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Experience

The New York Times: *Editor, Interactive News | March 2013 - present*

I run the Interactive News desk, a team of developer/journalists that uses code to solve problems in news. We work on major events like the 2016 elections and Rio Olympics; collaborate on stories and interactives; develop new story forms, coverage models and products; and build tools to support newsgathering. From 2013 to mid-2016, I worked as an assistant, then deputy, editor responsible largely for elections and collaborations with reporters.

Hot Type Consulting: *Founding partner | March 2009 – present*

I co-founded this consultancy, which provides Web development and technical services to media clients. We have worked on dozens of projects for companies in the United States and abroad, but we are best known for helping to build and launch the *Texas Tribune*.

Center for Investigative Reporting: *Director of technology, reporter | August 2009 – January 2013*

I began as a reporter covering state government and the 2010 elections in California and was later promoted to director of technology, where I led a 10-person team responsible for data journalism, interactive development, website engineering and technology strategy.

The Des Moines Register: *Reporter | November 2008 – July 2009*

I worked primarily as an investigative reporter and routinely performed complex analyses as the newspaper's data specialist. Projects included a series that identified holes in state air pollution monitoring systems, which won two of the state's highest journalism awards in 2010.

The Houston Chronicle: *Reporter | September 2006 – November 2008*

I worked as a reporter and data specialist on the investigative desk, where in addition to helping reporters analyze data, I pursued my own lines of reporting into county government ethics issues and waste at NASA. I also contributed to staff coverage of Hurricane Ike.

Education and skills

Education: Graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006 with a B.J. in journalism and minors in Spanish and political science; interned as a general assignment reporter at six newspapers, including *The Boston Globe*; successfully completed several online courses via Coursera, including: Machine Learning (2012), Natural Language Processing (2012) and Mining Massive Datasets (2014).

Teaching: University of Missouri: adjunct professor and course co-creator, advanced data journalism, spring 2013-present; member, data science industry advisory board, fall 2015-present. Columbia University: adjunct professor, LEDE data journalism program, summer 2015. University of Houston: adjunct professor, investigative and computer-assisted reporting, fall 2007 and 2008.

Technical skills: 10+ years experience using Python in the context of journalism; extensive experience developing web applications using modern frameworks (Django, Rails) and frontend technologies (jQuery, D3); extensive experience using and teaching analysis tools such as Excel, SQL and various GIS packages; experience architecting web applications that can handle millions of visits per hour; other applied language and framework experience includes Node, Ruby, R, Objective-C, PHP and Perl.