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EDUCATION

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

- Pursuing a richer foundational knowledge of human-first information systems design
- Accepted into [Designing for People](#) 2020 cohort with merit-based Graduate Entrance Grant
- Served as President of UBC Bitcoin Club (2020-2021)

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

- Studied nonprofit management, focusing on research ethics & the social determinants of health
- 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

WORK EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL ROLES

Operations Manager (2020-Present). [Countable Web Productions Inc.](#)

I work part-time to wrangle systems and communications matters for a remote-first consulting agency firm developing complex GIS and data visualization web apps for nonprofits and the BC public sector.

Contributing Committee Member (2020-Present). *IEEE Standards Committee: Concentration of Power in Technology*. I was invited to contribute to this Standards Committee's upcoming chapter on ethical challenges due to increasing centralization and concentration of power in AI and other new technologies.

Blockchain Business Consultant (2019-Present). Since late 2019, I have provided consulting services to blockchain developers and entrepreneurs seeking to establish new projects within the industry. I focus on founders' ethical responsibilities, privacy-by-design principles, and Agile project management.

Graduate Academic Assistant (2019-Present). *University of British Columbia*.

Since joining UBC's iSchool in September 2019, I have served in multiple Graduate Academic Assistant roles. [See p. 4 for more details on each of these roles and projects.]

Cofounder & Experience Designer (2018 - Present). [Carpe Lunam Events Association](#), Vancouver, BC. I launched a BC member-funded nonprofit to run events and provide public education about decentralized technology. We raised over \$80,000 CAD from sponsors to run a four day, 250+ person cultural conference called "[Dogecon Vancouver](#)." I serve as Board Secretary and Vice President of the Board.

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
- [Blockchain@UBC Blockathon for Social Good 2: ID Recovery](#) (2018). Vancouver, BC - 2 days, 60 students competing in hackathon
- [Bsides Security Conference](#) (2018). Vancouver, BC - 2 days, approx 500 attendees
- [Blockchain@UBC Blockathon for Social Good: Improving Biomedical Research](#) (2017). Vancouver, BC - 2 days, 40 students competing in hackathon
- [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 a decade in the small town of Warren, CT
- 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
- Led HDC's participation as founding partner in Blockchain@UBC research cluster
- Designed and executed 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](#), 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 proactive community outreach

Writing Centre Tutor (2004-2008). [Simon's Rock College of Bard](#), Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

- Worked in the drop-in essay help centre for a small university for 7 semesters
- Also did one-on-one support work to help individual students with accessibility challenges complete their assignments and prepare for classes

PUBLICATIONS

- Palmer, C., Rowell, C., & Lemieux, V. L. (Forthcoming). "**Multidisciplinary blockchain pedagogy and design: A case study in moving from theory to pedagogy to practice.**" *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Springer.
- Palmer, C. (May 2020). "**Permissionless (a Bitcoin poem).**" L. Cuen, ed., *Cyberpunk Women*. CITA Press. Retrieval from <https://citapress.org/#books/cyberpunk-women>
- 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. Retrieval from http://stuckincyber.space/mainpages/SIC_essays.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "**Nakamoto 101: TL;DR'ing the Bitcoin Whitepaper**" [video playlist and virtual meetup series] for *UBC Blockchain Club*, October - December 2020 in Vancouver, BC. [Viewable on Youtube here](#).
- "**Student Showcase: Supporting Blockchain for Climate's MVP Design**" [presentation] for *Blockchain@UBC Research Cluster*, October 6 2020 [Online].
- "**Capture was always already here: Complex power in blockchain ecosystems**" [presentation] at *ETC Summit*, October 4 2019 in Vancouver, BC. [Viewable on Youtube here](#).
- "**Get good: Principles for cryptoeconomic game design**" [presentation and workshop] at *Cryptochicks Toronto Hackathon & Conference*, June 1 2019 in Toronto, ON.
- "**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 with guest appearance from Richard M. Stallman] at *Decentralized Web Summit*, June 9 2016 in San Francisco, California.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AND PRACTICUM WORK

Graduate Academic Assistant Role: Peer Technology Advisor (2020 - Present). *UBC's iSchool*. I support new cohorts at the iSchool in completion of the *Tech in the Core* edX curriculum, as well as providing generalized technological support for labs.

Graduate Academic Assistant Role: Digital Scholarship Workshop Lead (2020 - Present). *UBC's Research Commons*. I design and implement technical workshops in this WorkLearn position, including on [Docker](#) and [Blockchain Research Skills](#).

Graduate Academic Assistant Contract: Online Education Advisor (Summer 2020). *UBC's iSchool*. I helped support the iSchool's transition to fully virtual learning, with a personal focus on available tools and digital platform literacy.

Graduate Academic Assistant Contract: Metadata and Repository Cleanup (Fall 2019). *UBC's iSchool*. In my first placement in Fall 2019, I organized and restructured [a small collection of Arca digital repositories for the UBC iSchool](#).

“**Blockathon for Social Good 2: Verification for ID Recovery**” (May 2018). *Blockchain@UBC*. For the second blockathon for social good, I oversaw a two day hackathon with 8 teams, helping them navigate the identity-focused use case while running event operations.

“**Blockathon for Social Good: Improving Biomedical Research Processes**” (August 2017). *Blockchain@UBC*. I helped implement the first blockchain hackathon for social good in Vancouver, in the early foundational days of University of British Columbia's Blockchain Research Cluster.

Community Development Practicum (Spring 2015). *Adler University*. “Supporting sustainable consumer practices for the disposal of electronic waste.” Improved searchability of provincial e-waste recycling resources online.

Community Service Practicum (Spring 2013). *Adler University*. “Stand Up For Mental Health and the healing power of comedy.” Shadowed a mental health resource group using stand up skills training to build community in the South Burnaby area.

Community Service Practicum (Fall 2007). *Simon's Rock College of Bard*. Service trip to Broadmoor, New Orleans, Louisiana. Travelled with a group of classmates from our university in Massachusetts to help build a sustainable community library after the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Study Abroad Practicum (Summer 2007). *School for International Training* via *Simon's Rock College of Bard*. Homestay trip on Montserrat island in the Lesser Antilles. Worked with the Red Cross to support local nursing homes, after an active volcano uprooted the Montserratian people.

Research and Curation Assistantship (Spring 2006). *Central European University* [Budapest, Hungary]. Supported university founder and head archivist in curating a museum exhibition for Chernobyl's 20th anniversary.