Lindsay Young

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Building open data and open source technologies that fuel efficient, open governance.

Skills

- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Strong project management capabilities
- Rapid learner of technology and new concepts

Experience

Sunlight Foundation   Nov 2010 - Present
Current title: Software Developer
Former titles: Reporter, Researcher

- Lead software developer on vital projects, including large scale data projects, user facing products and internal tools.
- Coordinated across Policy , Reporting, Design and Communications departments to strategize, develop and launch web projects that use government data to connect journalists and citizens to their government.
- *Currently maintaining:*
  - *Foreign Influence Explorer*
    (Python, Django) A project that turns DOJ records into a database and website about foreign influence in the US.
  - *Congress API*
    (Ruby, Sinatra) An API about the work and structure of Congress.
  - *Scout*
    (Ruby, Sinatra) An alert service that delivers emails about Congress, regulations, state governments and court documents.
  - *Capitol Words*
    (Python Django) A website and API that ingests and parses the Congressional Record.
- *Writing experience:*
  - What countries spent the most to influence the USA in 2013? Used Foreign Influence Explorer Data to calculate the top lobbying countries, according to DOJ records.
  - Outside Spenders Return on investment Created a new political metric by calculating the percent of money spent on winning candidates.
  - see all posts
- Co-Organized TransparencyCamp 2013-2014, The Sunlight Foundation's annual conference. Worked across departments managing personnel and logistics for the event.

- Helped craft policy agenda on foreign lobbying and contributed to getting FARA reform into the DOJ's Open Government Plan.
- My work has been cited by: The New York Times, Washington Post, TIME Swampland, Washington Times, National Journal, Politico, Huffington Post, CNN Money, Reuters, Atlantic Wire, USA Today and other media outlets.

Morgan Training Company   Oct 2007 – May 2009
Title: Marketing Analyst (P/T)

- Morgan Training Company provides sales training to engineering professionals. I analyzed customer satisfaction surveys using quantitative and qualitative methods. I compiled the results into a report and chose testimonials for marketing materials.

The Senatorial Office of Byron Dorgan   Aug 2006 – Dec 2006
Title: Intern

- I conducted research, wrote memos and constituent letters. I also produced graphics, wrote a brochure, and composed an office tour guide manual using verified information including maps, a glossary, and talking points.

The Congressional Office of Anna Eshoo   Sept 2005 – Dec 2005
Title: Intern

- I wrote a constituent letter and performed receptionist duties. I obtained Congressional Research Service Certification and used CRS services provided by the Library of Congress.

Education

Pepperdine University
- *Master in Public Policy 2010*
- *3.96 GPA, Rank 2 of 50*
- *Concentration in International Relations*

University California, Riverside
- *B.A. in History 2007*
- 3.91 GPA, Summa cum laude
- *Phi Beta Kappa*

Technologies

- **Programming languages**: Python, Ruby, Javascript
- **Web frameworks**: Django, Sinatra
- **Databases and search**: MySQL, MongoDB, Elasticsearch
- HTML5 and CSS3
- Use Amazon EC2 and S3 services
- Creation, use and maintenance of APIs