

# Takara Portis

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## Education

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Georgia Institute of Technology, Master of Science (MS), 2017, Digital Media - GPA 3.63

Arizona State University, Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Photography

University of Georgia, Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Studio Art

## Recent Work Experience

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**May 2015 - May 2017: Web and Information Designer - Graduate Assistant, Office of the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia**

- Redesigned the visual information structure of the website through processes such as white boarding to re-categorize important topics and resources for better cataloging and improved usability among faculty looking for information regarding funding and grants for research
- Webmaster of Research Administration website that contains time-sensitive documents and templates
- Provided general administrative support to the Associate Dean such as research, designing posters and flyers, and contacting personnel on her behalf when necessary

**January 2015 - May 2015: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Digital Media Department, School of Literature, Media, and Communication, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia**

- Provided technical and classroom support to Interactive Narrative undergraduate course taught by Dr. Janet Murray such as helping set up projector screen before class and keeping up with course attendance
- Graded and provided feedback on written and technical assignments based on Dr. Murray's lectures, classroom discussions, and assigned readings.

## Selected Projects

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**Heads-Up: Synchronized Annotation in Google Glass for Television Re-watching**

A Google Glass collaborative prototype that functions as a translucent second screen over the television while rewatching a favorite show; helped develop and demonstrate user scenario for potential features of the prototype.

**Women Who Code Hackathon 2017: BindexT UI Prototype Design**

BindexT is a venture to develop a data analysis tool to discover social media influencers through the topics they are interested in and drive conversations about rather than who they are on the surface. My individual role was designing UX/UI visual assets based on the founder's vision of BindexT as an easy to use, non-corporate tool.

**Digital Media Thesis Project - Reconciling History: Designing an Interactive Companion for the Television Docudrama**

Design of an interactive second screen companion that compares the television docudrama series, American Crime Story: The People vs. OJ Simpson with interviews and archived media of that time period (television broadcasts, print, etc.)

## Skills & Software

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**Visual Design & Video :** PhotoShop / Illustrator / InDesign / Quicktime / iMovie

**UX and UI Prototyping & Wireframes :** Balsamiq / Axure / Sketch

**Web Development :** Basic HTML/CSS coding / WYSIWYG Platforms / Drupal / Wordpress