User Experience, Interaction Design and UX Strategy



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### about me

I design Interactions.

I've always had an affinity for problem solving, whether it's improving customer journeys, creating new work protocols, or designing systems. I welcome the challenges that come before us; by gathering and applying UX Research & Strategy, testing my designs, and exploring every available avenue. I have the opportunity to craft experiences to make lasting impressions on the users and exceed expectations before me.

# skills

User Experience (UX) Interaction Design (IxD) User Centered Design

**UX** Strategy

Wireframes, Mockups, & Prototypes

User Research

Persona Creation

Information Architecture

Contextual Inquiry

Heuristic Evaluations

**Usability Testing** 

# education

DePaul University

Masters Human Computer Interaction

Grad: Dec 2014 GPA: 3.92

Illinois Institute of Art
Bachelors of Fine Arts – Media Arts &
Animation
Grad: Mar 2004 GPA: 3.3

# experience

# Freelance & Consulting Sept 2014 - Current

- Redesigned and built a responsive retail website. Utilized a new Information Architecture to increase page views by 50%.
- Updated an existing website to better follow best practices, maximize available space, adjust responsive rules, and provide consistent typography
- Designed research material and provided policy guidance to help social media startup identify users, their needs, and habits
- Consulted with a library to provide a neutral view on current web offerings, address future plans, and their integration with current policies
- Designed the interaction design and information architecture for an online drink selector used as part of a limo service
- Redesigned the IPASS website as a mobile app (spec work) to address user complaints and presented final designs to Illinois Tollway Board

### User Architect @Petfinity May 2014 - Aug 2015

- Extensive research into social patterns, the dynamics between pet owners and their pets, the pet industry
- Performed competitive analysis on prominent social media platforms to aide in designing fresh yet recognizable interactions
- Designed interactions that reinforced brand guidelines and brought a strong focus to the Owner/Pet dynamic
- Developed site policies that fostered community development by creating a safe space to communicate, buy/sell merchandise, and find local services

#### Dir. of Operations @Gold's Gym Gurnee Aug 2010 - Oct 2013

- Using Service Design techniques, performed continual research into the needs of customers and employees to provide services that improved their quality of life
- Designed and implemented processes to improve efficiency, response times, and reduce errors via template system
- Built out a data governance system and protocols that reduced associated errors, increased revenue, and provided more accessible documents
- Responsible for spearheading upgrade of Software Suite and associated hardware
- Managed 20 employees in their daily tasks, provided training, processed all paperwork, and resolved account issues.



