

Objective

Improve the user experience by utilizing information architecture principles and deliverables to guide the design, construction, and optimization of accessible, standards-compliant Web sites.

Competencies

- Expert at hand-coding XHTML and CSS while strictly adhering to Web standards
- Specialized in user experience design, including accessibility, usability, and information architecture
- 6 years of career-related experience in freelance, industry, and academia environments
- Experience on both small and large teams with multiple concurrent projects under tight deadlines
- High standards of communication, organization, professionalism, and ethics
- Thirst for rapidly acquiring new domains of knowledge and constantly growing professionally
- Breadth of front-end and back-end CMS experience, from recycling scripts to developing custom online applications

Experience Highlights

Instructor of Web Design and Interactive Media at The Art Institute of Charleston

March 2008 – present

- Employ mentoring skills, subject matter expertise, and industry experience to teach undergraduate students the fundamentals of Web design and development, including XHTML, CSS, Web standards, accessibility, usability, and information architecture.

Interactive Designer at Blackbaud

July 2007 – present

- Reproduce layered Photoshop designs in hand-coded XHTML and CSS, incorporate the optimized code into Blackbaud NetCommunity, and utilize the Web-based software to reconstruct the Web site design.
- Leverage industry expertise to communicate prescriptive design solutions and deliverables directly to non-profit clients and 3rd party design agencies, while working closely with an interdisciplinary team of designers, consultants, and project managers.

Freelance Web Accessibility Consultant for The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Summer 2006 – Fall 2006

- Successfully redesigned a VA state agency's Web site to exceed strict federal accessibility standards and state design guidelines.
- Developed a Web site maintenance solution and conducted onsite training for non-technical staff to update job postings.

Technology Resources Coordinator at the Pi Kappa Phi Headquarters

Summer 2004

- Developed dynamic online event applications and content management tools for risk management analysis.

Web Design and Development Lead at George Mason University

September 2004 – October 2005

- Maintained client Web sites for the Mason Media Lab and developed a software tracking database system for internal use.

Web Developer II at Xtria

Winter 2004 – Summer 2005

- Evaluated Web sites for accessibility standards compliance and best practices, tested Web sites for quality assurance, and trained development team to optimize front-end code for accessibility.

Web Accessibility Consultant at George Mason University

April 2004 – February 2005

- Redesigned the Office of Equity and Diversity's Web site to meet federal accessibility standards and university design guidelines.
- Created a style guide and trained the lead Web developer how to maintain the site's level of accessibility compliance long-term.

Education

Savannah College of Art and Design

Expected 2008

- Master of Fine Arts in Interactive Design and Game Development

George Mason University

May 2004

- Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies – Internet and Multimedia
- Minor in Business

Memberships

Guide of Accessible Web Designers

2007 – present

International Game Developers Association

2007 – present

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

2001 – present

Additional Experience

Accessibility Idol: Season Finale! at the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, California

March 2007

- Co-presented an accessible game design for quadriplegic players with Brenda Brathwaite.

Graduate Student Leader at the Savannah College of Art and Design

January 2007 – June 2007

- Provided value for the graduate program at school events as an ambassador, advocate, and resource for new students.

Freelance Web Accessibility Consultant and Photographer for Integrative Chiropractic & Acupuncture

December 2006 – present

- Redesigned a Web site's interface and information architecture, which increased accessibility, usability, and search engine rank.

Freelance Web Accessibility Consultant and Photographer for Gerald Felix Chairmaker

Summer 2006 – present

- Designed an accessible Web site that exceeded the client's expectations and business requirements under budget and on time.

Student Tutor at the Savannah College of Art & Design

September 2006 – June 2007

- Mentored Interactive Design and Game Development students in XHTML, CSS, Flash, and accessibility.

Freelance Web Designer and Photographer for NetSenses

Summer 2006

- Designed wireframes and screen mockups, maintained client sites, and conducted interviews with key stakeholders.

Web Programmer at Sabre Technologies

Fall 2005 – Spring 2006

- Worked with a small production team hand-coding Web sites based on collaborative screen mockups.

Freelance Web Designer for the Organizational Coaching and Learning Group

Spring 2005 – Spring 2006

- Developed a usable, interactive consulting Web site and designed graphic visualizations to communicate complex data.

Freelance Web Designer for What's Real? Pictures

Fall 2004 – Spring 2005

- Designed and constructed an interactive Web site for a film director using Flash, embedded video, and dynamic typography.

Television Website Coordinator at the Washingtonpost.com Headquarters

Spring 2004

- Assembled news-related Web pages for a public affairs television series.

Interactive Designer and Web Producer at the American Red Cross Headquarters

Summer 2003 – Winter 2004

- Assisted in the deployment of an intranet's redesign and developed an interactive Flash-based e-learning tool for the public site.

Freelance Web Designer for College Restaurant Reviews

Spring 2003

- Conceptualized, designed, and constructed a Web site prototype for an online community that exceeded project requirements.

Student Mentor at George Mason University

January 2003 – June 2005

- Monitored an on-campus computer lab and tutored students in the areas of Web site design and construction.

Webmaster at the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi

Fall 2002 – Summer 2004

- Designed, constructed, and maintained an accessible Web-based online community for chapter members.

Freelance Web Designer for Oller Studios

Fall 2002

- Designed a Web site prototype for a national non-profit that met business requirements and exceeded client expectations.

Freelance Web Designer for Sumner Chiropractic

Fall 2002

- Designed and constructed a static, informational Web site that met business requirements and exceeded client expectations.

Hobbies

- Playing Defense of the Ancients (DotA) as Mangix, Yureno, or Sven
- Watching Pan's Labyrinth, Amelie, and Stranger Than Fiction on DVD
- Dancing the Viennese Waltz and East Coast Swing at the Ballroom Dance Club
- Folding Three-Headed Dragons and Pterodactyls out of 10"x10" Origami paper
- Throwing hour-glass shaped pottery on the wheel at Spark Studios

Interests

- User experience and information architecture
- Environmental consciousness
- Philanthropic support
- Self introspection
- Game strategy