# **BEN MOOK**

**Content Strategy** 

**Journalism** 

**UX Design** 

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I am a skilled content strategist with a background in UX design and research combined with a foundation in journalism.

I use this background, as an advocate for the user, to conduct interviews, analyses and research to provide clear, actionable insights and content for nonprofit and governmental organizations.

## + Professional Experience

#### Sr. Content Strategist at Sapient Government Services www.sapient.com Arlington, VA

May 2017 - present

www.wethinkshift.org

Content strategy, IA and UX consultant. Client work includes the American Bankers Association, the National Cancer Institute and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. I work with federal clients and nonprofits to increase SEO, optimize content presentation and recommend content/IA improvements.

#### Specific Deliverables

- Perform a site audit and inventory to identify content that was outdated, redundant or unneeded and reduce URL count prior to site migration.
- Develop a content model framework and high-level taxonomy.
- Analysis of content for Section 508 compliance, followed up with a remediation
- Created interview protocols for numerous stakeholder interviews.
- SEO analysis and optimization
- Led, and co-presented user workshops.

## Content Strategist/UX Designer at ThinkShift

October 2016 - May 2017

Editorial lead, content strategist and UX designer for nonprofit think tank supporting workers in career transitions.

### **Specific Deliverables**

Washington, DC

- Led UX work in persona creation, user flows and journey mapping.
- Assist in the creation of new pages and help populate site architecture for three websites.
- Provide guidance on site nomenclature, navigation, and content layout.
- Edited academic research and prepared content for a general audience.
- Created a targeted social media campaign including designing and copywriting multiple Facebook and Twitter ads.

## **Newspaper Reporter and Editor**

Various Publications

February 1999 - January 2016

- Covered business, finance, banking, energy, government courts and police for daily, weekly and semi-weekly newspapers.
- Pitched, managed and developed editorial content across multiple mediums, which won 17 awards from state, regional and national media associations.
- Maintained newspaper websites and designed and distributed e-newsletters.
- Pitched, tested and implemented new technologies, like Tableau, for multimedia reporting.

## + Skills

#### Codina

HTML/CSS

#### **Content Management**

- Drupal
- WordPress
- RythymX
  - SharePoint

#### Design

- Sketch
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Axure
- **InVision**

#### **User Experience**

- **Content Inventories**
- Content Audits
- Gap/Competitive **Analyses**
- Metadata/SEO Audits
- WCAG/508 Compliance
- Personas
- Stakeholder Interviews
- **User Interviews**
- **User Journeys**
- Wireframes
- Information Architecture
- **Taxonomies**
- **Content Modeling**

## + Education

**General Assembly UX** Design Visual Design Washington, DC

**American University Interactive** 

Journalism Washington, DC (M.A.)

**Frostburg State** University

Psychology (B.S)

Frostburg, MD