

RENEE ALBRECHT-MALLINGER

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Analytical thinker, experienced storyteller, and strong communicator looking to apply design strategy and user research to solve complex problems

EXPERIENCE

Greater Good Studio Design Research Lead

Chicago, IL, 2020-present

Leading teams through the design process on social impact projects. Planning and executing research, managing client relationships, co-creating strategies and solutions, and building organizational capabilities that address some of society's toughest challenges.

IA Collaborative Senior Design Researcher

Chicago, IL, 2018-2020

Led research to uncover unmet needs in healthcare, logistics, automotive, education, and finance. Partnered with graphic, UX, and product designers to develop solutions across brand, digital, product, service, and systems. Created initiatives on equity and justice.

Fidelity Investments Fidelity Labs Design Strategy Intern

Boston, MA, Summer 2017

Planned and led user research to identify ways to improve offerings for nontraditional workers; prototyped and tested new products. Led capacity-building activities for Fidelity employees.

Far Eastern Group Design Intern

Taipei, Taiwan, Summer 2017

Collaborated with a design team to synthesize research and develop prototypes of retail experiences for a new department store in Taipei.

IA Collaborative Research and Design Strategy Intern

Chicago, IL, Summer 2016

Participated in planning, research, analysis, synthesis, and prototyping for projects in healthcare, B2B services, and hospitality.

Perspectives Charter Schools, Chicago Public Schools, and University of Chicago Urban Teacher Ed Program

Mathematics Educator, Instructional Leader

Chicago, IL, 2007-2015

Designed and delivered math and technology learning experiences for urban schools; coached educators in math, literacy, and cultural competency. Subjects include calculus, pre-algebra, and Arduino.

EDUCATION

IIT Institute of Design Master of Design

Chicago, IL, 2018

Copenhagen Institute of Interaction Design Summer School

Copenhagen, Denmark, 2014

Northwestern University Master of Science in Education

Evanston, IL 2010

St. John's College Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts

Santa Fe, NM, 2007

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS, AND PUBLICATIONS

PRIMER 2020

Posthuman Scenarios and Participatory Design

Virtual conference, 2020

Co-led a virtual, interactive talk on how to create spaces for critical conversations that push us to question our assumptions.

ALA Midwinter Conference 2020

Reading Groups, Speculative Design, and Wicked Problems

Philadelphia, PA 2020

Shared work on reading groups as a collaborative method that supports artists and designers tackling complex problems.

Anticipation 2019

Notes from the Sea: Critical design, posthumanism, and anticipation

Oslo, Norway 2019

Presented work on shaping critical cultures of anticipation in the design community.

Annals of Internal Medicine

Development of a Framework and Tool to Facilitate Cost-of-Care Conversations With Patients During Prenatal Care

Chicago, IL 2019

Worked on project development and data analysis as a graduate student at IIT Institute of Design, which was acknowledged as a contribution to the published paper.

Academic Design Management Conference

Reimagining Home Confinement

London, England 2018

Shared a case study on innovation partnerships between academic institutions and government organizations.

Biodesign Challenge

Notes from the Sea 2218

New York, NY 2018

Featured as a part of an exhibition highlighting academic work related to future applications of biotechnology.

The Moth

StorySLAM winner

Chicago, IL 2012-2014

Won three storytelling competitions held by The Moth, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the craft of storytelling.