

CURRICULUM VITAE

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WORK EXPERIENCE

AUTOMATION ENGINEER - TORONTO STAR

JUNE 2021 - PRESENT

- Write bespoke code for automation and automatic generation of story content
- Natural Language Processing software
- API development
- AWS administration (Lambda, API Gateway, S3, EventBridge, Lex, DynamoDB)
- Creation of internal bot tools
- Webscraping
- Snowflake data storage
- Editorial calendar planning
- QA unit testing

DIRECTOR - DIGITAL DATA DESK - THE CANADIAN PRESS

OCT 2019 - JUNE 2021

- Managed a team of journalists, developers and data librarians
- Set the overall strategic vision
- Development project management
- Plan and implement automation, machine learning and artificial intelligence news products
- API design and development
- Javascript and Python development
- Node.js server administration
- Webscraping
- Newsroom training and education
- Newsroom tool development
- Innovation evangelism
- Mentoring and coaching of junior staff
- External communications and demos

NEWS ENGINEER - THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEC 2014 - OCT 2019

- Automation software design
- Slackbot design
- HTML, CSS and Javascript for interactive infographics
- Responsive web design
- Election and infographic mapping
- Node.js server administration
- Webscraping
- Database creation / administration
- API design and use
- Data analysis and reporting
- Digital newsroom tool development
- Training in tools & data journalism
- Digital product development

IOS / ANDROID APP DEVELOPER

2016 - 2021

- Swift 2 & 3 development for iOS apps
- Development of custom keyboard extensions for iPhones and iPads
- Development of keyboard app for Android devices
- iTunes Connect app administration
- App marketing and sales
- Launched a successful Indiegogo fundraising campaign
- Graphic design of custom emojis

SPECIAL EDITOR - THE EDMONTON JOURNAL

NOV 2011 - NOV 2014

- HTML, CSS and Javascript for interactive infographics
- Responsive web design
- Mapping and database creation
- Newsroom training in digital tools and data journalism
- Design of special sections for edmontonjournal.com
- Digital product development and implementation

INSTRUCTOR - MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

AUG 2010 - MAY 2012

- Course design and instruction
- Instruction in design for print and online journalism design and reporting
- Created and administered a hyper-local news website
- Instruction in computer assisted reporting, video and audio editing, podcasting, mapping, search engine optimization, and social media monitoring/interaction



AWARDS

2021 - Honourable Mention: Canadian Journalism Foundation Facebook Journalism Project Digital News Innovation Award
2018 - Nominated: One Canadian Association of Journalists Award
2017 - Nominated: One Canadian Online Publishing Award
2016 - Nominated: Two Canadian Online Publishing Awards
2012 - Won: Editor & Publisher EPPY Award - Best news or event feature
2012 - Nominated: Canadian Online Publishing Awards - Best infographic
2012 - Nominated: Online Journalism Awards - Breaking news, medium
2011 - Won: Online News Association MJ Bear Fellowship



EDUCATION

Algonquin College - 2008 - 2010
Journalism diploma

Acadia University - 2002 - 2007
Arts, Music



CERTIFICATIONS

Scrum Alliance - 2021
Certified ScrumMaster® (#1194245)