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Lecturer

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**Education**

Master of Design, Human-Centered Product Design—Institute of Design,  
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**Research Interests, Creative Activity, Professional Practice**

Even the most recognized brands need to continually invest in understanding the evolving needs of their customers. By deploying user-centered design as a strategy, companies can realize new opportunities by identifying unarticulated needs and desires of people who use their products or services.

My professional experiences include design, entrepreneurship, and education and spans over multiple industries and companies. I am currently focused on leading iterative prototyping studies to identify secondary and tertiary issues with both hardware and software concepts for the next generation medication and supply dispensing cabinet solution for CareFusion where I am Senior Interaction Designer.

**Courses Taught**

INDS 4360

*Design Issues*