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Leadership History

Hypixel Studios | Remote | March 2023 - Present

- **Creative Director** / Hytale
Multi-discipline team management, creative direction, and strategy

Amazon | Remote | June 2022 - January 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**
Increased team velocity with new hires and operational improvements

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

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

Microsoft | Redmond, WA | July 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 - June 2016

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

Electronic Arts / PopCap | Seattle, WA | Sept 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 creative director who focuses on customers

Production manager who understands operational needs

Data-driven strategist with a pervasive curiosity

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

Education

Bachelor of Science
Graphic Design / 2006
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Associate of Applied Arts
Computer Animation / 2000
The Art Institute of Seattle

Links

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