Industrial Designer

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# GET TO KNOW ME

The title Product Designer does not begin to encompass all of my specialties My passions revolve around immersive experiences, alternative research methods, and intensive human centered design. My design experience includes concepts for easily deployable solar pods, kitchen appliances for the year 2025, and hundreds of products ready to purchase nationwide. And these are just a few!

Most influential to my professional career was my journey at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). Originally on track for my Graphic Design degree, I was introduced to the world of Industrial Design by a friend. I was hooked immediately and found that my love for design was amplified. The Industrial Design program at SCAD believes the art of industrial design lies in analyzing people's interactions with the objects around them, and devising new ways to make human environments functionally superior, aesthetically pleasing and more enjoyable.

#### **SPECIALTIES**







Immersive Experiences

Alternative Research Methods

Human Centered Design

# **SKILLS**

### Analog | Digital

3D Printing Adobe Creative Suite Cintiq/Intuos Digital & Analog Sketching Manufacturing Processes Marker Rendering Physical Prototype Models Premiere Pro QuickBooks Rapid Prototyping Shop Equipment Sketchbook Pro Trend Analysis/Moodboard

#### Knowledge

Color Theory Contextual Research Creativity Development Stategies Cross Functional Team Participation Design for Manufacturing Design Thinking **Emerging Materials** Graphic Design Intellectual Property Rights/Protection Packaging Product Licensing Prototyping Experiences Safety/Regulatory Standards User Testing Vendor Communication/Relations

# **HOBBIES & INTERESTS**







Tennis



Cycling Film

Photography

#### **EXPERIENCE**



2015 - Current

#### The Walt Disney Company - Design Engineer

As part of an evolution of the Global Merchandise Product Development at The Walt Disney Company, my role executes the design and development of unique, experiential products for Disney properties. I am leading change within the larger organization by introducing hardline product design and manufacturing skills as a new attribute, thus expanding capabilities and impacting day to day business.



2014 - 2015

#### Target - Assistant Designer - Design Studio

Part of an elite floating design team that supported all teams and owned brands. This role required extensive knowledge of manufacturing processes, experience working with multiple materials (plastics, fabrics, ceramics, wood, etc.), self-managing and strong project management skills, as I was the decision maker for all aspects of the product development and reported directly into larger cross-functional teams.



# Target - Assistant Designer - Pets & Sporting Goods

Supported multiple teams in all aspects of the development of both hard (plastics & rubbers) and soft (cut and sew) products for Target owned brands. Also tasked with producing multiple different promotional pieces for internal and external use.





BFA Industrial Design, Magna Cum Laude Savannah College of Art & Design



# General Electric - Product Designer - Sponsorship

While collaborating with GE to develop concepts for an integrated product line of floor to ceiling kitchen appliances I led a small, multidisciplinary team through all phases from research to final prototype. Met frequently online and in-person with executives and designers to share progress.



## Target - Product Design & Development Intern

Researched and developed a line of category redefining outdoor games. Utilized numerous research methods including user testing, on-location observations, and multiple market anylises.

# RECOGNITION



Industrial Design Dept. Endowment Scholarship Award Sole recipient 2012-2014 for outstanding studies Savannah College of Art & Design



Brass Ring - Games and Retail Excellence

2017 Judges Choice - Avatar Banshee Rookery Toy Experience International Association of Amusement Parks & Attractions



Betterific Campaign Publication

Visualized concepts for 2015 campaign. Publicized online & in print. Target Corporation