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Learning Designer | Educator | Researcher

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About

Nanvi is passionate about building creative thinking in children through hands-on learning, interdisciplinary approaches, and emerging technologies. She is currently pursuing her master's in education at Harvard Graduate School of Education in the Learning, Design, Innovation, and Technology (LDIT) program.

At HGSE, she works with Boston Public Schools to integrate creative pedagogies into elementary classrooms, contributes to social-emotional learning (SEL) research at the EASEL Lab, and explores the role of the arts in learning through Project Zero's ArtPlay initiative. With experience in curriculum design and teacher training, Nanvi has worked across diverse educational settings, developing programs that nurture curiosity, self-expression, and student agency.

Education

- **Harvard Graduate School of Education, USA**
M.Ed., Learning, Design, Innovation and Technology; Arts and Learning Concentration
2024 - 2025
- **Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, India**
B.DES, Creative Education
2018 - 2022

Work Experience

- **Boston Public School - Winship Elementary School**
Practicum - Student Teacher February 2024 - Present
 - Designing and developing curriculums, leading workshops and working with the main art teacher to conduct classes and assessments.
- **Project Zero - Art/Play**
Research Assistant September 2024 - Present
 - Designing and developing project reports for a collaborative action research initiative focused on integrating modern and contemporary art practices into Boston Public Schools' early childhood curriculum based on observations.
 - Creating infographics and visual representations to simplify and communicate research findings.
- **EASEL Lab - Harvard Graduate School of Education**
Research Assistant September 2024 - Present
 - Developing and revising SEL Kernels intervention materials, training modules, and teacher resources
 - Prepared findings for presentations, reports, and academic papers, contributing to evidence-based insights.
- **Labhya Foundation (Delhi, India)**
Program Associate May 2023 - April 2024
 - Designed a well-being curriculum and programs for government and non-profits, supported K-12 teacher training for program execution, and conducted research to enhance implementation and develop assessment plans for ongoing RCTs.
- **The Atelier (Bangalore, India)**
Atelierista/Curriculum Designer May 2022 - May 2023
 - Assisted educators in creating interactive and creative visual arts experiences based on Reggio-Emilia approach.
 - Contributed to designing curriculums for age 2-10 that evolves based on children's interests.
 - Created different activities such as games, posters, etc., for interdisciplinary learning.
 - Produced visual documentation, booklets, presentations, and films on projects.

Software

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Procreate
- Google Suite for Education
- Canva
- Miro/Mural/Figma
- Scratch

Skills

- Curriculum Design & Development
- Teacher Training & Professional Development
- Early Childhood & K-12 Education
- Project-Based & Interdisciplinary Learning
- Research & Educational Program Evaluation
- Visual Design, Storytelling & Materials
- Workshop Facilitation

Interests

- Arts & Design in Education
- Creativity & Play-Based Learning
- Educational Equity & Access
- Reggio Emilia & Inquiry-Based Pedagogies
- Community & Non-Profit Education Models
- Inclusivity and Multicultural
- Educational Technologies

Projects

- **The Unify Collective (Mumbai, India)**
ECCE Design Consultant May 2024 - July 2024
 - Researched the needs of the educational ecosystem; developed a comprehensive early childhood handbook; and conceptualized easily usable resources for ages 4-5.
- **Makkala Jagriti (Bangalore, India)**
Curriculum Designer November 2022 - January 2024
 - Created curriculum manuals and workbooks for students in state public schools based on holistic learning experiences.
- **Wudi (Dubai)**
Curriculum Developer March 2023 - April 2023
 - Designed 50 hands-on activities for young learners to do at home with guardians.
- **Lend A Hand India (Delhi, India)**
Curriculum Designer March 2023 - April 2023
 - Designed a curriculum explaining electronics to students from grades 9 and 10.
- **Jump! Design India (India)**
Curriculum Writer July 2022 - September 2022
 - Part of publishing - 'Useful notes on people' with Otter Studios (in press).
 - Created group activities for the SEL Workbook for Pre teens.
- **Pencilbricks Foundation (Pune, India)**
Curriculum Design March 2022 - September 2022
 - Crafted a teacher toolkit on Emotional & Foundational Literacy for K-3 students.
- **Saturday Art Class (Mumbai, India)**
SEL Mentor October 2021 - January 2022
 - Mentored Art sessions conducted by Teach For India fellows in public schools.
- **Artreach India (Delhi, India)**
Teaching Artist Fellowship May 2021 - November 2021
 - Designed and Facilitated art modules and workshops based on material exploration and expression.
- **Mazdoor.co (Ahmedabad, India)**
Design Consultant May 2020 - December 2020
 - Developed workshops, documentaries, and comics based on research and interviews to create awareness about the informal sector and break down common stereotypes.
- **ArtSparks Foundation (Bangalore, India)**
Designer April 2020 - July 2020
 - Worked on social media, art activities, and a comprehensive design guidebook.