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UX designer and inclusive design advocate with startup experience. Recent grad from Georgia Tech's M.S. Human-Computer Interaction program.

I design to advocate for users of all backgrounds and abilities.

Currently seeking full time UX and product roles.

SKILLS

UX design
Universal design
UI design
Design thinking
Qualitative research
Teaching

METHODS

Wireframing
Storyboarding
Interactive prototyping
Journey mapping
Interviews
Participatory design
Usability testing

TOOLS

Sketch
Figma
InVision
Adobe Suite
Axure
UserZoom
HTML5/CSS
JavaScript

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction
Aug. 2018 - May 2020. GPA: 4.00

Connecticut College, B.A. in Computer Science
Aug. 2014 - May 2018. GPA: 3.87

EXPERIENCE

APRIL 2019 - PRESENT

AxisAbility, User Experience Lead – Atlanta, GA

Iteratively designed and prototyped AxisAbility's inclusive hiring software from the ground up based on exploratory research and developed our design system.

Collaborated with UX researchers to decide on research directions, author testing protocols, gather user and stakeholder feedback to iterate on designs.

Devised and established sprint-based, iterative workflows for design and development changes.

MAY 2019 - AUG 2019

ADP, User Experience Intern – Atlanta, GA

Evaluated, redesigned, and prototyped UI components to create unified, accessible design system.

Collaborated with developers to prioritize design system elements for redesign.

Planned and moderated card sort to organize information architecture of an unreleased application feature.

SEPT 2019 - DEC 2019

Focus Brands, Design Researcher – Atlanta, GA

Designed and evaluated accessible online ordering system for restaurant franchise using user-centered design process, inclusive design principles, and WCAG guidelines.

Planned and moderated cognitive walkthroughs, task analyses, and other methods to identify accessibility.

TEACHING + TALKS

Collaborative Design

Co-teacher and curriculum author

Jan. 2020 - April 2020: Inclusive Design course at Georgia Institute of Technology

Design for All: Universal Design and Why it Matters

Introductory speaker

April 2019: Illimitable Inclusive Design Workshop, Atlanta, GA

Beyond Automated Testing Tools: Designing for Accessibility

Lightning speaker

January 2019: World IA Day Atlanta, Atlanta, GA