for fan control
- Conducted contextual interviews around the country as research for product and feature design; used knowledge gained about customers to create and distribute user personas.
- Researched competitors and created heuristic reviews of customer facing products for evaluation by colleagues and decision makers
- Underwent iterative experience design process for physical product, packaging, documentation, web, and mobile applications; including industrial design, interface design, interaction design, information architecture, and general customer experience
- Adhered to and applied both marketing and OS specific guidelines for mobile app design; including iOS Human Interface and Google Material Design guidelines
- Maintained high velocity in agile development process
- Led user testing and ran participatory design workshops with internal and external participants.

## **Computer Knowledge**

HTML, CSS, Javascript, jQuery C#, Java, Python Wordpress, Drupal Sketch, Invision, Figma JustInMind, Axure RP Illustrator, Photoshop

Arduino Raspberry Pi Electronics Hacking Usertesting.com User Zoom Internet of Things

## **Selected Projects**

#### HAVING A CATCH WITH DAD

Developed sound, story, and concept for interactive, improvisational object. Assisted with coding and physical construction of ball and sensors: flex, accelerometer, and gyroscope See the performance and learn more at https://dwig.lmc.gatech.edu/projects/catchdad/index.html

#### **RE:ACTIVISM ATLANTA**

A collaborative redesign, framework, and playtest of a competitive, urban, pervasive game as stand-alone, modular game for the Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta. Designed experience, visuals, and backend prototyping/wireframing

See the game and learn more at https://www.kristjenkjems.com/6650reactivism.html

#### **DESIGNING FOR PRACTICE: RUNNING**

Took already existing technology, the Nike+ SportWatch, and through UX design, wireframed and concepted an inspirational tagging system for watch and mobile interfaces See my UX walkthrough and concept at https://www.kristjenkjems.com/6399running.html

## **Affiliations + Associations**

- IxDA: Interaction Design Association
- IGDA: International Game Developers Association
- Alpha Phi Sigma: National Honor Society
- Phi Theta Kappa: National Community College Honor Society

## • Psi Beta: Psychology Honor Society

# **Community Outreach**

• Different Games Conference: Web-developer, organizer, and panel moderator.

#### Lexington, KY 2015 – 2017