

**CURRICULUM VITAE OF CHELSEA PALMER**  
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## EDUCATION

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**M.A. Library and Information Studies** (2019-present [*estimated 2021 completion*])  
[University of British Columbia](#), Vancouver, BC

- Pursuing a richer base knowledge of human-first information systems design
- Accepted into [Designing for People](#) interdisciplinary specialization

**M.A. Community Psychology** (2012-2015)  
[Adler University](#), Vancouver, BC

- Studied nonprofit management, social determinants of health & research ethics
- Graduated with 4.167 GPA, July 29 2015

**B.A. Contemporary Critical Theory** (2006-2008)  
[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#), Great Barrington, Massachusetts

- Recipient, *Rodney Christopher Merit Scholarship*
- Studied psychoanalytic linguistics, disaster recovery, literary theory & video production
- Graduated *cum laude*, May 17 2008

**A.A. Liberal Arts** (2003-2006)  
[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#), Great Barrington, Massachusetts

- Recipient, *Acceleration to Excellence Merit Scholarship*
- Studied sociology, historical cultures & theater production
- Graduated *with distinction*, May 13 2006

## PUBLICATIONS

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Palmer, C. (2019, January 2). “**Resisting the threat of blockchain recentralization.**” [Part of Coindesk’s *2018 Year in Review* series]. Retrieved from <https://www.coindesk.com/resisting-the-threat-of-blockchain-recentralization>.

Palmer, C., & Fairfield, R. (2018). “**A Quantified Self report card: Ethical considerations of privacy as commodity.**” (pp. 217 - 233) in Btihaj Ajana (ed.) *Metric culture: Ontologies of self-tracking practices*. Emerald Publishing Ltd., West Yorkshire.

Palmer, C. (2015). “**Stuck in cyberspace: Power and culture in the Information Age.**” (Unpublished Master’s thesis). *Adler University*, Vancouver, BC. Retrievable from [http://stuckincyber.space/mainpages/SIC\\_essays](http://stuckincyber.space/mainpages/SIC_essays).

## SELECTED CURRICULUM & CONFERENCE CONTENT DESIGN

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**“NYC Bitcoin Week”** [community Bitcoin developer bootcamp], May 2019 in Brooklyn, NYC.  
I supported Justin Moon in delivering an affordable, in-depth version of his [BUIDL Bootcamp](#) over the span of four days during New York Blockchain Week, in collaboration with [Bushwick Generator](#). We led small groups of enthusiastic HODLers in hands-on coding with Python for the Bitcoin protocol.

**“Solidity BOOTYCamp”** [free peer-to-peer coding bootcamp], September-November 2018 in Vancouver, BC.

I organized a Creative Commons BY-SA resource list, and curated 8 weekly themed meetups where guest lecturers walked us through different Solidity contracts, focusing on security vulnerabilities and the game theory of user behavior after live deployment.

**“Dogecon Vancouver 2018”** [cultural meme and cryptocurrency conference] with *Carpe Lunam Events Association*, June 21-24 2018 in Vancouver, BC.

I designed this [four day conference](#) from the ground up, with interdisciplinary panels on the complex meaning of value, antifragility, consensus, and abundance, as well as many participatory and creative group activities. I also helped ship the website from scratch and supported our BTC Pay Server setup for processing our own crypto ticket payments.

**“Blockathon for Social Good 2: Verification for ID Recovery”** [blockchain hackathon] with *Blockchain@UBC*, May 26-27 2018 in Vancouver, BC.

I was invited to run operations for University of British Columbia’s second blockchain hackathon, after the success we shared in launching the first one in 2017. This time, I oversaw a two day hackathon with 8 teams of 4-6 students, helping them navigate the identity-focused use case and overseeing A/V for their final presentations.

**“Demystifying Decentralization/Blockchain for Social Good”** [thematic panel design] at Cryptopsychedelic conference, February 3 2018 in Tulum, Mexico.

I designed the questions and content to guide the two introductory panels on blockchain technology at *Cryptopsychedelic*, a meeting of experts from the cryptocurrency and psychedelic research fields. I also moderated the second of these panels, which featured Vinay Gupta, Max Borders, and Jake Vartanian as key speakers.

**“Blockathon for Social Good: Improving Biomedical Research Processes”** at *University of British Columbia*, August 4 2017 in Vancouver, BC.

I helped implement Dr. Victoria Lemieux's design for the first blockchain hackathon for social good with the Blockchain@UBC Research Cluster. I wrote the preliminary use case, and fleshed out the possible avenues for blockchain application, as well as running all day-of ops and supporting overall event execution.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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**“Get good: Principles for cryptoeconomic game design”** [presentation and workshop] at *Cryptochicks Toronto Hackathon & Conference*, June 1 2019 in Toronto, ON. (Also presented in longer format to George Brown College blockchain developer class on June 3 2019).

**“Crypto keys and infosec best practices”** [presentation and workshop] at *Bsides Security Conference*, March 13 2018 in Vancouver, BC.

