

Drew Castalia

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## **BACKGROUND**

20 years experience on creative teams: exchanging feedback, pitching, meeting professional deadlines, fulfilling contracts, staying agile, communicating asynchronously, conforming to design patterns, and using version control.

Technical and creative experience with film and game production and associated technologies. Widely read; widely written; widely traveled. 20 years practice in the

cooperative martial art aikido.

Expert Unity, C#, and related APIs developer. 3D modeler / mapper.

## **EDUCATION**

2008-2009 University of East Anglia — Norwich, England. MA Creative Writing (Scriptwriting).

2003-2007 University of British Columbia — Vancouver, BC, Canada. BA double-major Creative

Writing and English Literature.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Fall 17 - Present Lecturer — <u>University of Arizona</u> — Tucson, AZ, USA

Teaching tabletop and digital game design to undergraduates and graduates.

Created original curricula for all courses:

ISTA 251: Challenges in Game Design ISTA 451 / INFO 551: Game Development

ESOC 300: Digital Storytelling

Fall 21 - Spring 23 Unity Developer — Public Lands Interpretive Association — Albuquerque, NM, USA

Principal programmer on <u>Caver Quest Academy</u>, a 3D third-person educational adventure game set in and around the Fort Stanton Snowy River cave system. Reengineered systems to perform on low-end hardware and mobile platforms. Built mechanics to deliver grade-school instructional content. Created original 3D models

and animations. Led team on technical decision-making.

Summer 12 - Fall 19 Adjunct Faculty, Discipline Coordinator — Pima College — Tucson, AZ, USA

Teaching writing composition, American and English literature, scriptwriting for film, TV, and games, game design and theory, programming in Unity C#, and project management to students of all levels.

Created original curricula for all courses:

WRT 100: Writing Fundamentals WRT 101: Writing Composition

WRT 102: Survey of English Literature

DAR 103: Survey of Digital Arts

DAR 124: Writing for Film, TV, and Games

DAR 224: Advanced Scriptwriting

GAM 101: Introduction to Game Design

GAM 102: Narrative in Games

GAM 120: Introduction to Game Programming

GAM 150: Programming Games with Unity and C#

GAM 151: Advanced Programming with Unity and C#

GAM 201: Analog to Digital Game Projects

GAM 218: Team Game Development Capstone

GAM 296: Special Projects in Game Development

Winter 16 - Spring 19	Unity Developer — AGM Container Controls — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Created <u>modular interactivity system</u> to help client exhibit hydraulic lift products in a variety of environments at trade shows using Oculus Rift. Also rendered models suitable for realtime presentation and trained team.
Spring 13 - Spring 18	Unity Developer - Archaeology Southwest - Tucson, AZ, USA
	Rolling feature development on <u>Chronological Virtual Reality</u> : an interactive exploration system used for taking virtual tours of historical spaces using mobile, desktop, web, and VR technology, including Google Daydream, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.
Summer 14 - Present	Unity Developer — <u>Alderac Entertainment Group</u> — Ontario, CA, USA
	Developer of <u>Sun and Moon</u> : software for playing collectible card game <u>Legend of the Five Rings</u> online in 3D.
Summer 13	Writer — <u>Desert Archaeology</u> — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Researched and wrote storyline for historical exhibit at Tucson's Evo A De Concini federal courthouse.
Winter 12	Guest Lecturer — Norwich University of the Arts — Norwich, UK
	Delivered presentations and hosted Q&A on freelancing and writing for games.
Summer 09- Spring 12	Specialist -> Family Room Specialist -> Genius — Apple Inc — Norwich, UK
	Teaching, troubleshooting, and repairing Apple software and hardware at all levels.
Summer 09	Scriptwriter — Markosia Enterprises — London, UK
	Wrote story and script for published graphic novel <u>The Adventures of Young Sherlock Holmes</u> .
Winter 06	Research Assistant — Vancouver, BC, Canada
	Performed research and synthesis for Steven Galloway, author of Ascension and The Cellist of Sarajevo.
PRODUCED / PUBLISHED	
Fall 17 - Spring 19	Unity Developer — Madison, WI, USA
	Commissioned to prototype multiplayer airship combat game <u>Tal'vos</u> based on designs by game designer Thomas Stavlo.
Fall 17	Unity Developer — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Designed and wrote narrative content for existential story-based game <u>Homines Ex</u> <u>Machina</u> with collaborator Chris Hill for Ludum Dare 39.
Winter 16	Unity Developer — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Developed music visualization and manipulation game <u>Harmony</u> with collaborators Matt Jackson and Rachel Franco for the 2017 Global Game Jam.
Fall 16	Unity Developer — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Developed speech-giving game <u>Pyramid Scheme</u> with collaborator Chris Hill for the Ludum Dare 36 game jam.
Summer 15 - Present	Unity Developer — Pima College — Tucson, AZ, USA
	Developed educational multiplayer games for learning in the classroom, including multiplayer industry simulation $\underline{\textit{TV Tycoon}}$ .
Summer 13	Unity Developer — Norwich, UK
	Created role playing game parody <u>Game of Zones</u> for local Apple Store.
Spring 12 - Fall 14	Unity Developer — Vancouver, BC, Canada
	Wrote original script and created design and programming for interactive role-playing game prototype <i>The Romantic Wrong</i> .

Spring 12 Scriptwriter — Norwich, UK

Wrote original script and collaborated on the design of *Flint and Tinder*, a comic book

adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's The Tinder-Box.

Spring 11 Scriptwriter — Norwich, UK

Wrote original script and assisted production of *Click*, a short film premiered at the

Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Summer 10 Unity Developer — Norwich, UK

Wrote original script and created design and programming for interactive strategy

game prototype Heaven and Earth.

Winter 08 Story Developer — <u>EYE Film and Television</u> — Norwich, UK

Consulted on characters and stories for production company's web drama Tempting

Fates.

Fall 08 Scriptwriter — Norwich, UK

Co-wrote animated short for Norwich Heritage and Regeneration Trust celebrating 70

years of City Hall.

Spring 04 Web Designer — How We Survived the Night — <a href="http://www.hwstn.com">http://www.hwstn.com</a>

Designed and built group blog, later became personal portfolio of fiction, poetry,

screenplays, criticism, and interactive media.

**REFERENCES** 

Chris Hill Frequent collaborator and developer at Dire Wolf Digital.

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Estevan Gregory Technical Specialist at AGM Container Controls and contracting client.

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