

Education I'm working toward my Bachelor of Social Sciences Joint Honours in History and Political Science, in the French Immersion program, at the University of Ottawa. I try to focus my studies on the social impact of technology. Expected graduation in 2020. CGPA, courses, and projects available upon request.

Work I've worked as an independent designer and developer for around seven years. I've served a variety of clients, from large organisations to small startups.

*Various Clients
Designer and Developer
2010–present* I specialize in finding and filling the skill or knowledge gaps in my clients' teams. I prefer to work in highly focused, modular ways—I parachute in to solve a given problem, and leave behind quality work that others can pick up after I leave. My ability to learn quickly allows me to adapt to most environments, and has allowed me to pursue a variety of work experiences:

- Collaborated extensively with [Van Patten Media](#) on a wide range of design and development projects between 2013 and 2016, including work for [Superfeedr](#), [eCommerceFuel](#), and various VPM products.
- Worked for [WordImpress](#) to develop new features for a variety of their existing WordPress plugins.
- Developed an interactive prototype for [UnCo](#), a fashion startup that was seeking crowd funding.
- Designed and implemented a comprehensive interface for an early-stage human resources startup.
- Built a plugin integrating the Restrict Content Pro WordPress plugin and the Twilio API to enable bulk texting based on information stored in user profiles.

*Sheridan College
Guest Lecturer
2016* I was invited to guest lecture Sheridan College's CCT260 and CCT360 courses, introductions to web design and development at the beginner and intermediate levels. I researched, wrote, and delivered [a presentation](#) to address the concerns of students trying to learn to code and get into the industry.

Community Involvement I like to work with my local community, trying whenever possible to link local efforts to broader actions.

*Ottawa Civic Tech
November 2016–ongoing* I attend weekly meetups—speakers nights and hack nights—with a group of engaged community members interested in the intersection of technology, design, and government.

I work with a group of attendees who collect, normalize, and analyse all federal government proactive disclosure data published across departmental websites.

*Foot Patrol
January 2017–ongoing* During the school year, I serve three hours a week as a patroller, providing safe walks to people within the areas surrounding the University of Ottawa campus.

Lucas Cherkewski

Conferences I've attended and spoke at a variety of conferences in the design and development industries. When speaking, I'm passionate about working with beginners. I always try to find ways to explain complicated concepts in terms that most people can learn from. A selection:

WordCamp Montréal 2017 Speaker, *Demystifying HTML: An introduction for bloggers*

WordCamp Ottawa 2017 Speaker, *Learning to Code by Failing Safely* (writeup)

CanUX 2016 Attendee

WordCamp Montréal 2016 Speaker, *Tiny Little Pieces* (video)

DesignThinkers 2015 Attendee

WordCamp Toronto 2014 Speaker, *Redesigning Creativity*

WordCamp Ottawa 2014 Speaker, *Be the Perfect Client*

Scholarships and Awards I've been fortunate to receive several scholarships and awards:

2016–present Dean's Merit Scholarship (University of Ottawa)

2016 Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)

2016 Choose to Lead Scholarship (Waterloo Collegiate Institute)

2016 John P. Shaw Award (Waterloo Collegiate Institute)

2014 John Boulden Award for Outstanding Premier (Waterloo Region Fed/Prov Simulation)

Languages I have native fluency in English and intermediate-advanced fluency in French.

References Available upon request.