

# Frank Lantz | CV

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**Education**    **University of Maryland, College Park Maryland, 1986**  
**BFA, Painting**

**Academic Experience**    **Director, The NYU Game Center, 2008 - present**

**Chair, Game Design, Tisch School of the Arts, NYU, 2012 - present**

**Director, MAGNET Presidium, NYU 2013 - present**

**Adjunct Faculty, NYU, Interactive Telecommunications Program, 1995 – 2008**

- **Game Design**
- **Big Games**
- **Interactive Narrative**

**Instructor, Parsons School of Design, Digital Design Department, 2004 - 2005**

- **Hybrid Design Studio**

**Instructor, School of Visual Arts, 1992 - 1993**

- **Computer Aided Design**

**Work Experience**    **Area/Code Games, New York, NY, January 2005- 2010**  
**Co-Founder, Creative Director**

Area/Code was a pioneer in the fields of cross-media, real world, location-based, and large-scale social gaming. Working in multiple experimental and commercial contexts, Area/Code created games for CBS, Discovery Channel, Van Alen Institute, Arts&Entertainment Network, Qwest, Nokia, MTV, Nike, and the Ubiquitous Computing Conference.

**Gamelab, New York, NY, 2002 - 2005**  
**Director of Game Design**

Gamelab is a premier developer of online and downloadable games with a focus on creating innovative and accessible games for a broad, non-hardcore audience.

**Pop & Co. New York, NY, 2000 - 2002**  
**Senior Game Designer**

Online game design for clients including Cartoon Network, Lifetime TV, and VH1.

**RGA, New York, NY 1991 – 2000**  
**Creative Director**

Lead creative for this highly respected, award-winning digital design studio.

**Select Publications**

**Pervasive Gaming**, Editors: Markus Montola, Jaakko Stenros, Morgan Kauffman Press, 2009  
“Pervasive Games and the ‘Art Question’”

**Game Design Workshop: A Playcentric Approach to Creating Innovative Games**, Tracy Fullerton, Morgan Kauffman Press, 2008  
“Designer Perspective: Frank Lantz”

**Space Time Play: Computer Games, Architecture and Urbanism**, Drew Davidson, Heather Kelley, Julian Kücklich, Friedrich von Borries, Steffen P. Walz, Matthias Böttger, Birkhäuser Basel, 2007  
“Design Case Studies: Big Urban Game, PacManhattan”

**Metropolis Magazine**, April 2006  
“Slow Games and the Quest for Play Everlasting”

**Rules of Play: Game Design Fundamentals**, Katie Salen and Eric Zimmerman, MIT Press, 2003  
“Foreword”, “Commissioned Game: Ironclad”

**Merge Magazine**, 1999  
“Rules, Play and Culture: Towards an Aesthetic of Games”

**Panic Encyclopedia, The Definitive Guide to the Post-Modern Scene**, Editors: Arthur and Marilouise Kroker, St. Martin’s Press, 1989  
“Panic Quake”

**Select Speaking Engagements / Presentations**

“Life and Death and Middle Pair: Go, Poker, and the Sublime”, Game Developers’ Conference, San Francisco, March 2011

“Reinventing Gaming”, TEDx PennQuarter, 2010

“Alternate Approaches to Alternate Reality: Designing a Different Kind of ARG”, Game Developers eXchange, Savannah College of Art and Design, April 2008

“The Metagame: A Battle of Videogame Smarts”, Game Developers’ Conference, San Francisco, March 2007

**"The Return of the Real: Using Real-world Gaming to Achieve Real-world Goals"**, Serious Games Summit, Washington DC, October 2006

**"The Future of Real World Gaming"**, Nokia Games Summit, Monaco, August 2006

**"Away From Keyboard: Designing Real-World Games"**, Montreal International Game Summit, November 2005

**"Radical Territories: The Future Frontier of Game Design"**, panel at the AIGA Design Conference, September 2005

**"Urban Gaming"** Sidney Kahn Summer Institute for New Practices in Performance and Technology at The Kitchen, New York City, June 2005

**Selected Ludography**

**Drop7**, iPhone, Area/Code Games  
**Parking Wars**, Facebook, A&E  
**Chain Factor** (the Numb3rs ARG), CBS  
**Sharkrunners**, Discovery Channel  
**Sopranos A&E Connection**, A&E  
**ConQwest**, Qwest Communications  
**Big Urban Game**, University of Minnesota Design Institute  
**Diner Dash**, Playfirst Games  
**Subway Scramble**, Playfirst Games  
**Arcadia**, Shockwave Games  
**Openhouse**, Lifetime Television  
**RSVP**, Lifetime Television  
**Trick or Treat**, Cartoon Network  
**Spybot**, Lego  
**Worldbuilder**, Lego  
**Junkbot**, Lego  
**The Robot Club**, South Peak Interactive, 1998  
**Gearheads**, Phillips Interactive, 1996

**Awards**

Creativity 50, Creativity Magazine  
Sopranos Connection – best of 2007 "tech/mech", AdWeek  
Sopranos Connection – finalist MIXX  
Sopranos Connection – gold, OMMA  
ConQwest – "Best Game", Future Marketing Summit  
ConQwest – Silver, Clio Awards  
ConQwest – Silver Pencil, One Show  
ConQwest – Guerilla Marketing of the Year, Brandweek