# Abbe Gale Eckstein transforms complex content and data into accessible, user-friendly designs that get results.

# Independent Designer | EdTech, FinTech, Healthcare | 2022 - present

Defined the vision, systems, and visual language for multichannel products and services.

- Educational Epiphany: Spearheaded brand development of 6 core literacy products purchased by 99% of clients; increased sales by 433%; contributed to increase in reading proficiency levels of 20–60% in schools in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Maryland, and Tennessee
- Outsourced Growth Marketing: Delivered real-time financial market coverage for B2B investment audiences; spotlighted proprietary apps, research, data, and predictive analytics in use cases, fact sheets, reports, presentations, social media ads, and signage
- Rightway: Produced fact sheets, presentations, social media ads, and use cases guiding
  employees to the highest-quality care and optimal medication; helped employers
  reduce healthcare costs and pharmacy spend by 15%.

# Visual Designer | 2U /EdX (formerly Trilogy) | 2019 – 2022

Created intensive, accelerated online learning experiences for 40M+ adult learners worldwide

- Reduced the digital skills gap for enterprise clients (e.g., Amazon, Netflix) by retraining employees in market-driven subjects including: Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Fintech
- Translated complex technical concepts into visualizations and instructional content supports for the learning design platform
- Collaborated with and supported distributed teams of curriculum engineers, instructional designers, editors, and animators

# Design Consultant | EdTech | 2017 - 2019

Developed innovative, data-driven STEM and Literacy products for the K-12 market

- Carnegie Learning: Reimagined the middle / high school math experience earning perfect EdReports scores in 3 gateways for middle school; satisfied 7 customer pain points by visually aligning print, adaptive software, and assessments
- **Curriculum Associates:** Refreshed the brand; Established a design system incorporating 5 visual modes of math representation to increase student engagement and build confidence
- **Benchmark Education:** Designed digital and print books introducing growth careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); Sourced imagery; commissioned illustration; selected and supervised vendors

# Senior Designer | Merrill Lynch Chief Investment Office | 2015 – 2017

Delivered thought leadership and investment guidance to the firm's 15,000+ advisors and clients

- Improved the user flow and interface of an online authoring platform resulting in overall site use increase of 35 – 50%; received a Gramercy Institute Financial Marketing Strategy Award
- Collaborated with research analysts and economists to transform complex data and insights into compelling visualizations and infographics
- Conducted audits and QA review to ensure conformity with brand guidelines; Established design patterns to formulate a unified visual language

# Design Manager | College Board | 2014 - 2015

Implemented asset management systems (CMS and DAM) for multichannel publishing workflow

- Evaluated and optimized legacy designs; built extensible systems for modularized content
- Facilitated acceptance by creating wiki documentation; trained and coached over a dozen people
- Reduced reliance on external vendors, saving time and money

# Senior Design Manager | Scholastic EdTech | 2004 – 2014

Served as key conduit between design, content, and development teams

- Concurrently managed 8 multichannel intervention products and multiple teams of 4 designers
- · Created wireframes, prototypes, and information flows for digital platforms and games
- Modernized workflow and processes; led the transition from Waterfall to Agile

## CONTACT

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#### **SKILLS**

Art Direction
Design Management
Design Thinking
Information Architecture
UI / UX Design
Visual Design

#### **TOOLS**

## **Design / Development**

Adobe Creative Suite, Canva, CSS, Figma, Google Suite, HTML, Keynote, MathTools / MathType, Microsoft Office, Miro, Sketch

## **Content / Project Management**

Content Station, Elvis DAM, Jira, Monday.com, Smartsheet, Woodwing, WordPress, Wrike

## **Communication / Collaboration**

Basecamp, Confluence, SharePoint, Slack

## **Working Knowledge**

Canvas LMS, JavaScript, PHP, XML

## **EDUCATION**

## **Professional Development**

Bootstrap, CSS, Figma, Flexbox, HTML, Javascript, Responsive Web Design, UX/UI Design... and more

# **UX Design Certificate**

General Assembly

# **BFA, Advertising Design**

School of Visual Arts

## **Millinery Certificate**

Fashion Institute of Technology

# **EXTRACURRICULAR**

#### **AIGA NY**

Mentorship Program

## **Freelancers Union**

Member Advocate

#### **Penn South**

Cooperative Housing Coop Council Member

# **Health Republic New York**

Formation Board Member