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## EDUCATION

### FULL STACK WEB DEV BOOTCAMP

Lighthouse Labs

2018

### MASTERS DEGREE Public Policy

University of Calgary

2014-2015

### BACHELOR OF ARTS Environmental Sustainability

University of King's College

2008 - 2012

## SKILLS

JS, TS, PHP, NodeJS,  
React, NextJS, AWS,  
GraphQL, MongoDB, Ruby,  
CSS/Sass, Bootstrap,  
HTML, Rails, EJS, jQuery,  
AJAX, SQL, NVIVO Data  
Software, ArcGIS

Fluent in English, French

Intermediate in German, JavaScript,  
and TypeScript

# KATHERINE CONNOLLY

WEB DEVELOPER, TECH MENTOR, BAH, MPP

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a lucky horseshoe for startups. I have helped scale 2 startups from small and non-existent markets to highly competitive and profitable organizations. My past employers will all agree that it is not luck that sets me apart from the group, but my hard work, attention to detail, and willingness to tackle any task, no matter how impossible. I believe that any problem can be solved if broken down to its smallest component and I live by that in everything I do from management to development.

## RECENT & RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### CONTRACT SOFTWARE ENGINEER | DESALU CREATIVE

July 2021 - Current

While sourcing new freelance projects to work on, I found Deaslu Creative and felt well aligned with the intersectionality and diversity of the organization. I have worked on a range of projects from back to front end and fullstack using nodeJS, and PHP/WordPress. With Desalu I have worked both independently and as a part of a larger team of other freelance developers and seen projects from inception to completion.

### GENERAL MANAGER, WEB DEV INSTRUCTOR | LIGHHOUSE LABS

January 2019 - August 2019/ August 2020 - Current

I currently mentor and instruct the same program that I graduated from in 2018 and hold one of the highest ratings of any instructor across the country. Each week I prepare a series of lectures ranging from code basics to React Hooks and beyond to launch students into their career as a developer.

Previously, I was Lighthouse Labs' first full-time employee in Calgary. I was tasked with setting up the company for success in Alberta. During my time there, I created long-lasting and meaningful relationships within the tech community, curated events to spread tech literacy throughout the city, and carved out a place for Lighthouse to succeed after my departure. I saw 5 cohorts graduate the Web Development Bootcamp and maintained one of the highest employment rates for any bootcamp across Canada.

### SOFTWARE ENGINEER | NEO FINANCIAL

September 2019 - July 2021

I joined Neo when the company was only about 20 employees in total, as the first female hired at the time. I built the core code base in the early days, and from there worked on everything from database management to front end clients and even data and infrastructure. I helped launch Neo's first 3 products and develop company culture across the board. I created and implemented a technical training program for new hires that was critical in onboarding software engineers of all levels and helped grow the department from under 30 to over 80 employees in less than 6 months.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANT | PREMIER'S OFFICE, GOV'T OF ONTARIO

April 2016 - June 2018

I was initially hired to cover a maternity leave, but by the end of my contract the Premier personally requested that I stay on staff as a result of my meticulous work and attention to detail. I worked beside the then Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, to manage her professional and personal schedule. In this role I juggled my responsibilities as a representative of the government and worked with staff and stakeholders to ensure that every minute of the Premier's day ran as smoothly as possible. I produced planning documents for up to a year in advance and was able to react efficiently and prioritize when major events took place to ensure that the Premier was always reacting in an appropriate timeframe and manner.