David Thrift

Personal Profile

I am a problem solver who approaches challenges with a focus on action, empathy, and a mindset of always learning. I have utilized this tenacity to design, test, and implement user-centered products in several industries, contributing at different times to all aspects in the lifecycle of product design and implementation.

Education

University of Illinois BFA: Industrial Design Graduated May 2016

General AssemblyUser Experience Design

Graduated 2019

Milestones

ICPA

5 Awards for Ad Design

Krannert Art Museum

Selection for Annual ID Exhibition

University of Illinois School of Business Administration

Certificate for Excellence in Sustainable Management and Technology

Visual Designer for a NASA/JPL joint grant proposal.

NGO work in India developing a solar stove.

Experience

UX Designer

Five To Nine

March 2019 - May 2019

- Worked directly with the client and users to problem solve at the intersection of user and stakeholder needs to increase engagement with the platform
- Conducted research, design, and testing of new on-boarding features
- Defined user-centered, research-based, design principles on an Agile Team

Designer

Multiple Clients

October 2017 - Current

- Using an empathy based approach understand clients and their needs
- Working alongside clients to create effective UX designs, conduct research/ testing, develop web designs, graphic designs, and marketing collateral
- Clients include: Network Perception (2020 Ongoing) Clancy Properties (2018 -Ongoing), Roquette America (2019), Faction Studio (2019), and Pirate Fly Fishing (2017).

Industrial Designer

HPI Inc

March 2017 - October 2017

- · Lead Industrial Designer for Bathroom and Dorm products
- Conducted User-Centered Research, Design, and Prototyping for household goods that recieved placement in Walmart, Target, and Aldi

Industrial Designer

UPTECH Inc

May 2016 - January 2017

- · Served as Industrial Designer for UAV's
- Completed contracts for government and civilian clients
- Worked on the Aerospace team alongside engineers

Graphic Designer

Illini Media Company

August 2014 - May 2016

- · Worked on and eventually led the Advertising Design team
- Created engaging, original advertising campaigns for local and national clients by working hand in hand to communicate their voice

Skills

Design	Research	Tools	Tools
Wireframing	User Journeys	Sketch	Web Development
Prototyping	Interviews	InVision	SQL
Story Boarding	Usability Testing	Axure	Python
Agile Process	Market Analysis	Adobe Suite	Zeplin