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Education

Columbia University | New York

2020–21 M.S. Data Journalism

Reporting with a focus on using data to uncover and visualize stories. Articles include: Bronx community groups creating their own <u>internet networks</u> during the pandemic; <u>green roofs</u> spreading in New York thanks to city research and new laws; and US legislators lagging behind voters on <u>climate change</u>. Awarded honors in "Writing with Data" and "Digital Mapping" classes.

Oxford University | Oxford

2014-17

B.A. English Language and Literature

Awarded the Fitzgerald Prize for attaining First Class Honors, the Quarrel Read Prize for making an exceptional contribution to college life, and the Skeat-Whitfield Prize for academic excellence in final-year coursework. Published non-fiction articles and essays in magazines *The Exeter Egg* and *The Oxford Forum*.

Experience

2021-Present

Data Reporter | Mission Local | San Francisco

- Won the NorCal Society of Professional Journalism's 2022 <u>data viz award</u>. Part of the team that won the Online News Association's national <u>General Excellence award</u> for a micro-newsroom.
- Created interactive maps and charts for a wide range of data-led stories.
- Developed interactive tools like <u>vote explorers</u>, <u>searchable databases</u>, and a <u>weekly quiz</u>.
- Reported general assignment stories, including police hoping to authorize <u>lethal use of robots</u>, <u>payroll errors</u> impacting teachers, and a lawsuit against the city for their <u>homeless sweeps</u>.

2022

Teaching Assistant | Columbia University | New York

- Helped students with coding and design in Columbia's data journalism mapping class.

2018-20

Editor | Oxford University Press | Oxford

- Wrote, edited, and proofread resources for parents, teachers, and children. Worked on print books and on Oxford University Press' primary education website, Oxford Owl.
- Developed digital tools and subscriptions, such as the *Floppy's Phonics* package of online activities and an interactive guide to help parents determine their child's reading level.
- Produced storytelling and explanatory videos for **YouTube**.

2015-17

Group Leader and Publicity Officer | Oxford Nightline | Oxford

- Provided support to university students suffering from severe emotional distress.
- Developed and secured ongoing funding for a major, chocolate-frog-based outreach campaign.

Projects

- Your neighborhood in data: Created a web app using JavaScript and Mapbox to help San Franciscans explore census data.
- Formula for the perfect novel: Used data from Goodreads to figure out patterns in popular books. Scraped titles using Beautiful Soup and ProtonVPN, analyzed data with pandas, created graphs with Altair, Illustrator, and ai2html.
- <u>Climate score beeswarms</u>: Visualized climate voting data using D3 force simulation, filters, and tooltips. These graphics were used by the environmental non-profit Climate Cabinet.

Skills

- Web: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, D3, Mapbox, Metashape, WordPress, Refinery, Bottlejack.
- **Data and workflow**: Python, APIs, JSON, GeoJSON, GitHub, Jupyter Notebook, Beautiful Soup, Selenium, pandas, geopandas, regex, scikit-learn, Altair, QGIS, the Adobe Creative Cloud, Trello, Jira, Slack.
- Audio: Electronic music composition experience with Audiotool and FL Studio. Working knowledge of Audition.
- Fiction writing: Published in multiple short story anthologies. Awarded £1000 prize in the 2009 HG Wells story competition.