Tony Vergara

User Experience Strategist & Architect

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OBJECTIVE

I seek to find meaningful work where I get to use my strengths in research and behavioral sciences to design effective solutions to tough challenges that benefit the greater good.

DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

R2integrated, Baltimore, MD

Associate Director, CX Strategy (Jan 2022 - Present)

- Lead a team of 1 direct report, 7 indirect reports, and a group of contractors through weekly team meetings, routine project guidance, ongoing mentorship, 1:1 meetings, and team-culture building sessions
- Assign work and manage team workloads to improve leadership visibility of available capacity to support hiring
- Create professional development plans for the team that grow us into specializations that align with our interests
- Collaborate with business development teams on activities to engage new clients, such as solution identification and scoping, sales pitch preparation, and creating thought leadership content like webinars, blogs, publications

Principal, CX Measurement & Optimization (Aug 2021 - Jan 2022)

- Work with cross-functional team leads to identify process optimization opportunities
- Facilitate workshops and socialize design thinking methodologies to build company-wide practice
- Co-create a CX CoE to define and share practices to improve offerings and delivery expertise
- Operationalize and socialize the team's processes, tasks, and deliverables around UX Research, Information Architecture, and Content Strategy using Confluence

Senior UX Architect (May 2020 - Aug 2021) UX Architect (Aug 2017 - Apr 2020)

- Develop relationship with client stakeholders, serving as their partners to determine project goals and user goals and needs to ensure our strategies are effective and goal-oriented
- Plan and execute formative and generative UX research during project discovery through research methods such as user interviews, surveys, A/B & multivariate testing, analytics reviews, heatmapping analyses, and content audits
- Draft research artifacts, sitemaps, taxonomies, wireframes, and content strategies that help clients prepare for website redesign projects, platform migrations, and brand awareness campaign launches
- Build scalable multi-brand website design systems that enables client teams to create consistent digital experiences and integrate with marketing technologies
- Ensure project success by contributing to additional tasks as needed, such as project management, business analysis, and data reporting

Blue Water Media, Greenbelt, MD - JUNE 2016 - AUGUST 2017

UX Designer (Sep 2016 - Aug 2017) UX Design Intern (Jun 2016 - Sep 2016)

- Conducted discovery research and analyzed data to determine strategic direction for website redesign projects
- Built client relationships through stakeholder interviews and presenting discovery summary reports to ensure team alignment throughout the entire project
- Crafted sitemaps, wireframes, and taxonomies that set up the information architecture
- Collaborated with Art Directors & Content Strategists to ensure client's business needs and priorities were shared and accounted for during the later stages of the web build

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins - Psychological and Brain Sciences, Baltimore, MD

Research Program Coordinator II (Feb 2013 - Jun 2015)

- · Screened, scheduled, and conducted research studies on memory and attention in human participants
- Crafted and optimized research recruitment strategies, accounting for recruitment of diverse audiences
- Assisted the publication of research data for journals and conferences
- Programmed research tasks in MATLAB/Python for ease of use and consistent, thorough data collection
- Sought IRB approval for research documents and protocols to ensure institutional approval
- Collaborated with our principal investigator to prepare applications for research grants

Center for Sleep and Circadian Neurobiology, Philadelphia, PA

Research Assistant (Jun 2011 - Jun 2012)

- Recruited and screened potential research participants to ensure quality data
- Conducted testing and collected data directly with research participants
- Assisted Lead Researcher to prepare materials for publication/presentation

OTHER WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- DC Lindy Exchange Board Member & Director of Web Marketing
- Guardian Baltimore Mentor/Educator & Research Assistant
- R2i DEI Committee Culture and Communication Sub-Committee Lead
- General Assembly Mentor

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania (2012) - Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Psychology; Biological Basis of Behavior; Jazz and Popular Music

CERTIFICATIONS

Nielsen Norman Group

Certification in UX Management (SEPT 2021)

Adobe Certified Expert

Analytics Business Practitioner (JULY 2021)

IBM Enterprise Design Thinking

Co-Creator Certificate (MAY 2021)

Google Analytics

Individual Qualification (JULY 2021)

AWARDS

W. R. Grace & Co. (2021 W3 Silver)

Eversense Continuous Glucose Monitoring System (2019 W3 Silver; 2020 AVA Digital Platinum)

Association for Accessible Medicines (2017 Acquia Engage)

SOME HAPPY CLIENTS

Twilio, World Bank, LifeBridge Health, Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, NORC at the University of Chicago, Association for Accessible Medicines, W. R. Grace & Co., MannKind Corporation, Johns Hopkins Carey Business School