Katie Larson

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Full stack web developer who seeks to build technology to improve people's lives. From teaching art history to writing academic articles to my tech work electing Jason Crow to Congress, I believe technology is an essentially human endeavor and should work to solve our very human problems. My skills in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, and HTML/CSS (among other frameworks and tools) can be used to build a better world for us all.

EXPERIENCE

Apprentice Web Developer - Chicago, IL

The Difference Engine, February 2019 - present

- + Worked in a continuous integration and Agile environment using CircleCI, Docker, and ZenHub
- + Handled history functionality in React Router for Rescuing Leftover Cuisine's new recipe app

DigiDems - Aurora, CO

DigiDem Organizer, Jason Crow for Congress, July 2018 - November 2018

- + Enforced cybersecurity best practices on a successful Congressional campaign
- + Designed training materials for digital campaign tools to help with volunteers on boarding
- + Created videos, print advertisements. and social media posts with GIMP and iMovie
- + Supervised phone banking and canvassing for in-house and remote volunteers to ensure they stay on message

Vin Chicago - Chicago, IL

Wine Specialist and Beer Buyer, June 2014 - August 2016

- + Assisted in the transition from a paper system of tracking fulfilled orders to a digital system
- + Organized and ran weekend wine tastings and special events

Rosenthal Fine Art - Chicago, IL

Gallery Intern, October 2013 - May 2014

- + Created and maintained gallery website with SquareSpace
- + Managed, updated, and edited gallery's Twitter and Facebook accounts to create a consistent cross-platform brand

Department of the History of Art, Indiana University - Bloomington, IN

Instructor of Record, August 2009 - May 2013

- + Led class discussions and lectures for "H100: An Introduction to Art History and Visual Culture for Non-Majors"
- + Graded class projects and exams including written exercises, group presentations, and essays

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Souls Borne Boss Bot - GitHub | Twitter

A Twitter bot based on From Software's Souls Borne game series.

- + Node.js bot tweets out a boss every 4 hours and retweets select statuses every 2 hours
- + googleapis and twit libraries to obtain read-only access a Google Sheet with boss data to tweet

Potluck Planner - GitHub | https://potluckers.herokuapp.com

Plan a potluck, invite friends, and claim a dish to bring in this concise social media app.

- + React-Redux client-side server with Rails API managing Postgres (production) /SQLite (development) database
- + JWT authentication using the Rails Knock gem

EDUCATION

Flatiron School - March 2017 - March 2018

+ Full Stack Web Development: Ruby on Rails, JavaScript (React and Redux inclusive), HTML/CSS online program

Indiana University - Bloomington, IN

- + PhD ABD (All But Dissertation): History of Art December 2016
- + MA: History of Art August 2009

University of Minnesota, Morris - Morris, MN - December 2005

+ BA: French & English Majors, Philosophy Minor