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Kamakshi Duvvuru is a make(believe)r, using code and art to create new spaces for liberation - specifically where people can meet themselves and each other more deeply.

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EDUCATION

B.S. Computer Science, Stanford University, 2016
12-unit Fashion Course, Academy of Art University SF

COMMUNITY

Now
2016 **Founder & Designer**, Buoy

- o Developed end-to-end V1 of Buoy, an iOS app for passersby to exchange audio thoughts & access deeper community in urban areas.
- o Developed creative partnerships with several independent bay area coffee shops, & co-hosted neighborhood launches.

2018
2016 **Community Manager**, Ithaka Housing Cooperative

- o Created events for 30+ residents to bond and share, including open mics and the first ever reunion of 200+ community alum to meet and share art.
- o Designed spaces for mental wellbeing, introducing small-groups counsels, womxn's circle, healing workshops; & with a team, helped reform the culture to better support QPOC.

2015
2010 **User Researcher & Designer**, Seeds of Empowerment

- o Designed mobile-tech based curricula & workshop for children in rural India to create & publish stories.
- o Led trip to hometown in India & piloted storytelling workshop with 3 rural schools.

2014
2013 **Product Manager & Engineer**, Microsoft Bing

- o Developed analytics for a Bing Social feature, which led to its reboot as a priority development; Eng intern 2013.
- o Drove research, design, & development of a cross-platform engagement feature for Bing Homepage; PM intern 2014.

2012 **Front-end Engineer**, Nyoombl

- o Designed and implemented all UX & front-end for a from-scratch web app at 4-person broadcasting startup.
- o Worked with CEO on efforts to build initial traction: new-user acquisition & iterative engagement research.

TECH

Illustrator of "Reporting from the Belly of the Night" Poetry Chapbook | Audio Stories with IRC Oakland Resettled Families | Cohousing proposal for Nevada City Cohousing Solutions | Recycled fashion piece "Fuse" for Sari Fixation | Featured artist in "Nasty Women Oakland" Group Art Show | Creative Mentor for individuals with barriers to Tech