**“Fork everything: Blockchain governance”** [lightning talk and panel discussion] at *World Crypto Economic Forum*, January 16 2018 in San Francisco, California.

**“From digital currencies to e-democracy”** [presentation and workshop] at *Media Democracy Day: Solutions Media*, November 18 2017 in Vancouver, BC.

**“Blockchain ethics: Trust in the age of machines”** [presentation and roundtable] at *Camp Decentral Burning Man*, August 30 2017 in Black Rock City, Nevada.

**“Quantified Self report card: Research findings”** [presentation] at *Metric Culture: The Quantified Self and Beyond*, June 8 2017 in Aarhus, Denmark.

**“Disciplindex”** [educational rap presentation] at *Decentralized Web Summit*, June 9 2016 in San Francisco, California.

## RESEARCH & PRACTICUM WORK

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**Community Development Practicum** (Spring 2015). “Supporting sustainable consumer practices for the disposal of electronic waste.” *Adler University*, Vancouver, BC.

**Community Service Practicum** (Spring 2013). “Stand Up For Mental Health and the healing power of comedy.” *Adler University*, Vancouver, BC.

**Community Service Practicum** (Autumn 2007). “New Orleans/Katrina/New Orleans?: Rebuilding community resources.” *Simon’s Rock College of Bard*, Great Barrington, Massachusetts - Service Trip in Broadmoor, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Study Abroad Practicum** (Summer 2007). “Reconstruction seminar: Montserrat after the Soufrière volcano.” *School for International Training* via *Simon’s Rock College of Bard*, Great Barrington, Massachusetts - Homestay Trip in Montserrat, Lesser Antilles.

**Research and Curation Assistantship** (Spring 2006). “Humans exhibiting humans: Chernobyl 20 years later.” *Central European University*, Budapest, Hungary.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Freelance Technical Writer** (2019-Present).

I completed my first longform technical writing contract in May 2019, turning a company’s technical whitepaper into a more detailed and accessible longform document for cryptonative readers to delve deeper. Private project, but references available on request.

### **Cofounder & Experience Designer** (2018-Present). [\*Carpe Lunam Events Association\*](#), Vancouver, BC.

- Launched a nonprofit organization to run events and provide public education about decentralized technology
- Raised over \$80,000 CAD from sponsors to run a four day, 250+ person cultural conference, “[\*Dogecon Vancouver\*](#)”
- Designed all thematic academic content, and curated cryptoeconomic speakers and panels

### **Freelance Conference Operations Manager** (2017-Present). Worldwide.

Some of the tech conferences I’ve been brought in to help organize events for include:

- [\*Ethereum devcon iv\*](#) (2018). Prague, Czech Republic - 5 days, approx 3000 attendees
- [\*Bsides Security Conference\*](#) (2018). Vancouver, BC - 2 days, approx 500 attendees
- [\*Startup Societies Summit\*](#) (2017). San Francisco, CA - 2 days, approx 350 attendees
- [\*d10e 7th Edition\*](#) (2017). Tel Aviv, Israel - 1 day, approx 150 attendees
- [\*IEEE Blockchain Summit\*](#) (2017). Vancouver, BC - 1 day, approx 100 attendees

### **Stock Manager & IT Generalist** (2018-2019). [\*Warren General\*](#), Warren, Connecticut.

- Helped launch the first general store in the small town of Warren, Connecticut, in a decade
- Sole IT generalist, responsible for fully customizing PoS software and hardware system
- Designed supply chain process flow and documentation from scratch

### **Event & Operations Coordinator** (2017-2018). [\*Frontier Foundry\*](#), Vancouver, BC.

- Established all founding operations documentation and organizational processes
- Organized educational community events for developers and the general public

**Executive Director** (2016-2017). [\*Human Data Commons Foundation\*](#), Vancouver, BC.

- Managed cross-sector partnerships between academia, advocacy, and private sector groups
- Designed and led execution of the first annual [\*Quantified Self Report Card\*](#)

**Team Operations Facilitator** (2016). *NXT Level You*, Vancouver, BC.

- Supported executive operations and organized all team meetings and communications
- Laid the groundwork for arms-length not-for-profit Human Data Commons Foundation

**Corporate Secretary & Executive Assistant** (2015). [\*Uniserve Communications Corporation\*](#), Vancouver, BC.

- Facilitated all activities of Board and executive officers for a large publicly traded ISP
- Took initiative to reorganize office operations to enable paperless record-keeping

**Residential Counselor** (2008-2011). [\*Berkshire Meadows\*](#), Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

- Caretaker for clients with overlapping physical, cognitive, and psychological disabilities
- Red Cross First Responder trained in Nonviolent Communication and Crisis Prevention
- Advocated for nonverbal clients' rights and implemented community outreach

**Writing Centre Tutor** (September 2004-January 2008). *Simon's Rock College of Bard*, Great Barrington, Massachusetts.