

NATE LAFFAN

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EDUCATION

PhD Computational Media (in progress)

University of California, Santa Cruz

MS in Computational Media | May 2024

University of California, Santa Cruz

BA in International Affairs | Minor Studio Art | May 2005

Lewis & Clark College

EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Designer** | Freelance | New Orleans, LA
- 2021 Primarily focussed on 3D illustration and animation, interactive experiences (Unity/microcontroller based), web development (React), copyediting and logo design.
- 2020 **Web Development Instructor** | NuCamp | New Orleans, LA
Ran weekly online workshops with small classes of students to help them work through the NuCamp curriculum. Many students were first-time programmers, but all left with a basic understanding of coding fundamentals, HTML markup and the React ecosystem.
- 2019 **Developer** | Graybox | Portland, OR
Was the primary front-end developer for several large Wordpress sites. Responsibilities included developing custom Gutenberg blocks (React & ACF), styling blocks (SASS & Gulp) and developing custom interactions with vanilla JS.
- 2018 **Head of Design** | PolySync | Portland, OR
- 2016 Responsibilities included branding, website design and development (first Wordpress, then Middleman, then Hugo), automation pipeline development (Jenkins), layout design, illustration, UI design, UX, photography, video (shooting & editing), copywriting, ghostwriting, motion design and a dollop of video game development for the company Christmas party.
- 2016 **Designer** | Freelance | Boston, MA
- 2005 One-person digital design agency. Website design and development, layout design, icon design, copywriting, illustration, photography, videography, and motion design.