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summary

7+ years experience consulting in design and marketing for agency, dot.com, small businesses and Fortune 500 companies. Focus on creative direction and UX design using a humanistic and strategic design approach. Expertise in ethnography, qualitative market analysis, visual design, and content development.

experience

Anheuser Busch - CardioDX - College Track - Covidien - ebay - GeoWord - Informatica - Jan Michaels Jewelry Microsoft - NaturMade - Nestlé - Omnicell - Pearson - Salt - SilverPOP - VanderMade - WCG World

HIGHLIGHTS

Veterans Claims United - Designer & Project Manager (Aug 2022 - Dec 2023)

Vetted, hired and oversaw design team for branding, web development, blog writing, SEO and advertising. Designed and implemented visual Veterans disability claims calculator.

GeoWord - UX Designer & Art Director (July 2019 - Sept 2022)

e-commerce design, development and branding for EU-based recruiting servcies company using Shopify. Oversee customization, art direction, coding team, 3rd party apps and content.

College Track - Social Media Content Manager (May 2018 - Sept 2020)

Content producer and digital communications consultant for primary national social media platforms. Collaborated with marketing to develop strategy and campaigns.

Jan Michaels Jewelry - UX Designer & Art Director (June 2014 - Sept 2019)

e-commerce creative and producer for desktop and mobile platforms for 3,000+ items of fashion women's jewelry. Responsible for customization, managing remote development team, photographers, retouchers, CRM, and digital advertising.

Monvera Glass Decor - Researcher & Designer (Jan - Aug 2104)

Technical writer and information designer for development of detailed operation manual for key technical roles in unique and complex printing process.

TransEnergy - Designer (Jan - Dec 2013)

Designer and brand consultant to develop 8 sales presentations targeting sectors for solar energy in emerging markets. Included infographics and animations of key concepts.

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Salt - Brand Manager, Microsoft (2006)

Brand development for Microsoft's online family-oriented schedule manger code-named *Ohana*, included overseeing research and focus groups, positioning, and brand guidelines

Cooper Interaction Design - UX Design Communicator (1998 - 2000)

Trained in Goal-Directed design pioneered by Alan Cooper and designed UI for consumer and enterprise-level systems, including SAP, Informatica and HPshopping.com

related experience

- Designed version 1.0 of Informatica's UI business analytics platform for consumers -
- Re-designed various UI elements for ebay and recipient of ebay interaction award -
- Designed UI for a schema designer web application to manage enterprise-level data models -
 - Conducted ethnographic study on manalive violence prevention program in local jails -
 - Stylist for props and clothin for Dockers and other editorial and advertising projects -

technical skills

- Microsoft Office, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel -
- Adobe Creative Suite, including Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator and Premiere -
 - CMS Shopfy, Wix, Mindbody and AmeriCommerce -
 - Design/Video VSCO, PicPlayPost, Typorama, and Lightroom -

education

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications (1993)

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY B.S. in Journalism and English Textual Studies Minor in Advertising and Religion