# Anna Evelyn Spysz: Curriculum Vitae

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### Career Summary

I am a curious, creative and dedicated individual and agile learner in search of a challenging position that will utilize my past experience in the tech and startup world and help me further develop my skills as a full-stack web developer. I am passionate about helping those new to coding, particularly those from underrepresented groups as well as non-traditional backgrounds, break barriers and gatekeeping to become successful software engineers. Serverless is my jam, and good documentation is my passion.

### Professional Experience

### Front End Engineer I, Amazon Web Services

September 2021-present

- Improving the AWS serverless app experience
- Working on the AWS Console in React

### Software engineer, Stackery

June 2018-September 2021

- Worked on the frontend/UI as well as backend of the Stackery web app in React and NodeJS
- Refactored and launched the stackery.io website, built on Gatsby and GraphCMS
- Extensive work on and contributions to the Stackery documentation site
- Built on and became extensively familiar with AWS's serverless services, particularly Lambda, REST and HTTP APIs, SQS, CloudFront, CodeBuild, as well as the CloudFormation and SAM IaC frameworks

#### Freelance writer, self-employed

December 2010-December 2017

- Project manager and author of the PowerGuide and KICstart Your Business workbooks for InnoEnergy
- Developed online PhD courses on the topic of tech entrepreneurship for InnoEnergy and InPath TES
- Co-wrote and edited The Essential Guide to Being Polish, published July 2013
- Wrote, edited and proofread for a variety of clients as a freelance writer, editor, and translator (Polish to English)

#### Bitspiration.com

Editor in Chief, co-founder; December 2013-October 2015

- Planned the launch and content of a new technology news portal for Poland
- Recruited and managed a team of freelance writers and staff copywriters
- Managed the regular publication of website content as well as a monthly newsletter and social media pages

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### Education

### Jan-April 2018 PDX Code Guild, Portland, OR

Certificate of Completion, Full Stack Developer Bootcamp

- Completed a 12-week full-time Python-based Developer Bootcamp, an intensive course that combines individual projects and group study to teach topics covering general computer science, Python and Django, JavaScript, HTML5/CSS, source control, networks, and up-to-date best practices
- Capstone project involved building a social to-do list app using Django for the backend and Vue.js for the frontend: iffapp.com

### 2005-2006 Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Master of Arts in European Studies

 Masters dissertation titled: Found Through Translation: The Influence of Anglo-American Modernism on Polish Émigré Poetry, 1966-1980, supervised by Prof. dr hab. Aleksander Fiut

### 2001-2004 The University of Texas, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts in English, Associate Degree in Business Foundations, Minor in Astronomy Graduated with Liberal Arts Honors, High Honors, GPA: 3.84/4

- Honors: \$5000 Academic Scholarship, \$1000 Senior Scholarship, Dean's List
- Emphasis in Business Administration, Eastern European Studies and Literature, Creative Writing

# Languages, Skills & Interests

- Core technologies:
  - React 16+, NodeJS 8+, JavaScript ES5+, HTML5, CSS3, Material design
  - Gatsby and GraphCMS content management
  - Testing suites: Cypress, AvaJS
  - Version control using git and GitHub
  - Extensive use of AWS CloudFormation and serverless services
  - Up-to-date developer skills portfolio: GitHub
- Other computer skills: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, versions 7-CC2018+; Adobe Lightroom 2+; Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint; Final Cut Pro; Ableton Live and various professional recording and music editing software; proficient in Apple OS X and iOS, Ubuntu Linux
- Languages: Native speaker of English and Polish; three years of university study of Russian language;
  rudimentary knowledge of Spanish and German language
- Interests: Music (play piano, guitar, clarinet), writing and literature, astronomy, physics, information theory, linguistics, philosophy, art and graphic design, photography, Wing Chun Kung Fu practitioner since 2010 (current level: 5)