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EDUCATION

Duke University Durham, NC

Master of Environmental Management – Ecosystem Science and Conservation

August 2021 – present

- Master's thesis focusing on cloud-based deforestation monitoring in Central Africa
- Coursework in geospatial analysis with Python, resource economics, and machine learning

New York University

New York, NY

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

September 2012 - December 2015

Coursework in computer architecture, operating systems, algorithms, and data structures

WORK EXPERIENCE

Virunga National Park

North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo January 2020 – August 2022

Technology Lead

- Designed real-time alert system for communities to report nearby security forces about possible rebel incursions; implemented using LoRaWAN, Python, AWS (EC2, Lambda, S3), Django, and React.
- Developed Google Earth Engine project to monitor deforestation and facilitate effective ranger patrols; implemented with JavaScript and supervised classification of Sentinel-2 imagery.
- Designed and conducted drone pilot training program with dozens of park rangers in French, in order to improve wildlife counting efforts and thwart potential ambushes while rangers are on patrol.

Caracal Kigali, Rwanda

Founder/CTO

January 2019 – December 2019

- Conceptualized and built geospatial data automation tool that connects wildlife tracking collars and cloud documents with GIS platforms, enabling protected areas to better understand real-time and historical data.
- Designed and engineered a scalable platform using Python, AWS (Kinesis, Lambda, S3), Django, and React.
- Received a \$7,000 Early Career grant from the National Geographic Society to cover the cost of programmers and cloud services by successfully conveying the potential impact of project on anti-poaching outcomes.
- Managed a team of two remote frontend programmers in the implementation of new features.

quip.link Kigali, Rwanda January 2018 – March 2019

Co-founder/CTO

- Co-founded and designed a technology product that links over 120 informal hardware shops with institutional buyers to reduce inefficiencies in the market and improve intra-city delivery networks.
- Developed business and marketing strategy through dozens of interviews with local traders.
- Engineered secure, intuitive platform using Django, MySQL, AWS (Cognito, EC2, S3), React, and Python.
- Managed a small team of remote web developers using Agile-based development methodologies.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:**
 - Advanced in Python and Django web framework 0
 - Advanced in JavaScript and React library 0
 - Advanced in Amazon Web Services
 - Proficient in TensorFlow
 - Proficient in French
- Interests: Mnemonics, electronic music production, bonsai