

# Kynthia Brunette

Information Systems Consultant, Interaction Designer, Writer

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## Objective

I am looking for work that I believe in with people I believe in; environments that support collaboration; and opportunities to learn, grow, and make a difference.

## Formal Education

- Convivio International Design Summer School Participant; Edinburgh, Scotland (August 2006)
- MS, Human Computer Interaction/Design; Indiana University School of Informatics (May 2006)
- BA, Political Science; University of Colorado, Boulder (May 2001)
- BFA (incomplete), Film/TV Production; New York University, Tisch School of the Arts (August 1997 - December 1998)

## Employment Experience

01/2014 - present

Nonprofit Information Systems Consultant

For the past two years, I have been working as a consultant, and my principal client has been my former employer - MAPS. Much of my work involves customizing, documenting, and training staff in the use of Neon CRM, a cloud-based database designed specifically for nonprofits. I also regularly solve a range of challenges with Google Docs, Mailchimp, Doodle, Paypal, Square, SmartSheet, LucidChart, and other online tools. Nonprofits cannot usually afford fully custom IT solutions, so my focus is on assisting them in knitting existing services together to fit their needs and budgets.

**Reference: Virginia Wright, Former MAPS Director of Development**

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06/2012 - 12/2013

Operations Associate, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)

04/2010 - 06/2012

Volunteer Coordinator, MAPS

I began volunteering with MAPS in 2009, and after a few months they offered me a job as the Volunteer Coordinator for their upcoming conference. I stayed on after that and focused on building up their volunteer program as a whole, including the systems that were needed to process applications and track participation. In time I was promoted to Operations Associate so that my skills could be applied more generally, and after two years, I decided to focus on project work as a contractor.

**Reference: Valerie Mojeiko, Former MAPS Deputy Director**

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[period of freelance consultation and personal design practice while exploring possibilities for self-employment - see [kynthiabru.net/portfolio](http://kynthiabru.net/portfolio) for examples]

03/2007 - 06/2007

User Experience Designer (short-term contract) - Welch Allyn

I worked with a team of fellow designers to conduct user research and prototype and test new design ideas for medical equipment that was focused on addressing the needs and concerns of doctors and paramedics in the field. The project ended after a few months for reasons of company politics, and I learned a lot about how hard it is to shift the design culture within an established firm.

**Reference: Paul Ebert, Requirements Analyst and Former UX Team Supervisor**  
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## Skills and Training

Design Practice:

- User Experience Research - Contextual Inquiry, Focus Groups, Surveys, Interviews;
- Prototyping - Flash/HTML, Paper Prototyping, Storyboarding, Architecture/Flow Diagrams, Experience Prototyping;
- Usability and Evaluation.

Development, Scripting and Web Programming:

- Comfortable with HTML, CSS, and Photoshop;
- Working familiarity with PHP, Perl, and ActionScript (Flash);
- Ever-expanding knowledge of Javascript;
- Basic knowledge of SQL and relational database development.

## Other Experience, Awards, Errata

- Kitchen Manager (September '08, '09) The Golden Café, Black Rock City, NV;
- Student Volunteer (April '06) SIGCHI Annual Conference, Montreal, QC;
- Presenter, Semi-Finalist (April '05) SIGCHI International Student Design Competition, Portland, OR;
- Co-Founder, Member (Nov. '04 - June, '06) Iota Nu Phi National Informatics Honor Society, Alpha Chapter;
- Founding Member (Jan. '05 - May '06) Design Club - student-run exploratory design studio;
- Co-Founder (July '04 - July '06) Young Adult Steering Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington;
- Board Member (Oct. '03 - Oct. '06) Bloomington Old Time Music and Dance;
- Americorps VISTA volunteer (July '02 - July '03) National School Reform Faculty;
- Phi Beta Kappa (May '01);
- National Merit Scholar (August 1997);
- Solved 2/3 of Rubik's cube, memorized the rest (March 1997).