nika umnov

EXPERIENCE

Senior Design Researcher | The Live Well Collaborative

August 2024 - Present | Cincinnati, OH

- Led projects with multidisciplinary teams of 4-20, delivering work to clients such as Boeing, Hoxworth Blood Center, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital.
- Executed design research methods to identify opportunities, translating into actionable insights, conducting interviews, co-creation activities, user testing, prototyping, and refinement of designs.
- Spearheaded end to end design process, including concepting, ideating, and prototyping web and mobile interfaces.

Rapid Prototype Technician | DAAP Rapid Prototyping Center

August 2023 - May 2024 | Cincinnati, OH

- Led trainings for 50+ students on laser cutting and 3D printing machinery use.
- Responsible for completing student orders on CNC Kongsberg.
- Trained on maintenance of laser cutters, 3D printers, and CNC mill.

Design Researcher | THRIVE Consulting

February 2023 - May 2023 | Atlanta, GA

- Conducted 40+ interviews to gather insights and pain points for packaging needs across different industries and businesses.
- Synthesized and analyzed transcripts to generate opportunity areas for client to gain a meaningful understanding of their customer base.
- Co-facilitated in a 2 day co-creation workshop with client to present findings and provided visualizations for shared understanding.

UX/UI Designer | Chamberlain Group

May 2022 - August 2022 | Chicago, IL

- UX team lead for warehouse system redesign to improve coordination between warehouse managers, staff, and truck drivers.
- Conducted primary research through user-centered design methods such as field site visits, interviews, and persona development to identify pain points.
- Designed and prototyped mobile application that integrated into existing warehouse management system, streamlining communication between dispatch, warehouse, and truck.

Packaging Design Co-Op | Smurfit Westrock

January 2021 - December 2021 | Richmond, VA

- Conducted research to understand packaging trends, and usability testing to develop more sustainable designs, synthesizing data to inform prototypes.
- Worked in softwares such as ArtiosCAD, SolidWorks, and Keyshot to design, refine, and render packaging.

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati | 2019 - 2024

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design | GPA: 3.7

Delft Institute of Technology | 2022

Minor in Interactive Environments

Created an interactive exhibit in collaboration with Philip Beesley for TU Delft's Science Center. Work exhibited in 2023 Highlights Festival.

SKILLS

- User Experience
- Service Design
- Wireframing
- Design Research
- · Graphic Design
- Industrial Design
- Sketching
- CAD Modeling
- Rapid Prototyping
- · Project Management

SOFTWARE

- Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)
- Figma
- Procreate
- Miro
- Fusion 360
- SketchUp
- SolidWorks
- ArtiosCAD

AWARDS

- Fulbright Semi-Finalist
- UC Honors Program
- Dean's List 2019-2024
- Cincinnatus Scholarship

LANGUAGES

- English
- Russian
- Spanish

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