

EDUCATOR & GAME DESIGNER

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#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

# Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

2017 - Present

#### Professor & Founding Director of the MICA Game Lab

I founded the MICA Game Lab and designed the Game Design BFA program. My responsibilities include: teaching, overseeing curriculum development, hiring staff, managing our public programs and our residency program. I also lead our research lab which has developed projects with: Johns Hopkins University, The Baltimore Mayor's Office of Innovation, The Maryland Blended Reality Center, The Walters Art Museum, The Creative Alliance, Arlington Arts Center, and Art Works for Change.

Example Courses Taught: Adv. 3D Game Design, VR Game Design, Senior Project Studio

# Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

2015-2017

#### **Chair of Interactive Arts Department**

I oversaw the department's three curricular areas: Interactive Art, Sound Art and Game Design. Along with teaching, I helped redevelop the program's curriculum, developed partnered classes with other departments and Johns Hopkins University, advised students, built public programs and supervised the design of new facilities for the department.

Example Courses Taught: Hybrid Game Studio, 2D Game Design, Interactive Arts Thesis

# Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore

2009 - 2015

## **Full-time Faculty in Interactive Arts**

Taught courses in both Interaction Design and Game Design. Founded and coordinated the school's Game Arts Concentration, acted as a thesis advisor for graduate students and developed a partnered course with Etsy.

Example Courses Taught: Creative Coding, Network Art, Experimental Games

## Parsons School of Design, New York City

2003 - 2009

#### Part-time Faculty in Design Technology

I taught both undergraduate and graduate studio courses for the Parsons Design and Technology department. I also served as a thesis advisor for graduate students and developed curriculum for the department.

Example Courses Taught: MFA Studio: Interactivity, Games 101, Games & Robots

### New York University, New York City

2006 - 2008

#### Part-time Faculty in Game Design

I taught two courses as an adjunct through NYU's Gallatin School and served as an academic advisor on two thesis projects.

Courses Taught: Game Design and Strategy, OS Specific Game Programming

## **EDUCATION**

Parsons School of Design,

MFA in Design and Technology **New York City** 

Evergreen State College,

Olympia

Primary focus on Game Design and New Media Art.

**Bachelor of Arts** 

Concentration in Political Science and Audio Engineering.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Double Triple	Partner
2007 - 2009	I helped run a mixed-media design studio that worked in web, video, print and identity
	design. Developed clients, contracts and handled project management and production.
Parsons Institute of	Senior Information Designer
Information Mapping	Researched, designed and built data visualization applications for web based platforms.
2004-2006	Clients included the NY/NJ Port Authority, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the DNC. http://piim.newschool.edu
Kirshenbaum Bond	Interaction Designer
2004-2005	Worked as a consultant for this ad agency and created interactive marketing
	campaigns for their clients.
Vision Education	Mentor and Curriculum Designer
2002-2004	Taught afterschool programs in game design and programming to high school students
	in the greater NYC area. I also worked with the organization in the development of its
	game design curriculum.
Gvox Software	Producer
1999 -2001	Created development plans, developed content and oversaw project completion for a
	variety of music software tools and educational software. http://gvox.com
	Parsons Institute of Information Mapping 2004-2006  Kirshenbaum Bond 2004-2005  Vision Education 2002-2004

## AWARDS

2021	Games For Change Award - Best XR For Change
2020	Ion Game Design Award
2015	Rhode Island Council for the Humanities ReNewport Grant
2014	72 Hour Interactions Festival Jury Award
2014	Strong National Museum of Play Research Fellowship
2013	Baltimore Magazine 40 under 40
2013	Maryland State Individual Artist Award
2013	Ronald McDonald House Grant
2013	MICA Board of Trustees Fellowship for Teaching Excellence
2006	Rhizome Commission
2004	Ars Electronica Next Idea Grant Nominee

# SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

Unity Certificate Program	- Developed the Associalte Programmer course for Unity.
Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund	- Mentor for VR project
Economic Alliance of Baltimore Summit	- Panelist
Game Based Learning Summit	- Panelist
Independent Game Festival	- Judge
Walters Art Museum	- Curation and gallery talk for a Medieval game exhibition
Urban Game Factory	- Developed an immersive game with Focus-Coop.it
Maryland Film Festival	- Panelist on the convergence of films and games
Baltimore Indie Games Seminar	- Panelist on crowd funding for indie games
Field Day	- Curated an outdoor art game exhibition for Baltimore
SPE Conference	- Panelist on Collaboration in Arts Education
University of Baltimore	- Program review of the Digital Entertainment program
Gamescape	- Game as Art talk
Salve Regina University	- Program review of their Digital Media program
Harvard Graduate School of Design	- Introduction to Game Design Theory talk & workshop
St. Joes University	- Visiting artist talk
Betascape	- Game designer as Artist talk
Come Out and Play Festival	- Festival judge for NYC big games event
Hostos Community College	- Codeveloped the school's Game Design program
911 Arts Center	- Introduction to Game Design Workshop
Retro Redux	- Helped organize a 24hr game jam with Atari and Parsons
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# SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2016	Code Indico Milan, Italy	- Four night Immersive theatre production.
2015	Play Tinker Toy Arlington Arts Center	- Exhibited <i>Mr. Yums Inc.</i>
2014	Smithsonian Indie Arcade Washington, DC	- Exhibited <i>Lords &amp; Ladies</i>
2014	Playpublik Festival Krakow, Poland	- Exhibited Race the Future
2014	<b>72 Hour Interactions</b> Witten, Germany	- Exhibited Race the Future
2014	<b>Vector Game Arts Exhibition</b> <i>Toronto, Canada</i>	- Exhibited Eat Yr Tears
2009	The Future of Online Advertising  ArtFCity.com	- Exhibited ulyssesthegreatgatsbyaportraitof
2008	We = Trouble Exhibtion  Brooklyn, NY	- Exhibited Night Beyond Night / Corace Quest
2007	10 Years Running Chelsea Museum	- Exhibited Yesterday's Song