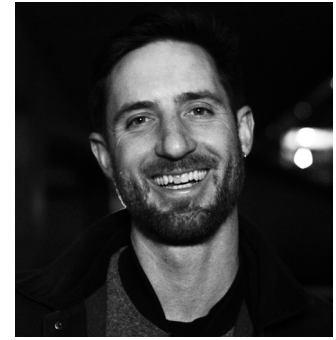


CV

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Profile

I thrive when shifting between the roles of organisational researcher and creative strategist: devising and delivering processes that connect people and systems in new ways. I ground my work in multi-disciplinary methods, and have a keen eye for surfacing insights and delivering unorthodox outcomes.

Expertise

- Relationship building and stakeholder management, citizen-centric process design
- Research, experimentation and execution using multimedia outputs
- Intrapreneurship, systems thinking and strategy
- Experienced in offline/online group facilitation and design-thinking methods
- Trained in Art of Hosting and Systemic Constellations

Relevant Work experience

2023-2024 Designer-in-Residence, [KNMI](#)

Role: I was invited into the Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut to conduct research on the 'internal climate' inside the organisation. Through art installations, interviews, presentations and internal documents, I consider how KNMI communicates future climates, and explore its potential to respond to climate risk.

2020-2023 Associate, [Public Mediation](#)

Public Mediation is an Amsterdam-based conflict mediation consultancy that designs and delivers multi-stakeholder processes involving government, citizens and industry.

Role: I devised creative participation processes that blend mental and spatial models, with the aim of expanding clients' sense of conflict dynamics. The results of these processes are used internally to guide further activities, or incorporated into reports for City Council.

Impact:

- Gemeente Amsterdam's Leefbaarheidspanel Wallengebied, developed 'Maatregelen op maat' concept (2023)
- Gemeente Amsterdam's Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) Wind Reflectiefase, designed and delivered 18 workshops across 7 districts with report sent to City Council (2021)
- Noordzeekanaalgebied Co-Creatie Pilot, spatial/mental mapping activities for stakeholders (2021)

2010-Now [Independent Social Designer / Design Researcher](#)

As a social designer and design researcher, I've devised and delivered over 20 projects with a focus on urban space, civic issues, conflict, and sustainable futures. These projects incorporate diverse collaborations with startups, research institutions, civil society groups and citizens, and work through a range of media including websites, software, digital projections, physical installations and events.

- Impact:
- At the Urban Futures Studio / Jan van Eyck Residency, I worked with cloud researchers at TU Delft and Wageningen University to develop video installations, renderings, and installations that anticipated future cloudscales in relation to climate change (2023)
 - Working with the IMAGE climate modelling team at Utrecht University, I developed a [website](#) exploring alternative future climate models (2022)
 - I collaborated with a spatial tech startup to devise the world's first spatial audio conference call [website](#) (2019)

2020-2022 Director, [Vancouver Design Nerds](#)

The Vancouver Design Nerds facilitates, promotes and creates opportunities for generative dialogue, co-creation and community building. They do this through designing and facilitating workshops (Design Jams), urban interventions and placemaking projects.

Role: As a Director I set strategic priorities within the organisation, and sought opportunities for organisational growth through partnerships and R&D with new technologies.

- Impact:
- Expanded the organisation to include international membership and activities
 - Developed activities to include online tech-hosting and facilitation
 - Co-led [City Studio's](#) 2022-25 Strategic Planning process

Education

- 2023 [System Dynamics in Organisations](#), Bert Hellinger Instituut, Groningen
- 2022-23 Designer-in-Residence at [Jan van Eyck Academie](#), Maastricht
- 2016 MA [Designing Democracy](#), Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam
- 2015 [Art of Hosting Societal Innovation](#), Amsterdam
- 2014 [New World Academy #4](#), BAK Utrecht
- 2012 BA [International Studies/Communications](#), Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
- 2011 [Heart of Facilitation](#), Portland/Seattle
- 2009 Diploma, [Peace & Conflict Studies](#), Langara College, Vancouver