# Merrill O'Shaughnessy. Designer.

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Duke University**

B.A. in Human-centered Design & Informatics (Dec. 2022) GPA: 3.7 Honors: Dean's List with Distinction (2019, 2021, 2022), DTech Scholar

## SKILLS

#### Disciplines

Brand Identity Design Graphic Design Full-stack Web Development Web & Mobile UI Design Illustration Data Visualization

## Methods

Structured Interviews Survey Design Persona Development Journey Mapping Storyboarding Wireframing Interactive Prototyping Usability Testing

#### Tools

Figma & Sketch InVision & Framer Blender & Maya Photoshop & Illustrator After Effects Premiere Pro HTML, CSS, & JavaScript Java & Python WordPress Tableau

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Design Intern Prophet | New York, NY | June 2023 - Present

Collaborated seamlessly with the design team to translate brand strategy into compelling visual identities and comprehensive design systems that effectively conveyed and bolstered brand strategy. Confidently presented and substantiated standout creative work across user-experience/interface design, information design, and corporate identity/branding to crossfunctional teams, senior management, and discerning clients.

#### Creative Director & UX Designer Pitch Story Lab | Durham, NC | August 2021 - May 2023

Worked directly with clients to iteratively build and implement marketing solutions involving everything from designing logos and brand imagery to developing custom WordPress sites and online educational products to storyboarding and producing animated videos. Lead a small team of designers to produce professional work that consistently impressed clients, convincing more than 90% of our first-time clients to return for additional creative projects.

#### UX Design Intern Wing (of Google X) | Palo Alto, CA | June 2022 - August 2022

Identified and resolved a major pain point for users of Wing's customer-facing drone delivery app by optimizing the in-app navigation. Crafted interactive prototypes and conducted formal usability testing with 20+ users, demonstrating a 17% average decrease in time spent searching for items. Met with team leaders across functions to determine feasibility before presenting a ready-to-ship navigation system and handing it off for development.

# UX Design Intern — Employee Digital Experience Team Mastercard | Harrison, NY | May 2021 - August 2021

Researched, wireframed, and prototyped wide-reaching employee-facing web applications. Collaborated with a team of interns to conceptualize a new product family for which I generated the brand identity and all personas, wireframes, animations, and other visual design elements, winning Mastercard's Global Intern Design Challenge in 2021. Received overwhelmingly positive feedback on my performance and work.

# Teaching Assistant — Full-stack Web Development Course Code Platoon | Chicago, IL | May 2020 - August 2020

Provided training in full-stack web development to a class of 20 military veterans. Collaborated with a team of faculty and proactively expanded my role into marketing and graphic design. Consistently received positive feedback from both students and instructors.

### REFERENCES

Justeen Lee Wing | UX Design Lead

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# OTHER INTERESTS

Reading True Crime, Hiking, Dog training, Spear hunting for lionfish, & Organizing life into lists