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editorial & brand designer

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achievements.

SPARK Women Executive Board (2024)

Selected to join the four-person executive board tasked with leading SPARK, Hearst's employee resource group for women. Organize large-scale "skill series" events, book clubs, and annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month programming. Manage and create graphics for social channels.

BuzzFeed Inc. Women Employee Resource Group (ERG) Co-Lead (2022)

Co-leader of a group of over 300 employees that aims to advocate for and provide resources and support for women across the organization. Managed the group's budget and planned at least two events each month for group members.

BuzzFeed Emerging Leader (2021)

Hand-picked by BuzzFeed upper management to undergo an intensive, two-month-long educational program for junior-level employees showing strong leadership potential.

Mizzou '39 Recipient (2020)

Received award that recognizes 39 graduates for their leadership, service and academic achievement.

Design Teaching Assistant (2020)

Selected as the teaching assistant for "Strategic Communication Design & Visuals" course and "Advanced Magazine Design" capstone. Taught students Adobe Creative Suite in twice-weekly mandatory labs, held office hours and graded assignments.

education.

University of Missouri

Columbia, Missouri

Bachelor of Journalism in Strategic Communication — Art Direction
Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
University of Missouri Honors College
3.9 GPA

experience.

Senior Designer

HBO Max, Warner Bros. Discovery

New York, New York | February 2025 - present

Assist in the development of the global brand guidelines for one of the country's top streaming services after an exciting brand refresh announcement. Champion brand consistency across all creative executions and maintain toolkits and brand guidelines site. Design custom, highly confidential decks for HBO Max executives' internal and external meetings.

Senior Designer

HGTV Magazine & Food Network Magazine

New York, New York | October 2022 - December 2024

Sketched, conceptualized and designed stories and graphics across print and digital for two top-10 best-selling magazines with 1M+ subscribers each. Collaborated closely with editors to advance their storytelling through my designs. Created photo collages, illustrations, GIFs and videos for print and online stories, social media and weekly newsletters. Managed many layouts in multiple issues at once and solved problems throughout production to keep stories on deadline. Art directed photoshoots, creating mock-ups and communicating with prop stylists, food stylists and photographers on set.

Junior Brand Designer

BuzzFeed Inc.

New York, New York | March 2021 - October 2022

Sat on a team dedicated to shaping narratives for a publisher that attracts more than 121 million unique visitors monthly and reaches 30 percent of the total digital population. Worked to develop a consistent brand identity across a growing portfolio of brands like BuzzFeed News, Tasty, Complex and HuffPost. Designed a wide range of marketing materials, including brand toolkits, custom creative pitches and a website refresh.

Creative Director

Vox Magazine

Columbia, Missouri | January 2020 - January 2021

Took lead creative role in the planning and execution of a monthly regional magazine. Designed department pages and feature packages under tight deadlines and created art or scheduled photography for print, digital and social channels. Served as the teaching assistant for a magazine design capstone course and managed a design staff of seven.

Design Studio Intern

The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History

Remote | May 2020 - August 2020

Developed the graphic identity for an upcoming exhibit that addresses historic truth-telling through typographic exploration, color palette decisions, title and label design and case graphics. Organized and collaboratively designed the first-ever internal museum newsletter.

Content Intern

Mediablaze Group

London, England | May 2019 - July 2019

Completed a variety of projects at a Hearst-owned digital agency. Took on a social media community manager role for Volvo UK, edited videos for AfterShokz headphones, created content for Mediablaze social channels and designed graphics for a wide range of clients, including Shiseido and Speedo.