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ABOUT ME

I'm a creative, empathetic, and collaborative UX researcher with 7 years of direct UXR experience and over 13 years experience in qualitative research. My background spans participatory action research (PAR), research operations, communications, project management, and design thinking. I believe in the power of storytelling and research to create positive change for products, services and communities.

I've worked on large research teams at tech companies, small teams at non-profits, and served as a UXR team of one, building research functions from the ground up. I have the most domain expertise in health and wellness; I've worked in research capacities in STI/HIV prevention, oral health, food justice, substance abuse prevention, healthcare media, and most recently for a weight loss mobile application.

I thrive in environments where I can lead research projects, have strong collaborative partners, can help improve processes for the research org, and where qualitative research is valued.

Listen to my UX story on the <u>Anthro to UX</u> <u>podcast!</u>

CONTACT

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WORK EXPERIENCE

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RVO Health | August 2023 - October 2025

- Solo UXR on Healthgrades.com (Aug 2023–Jan 2025) and Wellos/Quit for Life (Jan 2025–October 2025)
- Conducted generative and evaluative research with consumers to inform product strategy for a redesign of Wellos, a clinical health and wellness mobile application for weight loss using GLP-1s and holistic strategies
- Utilized Cassidy Al for repository queries, experimented with Miro Al tools for qualitative data synthesis and Chat GPT for secondary research assistance
- Completed 12+ evaluative and generative research studies with providers and consumers on Healthgrades.com, including assisting with a provider profile redesign that increased scheduling clicks by 64% post-launch
- Built and implemented research intake, prioritization, and backlog systems; set annual and quarterly roadmaps in collaboration with product leaders
- Facilitated collaborative, cross-functional ideation workshops to cocreate features and improvements based on research insights
- Presented strategic insights to executive leadership to inform product roadmap decisions
- Spearheaded trauma-informed research training for UXRs and market researchers, collaboratively developed and rolled out guidelines across the org

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Indeed.com | February 2021 - March 2023

- Embedded on monetization team, supporting SMB product innovation through strategic generative and evaluative research
- Delivered actionable insights to cross-functional teams using design thinking; developed lo-fi wireframes to clarify UXR impact
- Partnered with quant researchers to triangulate qualitative data, enhance surveys with qualitative depth, and align insights to KPIs
- Led UXR representation on Indeed Design blog; launched training on writing for the blog that increased researcher contributions by 167%
- Wrote article for Indeed Design blog <u>"Amplify Your UX Research Impact Using Ideation Sessions,"</u> including templates for public use
- Trained UX designers in rapid testing via UserTesting.com and regularly mentored junior researchers across the org
- Promoted from mid-level to senior UXR (Feb 2021–June 2022 as mid-level)

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METHODOLOGIES

In-depth interviewing Arts-based research **Heuristic evaluation** Competitive analysis and testing Participatory research **Concept testing Contextual inquiry Card sorting** Tree testing **Behavioral diagnosis Unmoderated usability testing** Moderated usability testing Journey mapping **Empathy mapping** Persona building **Ideation workshops** Wireframing Surveys

CONFERENCES

- Society for Applied Anthropology, 2022 "Applied Cultural Anthropology in Practice at Indeed" (EPIC)
- American Anthropological
 Association, 2022 "Unsettling UX:
 Opportunities and Challenges for
 Anthropologists in Human Centered Design" (AnthroTech)

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Delta Dental of Washington | August 2018-January 2021

- First UXR hire at DDWA; embedded in inaugural product team as part of company-wide agile transformation
- Led generative and evaluative research for a new multi-audience (members, providers, brokers, employers) platform for Delta Dental member companies across the U.S.
- Led research operations system & end-to-end study execution using tools such as MailChimp, Calendly, Qualtrics, UserZoom, Zoom, GiftBit, etc.
- Managed full-spectrum research ops: recruitment strategies, participant communication, participant management, incentive fulfillment
- Developed external and internal recruitment strategies for all four customer groups, presented recruitment needs to Sales team to encourage buy-in and collaboration
- Developed research repository and managed insight dissemination across org
- Designed and delivered in-person UXR training and workshops (e.g., Design Thinking, Empathy Mapping, Interviewing 101) for global development and design team in Cork, Ireland
- Oversaw UserZoom vendor selection, contract negotiation, and tool rollout
- Established UX success metrics across Delta Dental member companies and developed surveys to baseline and measure improvement to UX
- Developed infographics, personas, empathy/journey maps, full reports, mocked up wireframes, etc. as deliverables to stakeholders

