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Designer, teacher, entrepreneur. Has deep experience in emerging markets and building projects from the ground up. Teaching in both academic and professional environments working with engineers, MBAs and computer scientists. Has excelled at working in resource constrained environments to produce positive outcomes.

Education

Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA 2008
Bachelor of Science with Honors: Product Design
Study Abroad: INSEAD Singapore, Singapore 2007

Pasadena Community College
Pasadena, CA 2004 - 2005 Attended with a focus on Art and Design

Cerritos Community College
Cerritos, CA 2005 Certificate in Plastics Manufacturing and Technology

Experience

Instructor, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena CA 2016 - Present
Instruct students how to draw dynamically. Use the draw through technique for observational drawing to build a visual vocabulary.

Creative Director, Co-founder, Sanergy, Nairobi, Kenya 2010 - 2015
Designed toilet for manufacturing from the ground up. Conduct and manage user research in the informal settlements. Train team members in HCD approach. Conduct workshops for marketing and brand management.

Instructor & Designer, D-Lab MIT Cambridge, MA 2009 - 2013
Teach engineering students how to use the design process with HCD focus. Manage communication with community partners around the globe. Focus on working in resource constrained environments.

Illustrator, Cambridge, Ma 2012 - 2013
GRIT LLC, MIT Ideation Lab, Humana, NCIIA
Create illustrations for organizations to help forward their missions and goals, from mobile accessibility to business strategy education.

Lecturer, Harvard University, Cambridge, Ma 2012 - 2013
Educate computer science students to illustrate their ideas for rapid prototyping of user interfaces and information visualization.

Sustainable Design Intern, Autodesk San Francisco, CA Summer 2008
Worked on sustainable solutions and strategies for Autodesk, leveraging their existing capabilities and outlining future possibilities, from operations to product functionality.

Design Intern, ID Workshop, Portland, OR Summer - Fall 2007
Designed shoes, from initial concept to final production. Managed communication and presentations with clients and manufacturers. Clients included Nike, Adidas, Salomon, Helly Hansen and Viking.

Skills

Rapid Visualization / Sketching / Concept Generation / Creative Problem Solving / Prototyping / User Research / Teaching / Workshop Training / Photoshop / Illustrator / Indesign / Solidworks / Powerpoint / Keynote