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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA / Aug 2022 - May 2024

Master of Design, HCI focus

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA / Aug 2020 - May 2022

Master of Ecological Design

Xi'an University of Arch and Tech

Xi'an, China / Aug 2014 - Jul 2020

Bachelor of Architecture

PUBLICATION

Tang, X., **Chen, N.**, Chang, X., Ni, Y., LC, R., Tong, X. Community-driven Information Accessibility: Online Sign Language Content Creation within d/Deaf Communities. Published on *CHI 2023*

New York Times Open: "Designing a Digital New York Times Museum."

iF design trend report 2025: "Beyond colorful and quirky. Best practice: Virtual New York Times Museum."

INNOVATION magazine Fall 2025 - Yearbook of Design Excellence: "Virtual New York Times Museum."

MEDIA COVERAGE

Boston Herald: "Global Voices and Emerging Tech Converge in "Fractured Horizons," a Landmark Exhibition at NYCxDesign Spotlight 2025" - *By 24-7 press release*

Fast Company: "How an MIT hackathon resotred my faith in AR, VR, and beyond". - *By Harry Mccracken*

RECOGNITION

Awards

- iF Design Award 2025, Winner / TactileLink.
- iF Design Award 2025, Winner / Virtual New York Times Museum.
- IDEA 2025, Bronze price / Virtual New York Times Museum.
- International Design Award 2025, Bronze / TactileLink.
- MIT Reality Hack 2024, Bronze, 1st place of "Vitality Unleashed" and "Startup Hack" category / RecoVR.

Exhibition

- New York Design Week 2025, "Fractured Horizon". As one of the featured designer, My work "Phantom Gallery" was selected for a two-week long exhibition.
- Augmented World Expo (AWE) 2024. RecoVR was invited to showcase.

Speaker & Judge

- UC Berkeley MDes program admission officer 2025 (on-going).
- UC Berkeley – "Design For Good" Career Conversation Series 2025. I was Invited as one of six speakers to share design paths that contribute to social impact.
- UC Berkeley - Class critic of INFO 219 on student's UX portfolio.
- Orpetron - Web Design Awards Jury.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Product Designer / The New York Times

New York City, NY / June 2024 - Now

- Leading mobile subscription experience for NYTimes News and Games apps.
- Maintained NYTimes internal design system and collaborated cross-functionally to build tools supporting 3,000+ newsroom staff.

User Experience designer / Aible

San Francisco, CA / Feb 2023 –May 2023, Jan 2024–May 2024

- One of two designers on a fast-paced team building an AI data analytics tool at a Series B startup.

Product Design Intern / The Washington Post

San Francisco, CA / Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

- As the only product design intern at WaPo in 2024, I designed a CMS feature to help global media companies tell great stories.

UX Designer / UP Studio

Seattle, WA / Apr 2021 –Sep 2022

- Designed digital products for diverse clients—including Memorial Sloan Kettering—at a UX agency serving medical, fintech, and e-commerce industries.