PRODUCT TRAINING LEAD & PROJECT MANAGER

Brikit (Atlassian partner) | October 2016 - April 2018

- Co-developed and led a 16-week UX and platform training program for clients and internal teams; also delivered multiple 8-week client sessions
- Produced instructional videos using Camtasia to support scalable training delivery
- Managed internal project workflows, JIRA Portfolio, and evaluated PM tools
- Provided JIRA system support (project and board admin duties)
- Contributed to strategic internal initiatives across information architecture, training, client services, and certification programs
- Received certifications in Atlassian Sales & Operations and Agile Development with JIRA Software

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TOOLS

Collaboration: Miro, FigJam **Design:** Figma, Miro, Canva

Al: Chat GPT, Cassidy Al, Miro Al tools **Project Management:** JIRA, Asana, Trello,

Confluence, Google suite

UX Research: UserZoom,

Usertesting.com, Dscout

Synthesis/Transcription: Reduct,

Dovetail, Atlas.ti, Dedoose, Otter.ai

Surveys: Qualtrics, Google forms,

Typeform

Research Operations: Dscout,

Userinterviews.com

ARTICLES

- UX Research as a Viable Career
 Option for Anthropologists: Insights
 from 12 UX Researchers with
 Anthropology Backgrounds (Medium)
- Amplify Your UX Research Impact
 <u>Using Ideation Sessions</u> (Indeed
 Design Blog)
- Mention in <u>37 Active UX Leaders to</u> Follow on Linkedin in <u>2025</u> (UserInterviews)
- Female Condom Knowledge,
 Attributes and Behavior: Barriers to
 Use and Potential for Acceptance
 Among Sexually Active
 Undergraduate Students (UConn
 Digital Commons)

PAST ROLES (SEE LINKEDIN)

- Freelance UX Designer, Seattle (April 2018-August 2018)
- **Project Manager Microsoft via Beyondsoft**, Seattle (May 2016 September 2016)
- Junior Product Manager Thrillist Media Group, NYC (February 2015 - April 2016)
- Digital Communications Coordinator Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, NYC (March 2014 February 2015)
- Marketing Assistant Yelp, NYC/Hartford CT (October 2012 -March 2014)
- Qualitative Researcher The Institute for Community Research, Hartford CT (June 2011 March 2013)
- Qualitative Research Intern The Institute for Community Research, Hartford CT (July 2008 - August 2011)
- English Language and Culture Assistant, Spanish Ministry of Education, Asturias, Spain (2010)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

M.S. Interaction Design and Information
Architecture, Advanced UX Research
Concentration | Currently Enrolled

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology | 2006-2010,

Honors Program

TRAININGS/CERTIFICATIONS

- Nielsen Norman Group UX Master Certificate (2023)
- Trauma Informed Design Research, Social Design Sydney (2024)
- <u>Irrational Labs Behavioral Design Bootcamp</u> (2022)
- <u>User Research Academy, 9 month mentorship with Nikki</u> Anderson (2019)
- <u>Hexagon UX, 3 month mentorship with Aliya Marder (Ridwell)</u> (2018)
- General Assembly, Front-End Web Development Intensive (CSS/HTML/Javascript/JQuery), 10 week program (NYC, 2015)

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INDEPENDENT WORK AND CREATIVE VENTURES

- Art Teacher and Curriculum Developer (part-time) at the Pacific Northwest Art School,
 Coupeville WA
 - o Sweater Knitting 101 (4 classes), March 2024
 - Sweater Knitting 101 (4 classes), May 2024
 - Sweater Knitting 101 (4 classes), February 2025
 - Knitting 101 hat making (1 class), January 2026
 - Knitting 101 cowl making (1 class), January 2026
 - o Beginner Colorwork (1 class), February 2026
- Won second place in Fiber Arts category for the Annual Juried Art Show at the Pacific Northwest Art School, Coupeville WA, 2024
- Assistant-in-training for acid dying course for wool products with Elin Noble, 2024
- Wearable art recently featured in "Fabulous Fiber Arts Throughout the Ages" exhibit, Island County Historical Museum, 2024
- <u>Sweaters available for sale at Doll Parts Collective in Seattle, WA</u>, commissioned artist for both sweaters and wool needle felted creations
- **Volunteer member of Coupeville Creative Arts District** Committee, encouraging the arts and supporting artists in the town of Coupeville, WA
- Sponsored open water swimmer with Blue Seventy
- Open water swim blog available at www.wetsuitweekender.com

