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Experience

Center for Public Integrity
News Developer

Washington, D.C.
June 2013 – Present

- Designed and built apps, graphics and interactives using D3, Vue, Node, Ractive, Leaflet, Webpack and many other libraries and tools that end in “.js.”
- Maintained internal data loaders, databases and query tools that enable investigative reporters to run campaign finance data analysis for use in stories.
- Supported an International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) project on the connections between China’s elite and leaked offshore companies. Built an app using D3, which was translated into six languages and run by partners in 10 countries, including leading dailies in Germany, France and Spain.
- Created graphics for a series on companies using underhanded tactics to deny black lung compensation to coal miners, which caused Johns Hopkins to eliminate a program and changed how the system works for miners. The reporter won a Pulitzer. The graphics won a bronze at Malofiej.
- Worked with investigative team to show review of judge financial disclosures. Federal law passed to change D.C.’s disclosures as a result.

Sunlight Foundation
Reporting Fellow

Washington, D.C.
June – Nov. 2011

- Analyzed data, covered hearings and debates, wrote stories and (some) code.

(RIT) Reporter magazine
Online Editor

Rochester, N.Y.
Dec. 2007 – Feb. 2010

- Built the CMS and special projects.

Education

Rochester Institute of Technology
Bachelor’s of science in journalism; minors in computer, political sciences

Rochester, N.Y.
2013

Awards

2014 Philip Meyer Award
2014 Malofiej Bronze Medal
2015 SND Award of Excellence

2014 Gerald Loeb Award
2015 & 2016 Gerald Loeb Finalist
2016 Emmy Nomination