

Monte Michaelis

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Leadership History

Self-employed | Remote | Jun 2025 - Present

- **Creative Director & Principal Consultant**
Creative strategy, art direction, product ops, and executive coaching

Hypixel Studios / Riot Games | Remote | Mar 2023 - Jun 2025

- **Creative Director** / Hytale
Defined vision, shaped ops, and grew talent for a global creative org

Amazon | Remote | Jun 2022 - Jan 2023

- **Interactive Creative Director** / Amazon Glow
Led games and UX for interactive play device (lifetime rating: 4.5 stars)

Slalom Build | New York, NY | May 2020 - May 2022

- **Director of Experience Design**
Established a new product design delivery model in the NY/NJ region

Collibra | New York, NY | Oct 2019 - Apr 2020

- **Head of Creative**
Drove a new product initiative to launch, improving CX and team morale

Arkadium | New York, NY | Sep 2018 - Oct 2019

- **VP of Creative Innovation**
Celebrated a DigiDay Publishing Award for *Best Custom Advertising*

Microsoft | Redmond, WA | Jul 2016 - Aug 2018

- **Creative Director** / HoloLens Experience Team / HoloLens Vision Lab
Shipped *Dynamics 365 Layout* and led product vision engagements

Geocaching | Seattle, WA | May 2014 - Jun 2016

- **Creative Director** - Promoted from UX Manager
Achieved record-level increases in site membership and engagement

PopCap / Electronic Arts | Seattle, WA | Sep 2009 - Feb 2013

- **Art Director** - Promoted from Sr Designer
Led all creative for *Plants vs Zombies 2* (DICE Casual Game of the Year)

Skills

Seasoned team leader of effective production teams

Thoughtful product leader who focuses on the audience

Production manager who understands operational needs

Data-driven strategist who identifies opportunities

Excellent communicator in verbal and written exchanges

Expert teacher with the ability to inspire change

Intuitive mentor who can attract, hire, and develop talent

Engaging storyteller with strong executive presence

Insightful coach with proven processes for success

Education

Bachelor of Science
in Graphic Design
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Associate of Applied Arts
in Computer Animation
The Art Institute of Seattle

Links

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