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ABOUT ME

I work primarily with map design and presentation, especially with art. I value being imaginative and curious about the world and cartography is one way to express that, though you may find me sailing or gardening too.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin

Expected Graduation: Dec. 2022

B.S. Cartography & GIS +

People Environment Geography

SKILLS

Software

Esri ArcGIS Suite

Adobe Creative Suite

Microsoft Office

Blender

Webmapping

Python, Javascript, HTML, CSS,

Leaflet.js, D3.js, Mapbox Studio,

ArcGIS Storymaps

Other

Hand drawn mapping,

Photography, Writing,

Poster Design

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin Cartography Lab

Production Cartographer (January 2020 – Present)

- Completed mapping projects for authors, publications, non-profits, and other organizations & individuals.
- Independently communicated with clients and navigated issues related to accessibility, design, and data acquisition.
- Consistently worked within design constraints related to formatting, budget, and deadlines.

University of Wisconsin Cartography Lab

Design Challenge (2020, 2021, 2022)

- Collaborated with two cartographers to create a finished “scrollytelling” newsroom style product in one day.
- Worked in a six member virtual team based environment to formulate an idea and produce a complete map over the span of one week.
- In a team, designed lesson plans for the first k-5 cartography curriculum in Wisconsin.

AWARDS

NACIS 2020 Student Map and Poster Contest

Cartographic Design (*Iceland*)

NACIS 2022 Student Dynamic Mapping Contest

Group Dynamic Map Winner (*Dark Sky Sanctuaries*)

WLIA 2020 Map Contest

Best student map (*Iceland*)

Runner-up best base and reference map (*Iceland*)

WLIA 2021 Virtual Map Contest

People’s choice award (*Galapagos*)

Runner-up best base and reference map (*Galapagos*)

WLIA 2022 Map Contest

Runner-up most unique map (*Four Lakes Night Sky*)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Hoofers Sailing Instructor (May 2021 – Present)
- Madison Greenhouse Store (April 2021 – Present)
- JARS Bar & Grill - Bartender (2019 – 2020)
- Crandon Water Shows - President (2017 – 2021)