

- product design leader -

Army Officer turned designer - I'm measured, packed with grit, and can always find a gem in the toughest situations. I'm passionate about human connection and leveraging design as a tool for radical truth and meaningful change. Whether leading a team or personally designing, you can catch me breaking through barriers with curiosity, partnership, experimentation, and a big ol'smile. Currently helping designers create joyful in-store shopping experiences at Target.

principles

humanity at the core of all things clear is kind build trust & win together try, fail, learn, try again measurable, durable frameworks

leading

12+ years growing and leading teams product vision planning, strategy & sequencing design mentorship & coaching organization process improvement translating UX into business value workshop facilitation warrior

designing

design strategy
visual and interactive design
information architecture
responsive web
progressive web app
native mobile
prototyping
user research and synthesis
personas and archetypes

tools

figma illustrator miro atlassian

education

Nielsen Norman Group I 2021 IXD Certification - ID 1043378 General Assembly I Jan-May 2019

UX Immersive - #1 of 24 students

Western Kentucky University I May 2013

BA Visual Studies - Cum Laude

work experience

TARGET

Senior Manager, UX I 2022- present

- lead enterprise design teams that create intuitive multi-platform experiences for Guest purchase and post purchasing (Stores), 3rd party vendor marketplace (Target+), and item assortment (Item)
- champion UX as a strategic partner; work with cross-functional portfolio to identify UX areas of opportunity and negotiate priorities against business OKRs
- enhance team processes & ways of working: long range planning, sequencing, documentation, cross-functional transparency, design critiques, team building
- drive meaningful results via nourishing a research-driven culture to design in scalable ways with an outcomes mindset
- · manage hiring & onboarding
- coach entry to lead level designers towards personalized growth & development goals;
 empower and foster healthy push-back; performance management
- assist UX Directors with broader team vision, strategy, resourcing, routines, and initiatives

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Senior Analyst, UX I 2021- 2022

- · provided user experience, research, and usability expertise to the Verifications Team
- spearheaded internal tool information architecture initiative piloted across the Modernized DevSecOps and Analytics Services II (MDAS II) team then integrated through the IT Program Initiatives

FLxD Collective

Senior Analyst, UX I 2020 - 2021

 freelance fun-hustle; consulted and led usability, design/redesign, and branding initiatives for small businesses, startups, and non-profit organizations

Defense Health Agency

UX Manager & Sr Designer I 2020-2021; UX Designer I 2019-2020

- created digital healthcare tools that improve the overall wellness of healthcare providers and 8.4 million military service members, veterans and their families
- led geographically dispersed 6 person team while simultaneously responsible for creating native mobile, PWA, and SharePoint experiences and conducting the DHA Usability Lab studies

United States Army

Commissioned Officer, Military Police I 2013-2019

 charged with various leadership assignments that directly influenced the strategy, training, and readiness of over 1200 Soldiers for domestic and global combat operations world-wide

fun experience

house plant whispering, doggy chasing, city slicking, wilderness camping, trail hiking, book toting, novice guided mediation facilitator