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About

From Craft to Design Strategy

Over the past six years, I've honed my creative and leadership skills by guiding multidisciplinary teams through 50+ commercial productions. Now working as a design strategist, I work to leverage my creative and analytic sensibilities to develop innovative technologies and drive positive social and environmental impact.

Education

Imperial College London2020-2022MSc Global Innovation DesignLondon

Royal College of Art 2020-2022 MA Global Innovation Design London

University of Tokyo 2021 DLX Design Lab, GID Exchange Remote

NYU Tisch School of the Arts 2012-2016
BFA Film and Television Production New York

United World College SEA 2010-2012 International Baccalaureate Singapore

Skills and Tools

Design Thinking Design Research
Experiment Design Interaction Design
Rapid Prototyping Project Management
Photography Film Production
Adobe Suite Figma
Arduino VFX Cinematography

Project Breakdowns

A brief look into a few of my projects:

Speculative Co-Design: From Cell to Fork

Narrative Development: No Place to Hide

Visual Language: #MAKENYLAUGH

Technical Photography: Vans

Building an Image: AMNH Curious

Interactive Filmmaking: Facebook x Purple

Experience

Cinch Tech Designer

2023 - Ongoing

Currently working at Cinch, a hardware-as-service startup, where I am responsible for element of user experience, marketing and branding.

- · Prototyped and designed physical user experience
- Refined brand identity and marketing strategy to drive customer acquisition.

Beijing Univesity of Technology Adjunct Professor

2022

Developed and delivered a course on media theory, exhibition design and design thinking at the Gengdan Institute of Design.

- Taught 32 undergraduate design students (senior year)
- Developed the syllabus and curriculum from scratch

Shiok Meats Design Consultant

2021-2022

Developed strategies and speculative designs to communicate the novel production processes of cultivated meat.

- Designed speculative concepts to make visceral the possibilities of cultivated meat
- Helped guide narrative strategy of public and investor engagement

Schrom & Co. Film Director

2016-2020

Oversaw the conceptualization and execution of over 50 productions of TV Commercials, Times Square Billboards, Social Media and Branded Content.

- Assembled and led multidisciplinary teams of up to 30 creatives and technicians
- · Developed and delivered pitches to prospective clients
- Worked with clients and agencies to design content to fit brand needs

Selected clients: Grey, Havas, Publicis, Facebook, Dunkin Donuts, Haagen-Dazs, Whirlpool, Jack Daniels, KY Jelly, Kate Spade

Freelance Director of Photography

2016-2020

Crafted the visual language and photography for commercials, documentaries and narrative films.

- Worked with directors, producers and production designers to realize the envisioned project
- Led teams of lighting, grip and camera technicians
- Managed budgets of the grip, electric and camera departments
- Photographed projects in a variety of locations, from Cambodia's rainforests to Los Angeles' studios

Selected clients: National Geographic, Bloomberg Philanthropies, American Museum of Natural History, Mastercard, Uber