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Summary

Research leader trained in global health and anthropology with a passion for making products, projects, and processes work better for all people

Methods

- In-depth interviews
- Ethnography
- Focus groups
- Participant observation
- Process and journey mapping
- Design and concept testing
- Usability testing
- Competitive analysis
- Persona development
- Survey development
- Statistical interpretation
- A/B testing
- Randomized control trials (RCTs)
- Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Languages

English (native) Spanish (fluent) Portuguese (beginning) K'iche' and Kaqchikel Maya (beginning)

Tools and Certifications

Qualtrics, RedCap, SurveyMonkey, STATA, MAXQDA, UserZoom, User Testing, UserInterviews, Lookback, Optimal Workshop, MS Office, Jira, Confluence, WordPress, LucidChart

PMD Pro (Project Management for Development), Level One certified

Interests

Travel Food and Cooking Puzzles and Games Science Fiction

Work Experience

Director, Research, Chief, San Francisco, 9/2022 - present

- Starting the research practice at Chief, a Series B startup, from scratch
- Hiring, managing, and developing a team of researchers
- Generating enthusiasm for research and user experience across all levels of the business
- Setting a global research strategy and ways of working collaboratively with stakeholders
- Personally executing key foundational research on member engagement and retention

User Experience Researcher, Verily (Google Life Sciences), San Francisco, 12/2021 – 8/2022

- Built products to support communities of patients, providers, and staff in clinical trials
- Championed user-centric, collaborative, and joyful culture; supported junior researchers

Senior Research Program Manager, LendingClub, San Francisco, 3/2021 – 11/2021 Research Program Manager, 3/2020 – 3/2021 Design Researcher, 4/2019 – 3/2020

- Led research for key verticals, focused on increasing conversion and launching products
- Drove partnership with Duke University to bring behavioral experiments into products
- Created a ResearchOps practice, including a net-new Rolling Research program
- Regularly recognized for engaging readouts, taking initiative, and connecting the dots

User Experience Researcher, One Drop, Nashville, 9/2017 - 11/2018

- Ran qualitative/quantitative user research at startup tackling health data management
- Operationalized research approach for company, including panel and research roadmap

Project Manager, Turner Family Center for Social Ventures, Nashville, 3/2016 - 5/2017

• Designed, implemented, and evaluated immersive experiences to expose students to market-based approaches to poverty alleviation both internationally and domestically

Qualitative Researcher, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, 8/2015 – 5/2017

- Collaborated with physicians and scientists to conduct formative research on pregnancy
- Evangelized the value of qualitative user research to diverse stakeholders

Research and Global Health Consultant, freelance, 5/2015 - 5/2017

Selected projects include:

- Program evaluation and service design, Wuqu' Kawoq I Maya Health Alliance, Guatemala
 Overhauled tools and research process for country's largest non-profit healthcare system
- Partnerships and business development, Concern Worldwide, New York City
 - Developed private-public partnerships for \$42M maternal-child health program in Africa

Workshop Facilitator, Nashville Public Library Foundation, 8/2013 – 3/2016

• Conducted 100+ workshops in Spanish for community outreach efforts to Latino families

Research Project Coordinator, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, 2/2012 – 5/2017

• Managed daily operations and team of 20 for \$10M randomized control trial to evaluate innovations in special education for 1000+ students in 15+ urban public schools

Education

Vanderbilt University, MPH (Global Health) and MA (Latin American Studies)

• Leadership: speaker, Flexner Dean's Lecture; case writer, Global Health Case Competition

Davidson College, BA (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and Spanish), cum laude

• Leadership: editor, travel magazine; study abroad in Perú; chair, Women's Leadership Conference