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Education

2010 MS, Informatics: Human Computer Interaction (HCI) / design; Indiana University
2008 BA, East Asian Languages & Cultures (Japanese); Indiana University

Project Experience

Graphic Consultant

Designed illustrations for an animated presentation for an individual client. Sketched a set of illustrations to be reviewed by a manager and iterated upon to meet client needs. Also worked one-on-one with the client, and used feedback from the animator in order to produce production-compatible deliverables.

Supporting Reflective Learners in Competitive Environments

Designed and performed user research, including interviews, diary studies, guided recalls, and contextual inquiries. Used findings to inform an opportunity space backed by domain research, a literature review, and design activities. Designed and prototyped an interface to support social gamers in a competitive environment using Adobe Fireworks.

Mentor

Mentored teams and individual students with both practical and theoretical aspects of design, including sketching, iterating, user research, teamwork, and deliverable creation. Advocated a user-centric approach to design, practical methods of building team trust, and the conscious use of design methods and skills.

Associate Instructor

Taught for two classes: Social Informatics and Security in HCI. Led discussions and advocated for the social nature of HCI. Directed students in applying responsible design in real life problems to create feasible solutions. Worked with the professor and a team of AIs to organize class topics, discussion material, and grade.

Experience & Skills

- Illustration in pencil, pen, brush pen, marker, mixed media, digital tools
- Inking and coloring with physical media and digital tools
- Sketching for rapid-concept generation, exploration, iteration, communication, presentation
- Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, The Gimp
- Microsoft Suite (Word, Powerpoint, Excel)
- Presentation experience, tied to above Design Projects
- Methods: ethnography, contextual inquiry, rapid prototyping, storyboarding, personae, instant data analysis, focus group, affinity diagramming, usability testing, structured and unstructured interview, rapid sketching, brainstorming, think-aloud protocol

Activities

- Judge for the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day website competition for Bloomington, Indiana elementary, junior high, and high schools
- Co-founder and Vice President of Indiana University Japanese Mahjong Club, 2008
- Member of Indiana University Gamers' Guild since 2004
- Former member Brown County Theatre Club, volunteer at Monroe County Animal Shelter, guest instructor for Web Browsing (Mosaic) and Apple Cocoa Animation System at Indiana University School of Education
- Online, computer, and console gaming; various systems