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**EDUCATION**

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**M.A. Library and Information Studies** (2019-present [*estimated May 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 Graduate Entrance Grant
- Serving as President of UBC Bitcoin Club (2020-2021)

**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

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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

I work part-time to wrangle systems and communications issues for a mostly remote web development consulting agency firm based in Vancouver, BC and Davao, Philippines.

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

In my first placement in Fall 2019, I organized and restructured [a small collection of Arca digital repositories for the UBC iSchool](#). I'm performing a WorkLearn position over the summer designing technical workshop curriculum for UBC's Research Commons, and in talks to serve as a Technical Peer Advisor in my department next year.

**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](#).”

**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
- 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 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

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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. Retrieval from [http://stuckincyber.space/mainpages/SIC\\_essays](http://stuckincyber.space/mainpages/SIC_essays).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- “**Capture was always already here: Complex power in blockchain ecosystems**” [presentation] at *ETC Summit*, October 4 2019 in Vancouver, BC.
- “**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.

## CURRICULUM DESIGN AND PRACTICUM WORK

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- “**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.

**“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.

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

**Community Service Practicum** at *Adler University*, Spring 2013 in Vancouver, BC. “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** at *Simon’s Rock College of Bard*, Autumn 2007 service trip to Broadmoor, New Orleans, Louisiana. “New Orleans/Katrina/New Orleans?: Rebuilding community resources.” 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** at *School for International Training* via *Simon’s Rock College of Bard*, Summer 2007 homestay trip on Montserrat island in the Lesser Antilles. “Reconstruction seminar: Montserrat after the Soufrière volcano.” Worked with the Red Cross to support local nursing homes, and capture the memoirs of the island’s elders, after their volcano became active and uprooted the Montserratian people.

**Research and Curation Assistantship** at *Central European University*, Spring 2006 in Budapest, Hungary. “Humans exhibiting humans: Chernobyl 20 years later.” Supported head archivist in curating a museum exhibition upon the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.