James Perakis

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Education

Master in Urban Planning
Harvard University

2011-2013
Graduated with distinction, concentration in environmental planning and urban design

B.S. Architecture
University of Virginia

2004-2009
Graduated with distinction

Tools I use

Proficient	Intermediate
Illustrator	Framer
Photoshop	HTML/CSS
InDesign	Javascript
Sketch	
InVision	
Rhino3DPython	
ArcGIS	

Teaching experience

Spatial Analysis and Representation
Harvard University

2012-2013
Teaching assistant

Introduction to Architecture
University of Virginia

2008-2009
Teaching assistant

Professional affiliations

LEED AP BD+C, CPHC, ASA

About me

Versatile UX designer with a background in architecture, urban design, and design technology. I like making physical and digital things that solve complex problems. I'm currently looking for opportunities where I can leverage my multidisciplinary design background to tackle the next great UX challenge.

Professional experience

Senior UX Designer
Learnvest - Northwestern Mutual

2017-present
As part of a rapidly growing design team, I helped Northwestern Mutual transform into a fully integrated financial planning company, with products for insurance, investments, and comprehensive financial planning. I worked in an agile environment creating experiences to help improve financial literacy and financial well-being in the consumer market.

UX Designer
DESIGNATION

2016-2017
Developed UX strategies for clients in Chicago, employing a user-centered design approach. I worked collaboratively in a faced-paced environment to deliver strategy research, annotated wireframes, and mobile and web prototypes for clients ranging from an agricultural tech startup to a century-old leader of the surplus industrial equipment marketplace.

Senior Environmental Designer
Atelier Ten

2013-2016
Managed teams of consultants and developed design strategies for clients including SHoP Architects, BIG, Heatherwick Studio, and Studio Gang Architects. I also developed in-house tools to model building performance, and delivered concept and schematic design strategies for projects including the forthcoming Uber headquarters in Mission Bay, Google headquarters in Mountain View, and new addition to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Work published in Invisible Architecture, Atelier Ten: 25 Years of Atelier Ten.

Project Designer
Nelson Edwards Company

2010-2011
Created design and construction documents and written specifications for residential, cultural, and institutional projects. I developed key planning strategies for the new Yale Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, successfully coordinating the programmatic needs of multiple stakeholders.