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Glean Product Designer

Sept 2022 - Present

- Founding designer for Glean's **proactive assistant**, shaping how Glean identifies, surfaces, and advances work before you ask.
- **Leading redesign of Glean's homepage** from a static intranet into a proactive work surface, **increasing assistant usage by 11%**.
- **Leading design for Artifacts** supporting docs, slides, interactive apps generation and, editing, collaboration, sharing workflows; helping the product grow from **zero to 250K+ weekly active users**.
- **Leading design for Growth**, spanning onboarding, activation, product-led experiments, and new products as weekly active users scaled from **25K to 1M+**.
- **Led design for Glean's admin console**, including enterprise-grade connector setup and a data-loss prevention product that helped unblock **multimillion-dollar deals**.
- **Led design for external Actions**, from admin setup through end-user execution, enabling users to draft emails and create Jira tickets directly from Glean.
- Designed **future-state product concepts** in partnership with leadership and **presented the vision** at the company-wide 2025 kickoff.

Snap Product Designer

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022

- Designed the experience for **NFTs as Lenses within Snapchat**
- Co-led design for an **experimental AR app** that let users place and photograph their NFTs in physical environments using Snap's Lens technology, gaining a few thousand users.

Intuitive Interaction Designer

May 2021 - Aug 2021

- Designed multimodal **telestration** feature for the next-generation da Vinci surgical console.

Phonic Product Designer and Software Engineer

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

- **Sole designer** for a YC-backed audio and video survey platform **used by thousands of researchers and millions of participants**, helping secure **\$2.2M in seed funding**.

Education

University of California, Berkeley

B.S. Cognitive Science, 2022

Research

Human-Robot Interaction Lab, UC Santa Cruz

May 2019- Aug 2020

Conducted HRI research with Dr. Leila Takayama across physical and virtual environments.

Selected consulting

Microsoft, Adobe, Logitech G

2021 - 2022

Contracted product design projects spanning enterprise sales workflows, creative storytelling, and gaming communities during COVID.

Skills

Design: Product strategy and design, interaction design, visual design, design systems

Build: AI-assisted dev, React, TypeScript, HTML/CSS

Tools: Figma, Cursor, Claude Code, GitHub

Recognition

Kleiner Perkins Design fellow

May 2022

Glean Hackathon 2025 winner

Aug 2025