Designing for Future Realities

Robin Hunicke presents:

Abstract: In this talk Robin will talk about the design challenges and affordances presented by emerging technologies in AR, VR and mixed reality experience design. Because the rules of these worlds will not be hampered by the constraints of physics, physical space, barriers like language, physical proximity or time... they can (and will) completely change the way we think about relating to one another. This talk will address some of the new responsibilities and opportunities we can take hold of as a community in this exciting and unpredictable time of immense change.

Bio: Robin Hunicke is the Co-Founder and CEO of the independent game studio Funomena, which creates experimental games for Console, PC, VR & AR platforms including the award-winning, IGF-Nominated VR fairytale Luna, and the highly anticipated collaboration with Keita Takahashi, Wattam. She has been designing, making and teaching about games for over 15 years (Journey, Boom Blox, MySims, TheSims2), and was named as one of the top ten most influential Women in Games this year by PC Magazine.

Robin is an outspoken evangelist for increasing the participation of women and under-represented minorities within the Arts, Games & Tech. In addition to her foundational work on the Indie Game Jam, the Global Game Jam and the IGDA Education SIG, Robin volunteers in support of Amplifying New Voices, PlaySFMOMA, Google Made with Code, Girls Make Games, just to name a few. She is also tenured at UC Santa Cruz, where she directs the Art, Games & Playable Media BA, and the Digital Art and New Media MFA program.

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