



Kathryn Klaus

Video Game and Narrative Designer

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I am a multimedia and narrative designer that has worked collaboratively on several kinds of projects including games, documentation, and restoration. I'm self-motivated, always open to feedback, and eager to learn new skills.

Education

Washington State University Vancouver
Graduated May 2022
Summa Cum Laude

B.A. in Digital Technology & Culture
Game Design Certificate
Minors in History and Creative Writing

Technical Skills

Unity
Unreal Engine 4
HTML5
CSS3

Professional Skills

Game Design and Development
Narrative Design
Graphic Design
Animation Design
Successful Online Collaboration with Colleagues

Other Technical Skills

Adobe
Illustrator
Photoshop
After Effects
Premier Pro
Animate
Autodesk
Maya
Blender
Office 365

Other Professional Training

SEH America
Conflict Management Training
Technical Writing Training
Project Management Training
Professional Communication Training

Awards and Honors

1st ever STEM Signing Day participant (2018)
American Association of University Women Math Award (2017)
SkillsUSA Interactive Application and Video Game Development Regionals, 1st Place (2018, SW)

King of Space: Reconstruction of a Narrative Game <https://kingofspace.org/>

Interactive Fiction Created by Sarah Smith

The reconstruction of a narrative game originally published in 1991 that involves multiple mini-games, interactive environment, and complex gameplay.

Multimedia Designer and Co-Lead of the Multimedia Design Team, January – May 2022

- Attended weekly meetings to gather and distribute information to members of the design team and other members of the project's leadership
- Brainstormed ideas for backstories, mechanics, and design direction with teams
- Analyzed and highlighted points of interest in King of Space manuscripts
- Created concept art for logos, characters, tools, icons, locations, etc.

Dead Air <https://cmdcstudios.itch.io/dead-air>

A 3D atmospheric horror game created for Summer Slow Jams hosted by the Portland Indie Game Squad.

Asset and Narrative Designer, July 2021

- Collaborated with 20+ people to produce the final product within a limited time frame
- Designed assets used within the final game such as posters
- Collaborated with a team to write the story and flow of the game
- Conformed to work-flow guidelines and met deadlines set by the production manager

ParaSoul <https://cmdcstudios.itch.io/parasoul>

A 3D cyberpunk platforming game created in a team for game building experience.

Asset Designer, January 2021

- Collaborated with 20+ people to produce the final product within a limited time frame
- Designed assets used within the final game such as enemies and background details
- Brainstormed mechanics and communicated with teams to determine what could and could not be included
- Conformed to work-flow guidelines and met deadlines set by the production manager

Huli <https://cmdcstudios.itch.io/huli>

A 2D puzzle platformer game created for Summer Slow Jams hosted by the Portland Indie Game Squad.

Asset Designer, June 2021

- Collaborated with 20+ people to produce the final product within a limited time frame
- Designed assets used within the final game such as levers and bounce flowers
- Conformed to work-flow guidelines and met deadlines set by the production manager

Documenting Myst <https://scalar.usc.edu/works/traversing-myst/index>

The documentation and collection of information of a game published in 1993 and other materials generated in subsequent years.

Researcher, Writer, and Game Play Recorder, March – April 2020

- Researched and analyzed Myst's gameplay, fan base, and merchandise generated from the original game
- Collaborated with a team to gather and compile research
- Recorded gameplay of Myst for a full playthrough