

CHRIS KIRK

NEWS APPS DEVELOPER

I'm a programmer-journalist working at the intersection of journalism and technology. My mission is to tell stories, and my tools include more than just notepads, pens, and cameras. For projects large and small, I aim to push the boundaries of digital journalism and innovative storytelling.

EDUCATION



Northwestern University
Graduated March 2012

MEDILL
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in
Journalism with double
major in Political Science



Magna Cum Laude
Grade Point Average: **3.86**
Quarters on Dean's List: **11/11**

EXPERIENCE

Slate.com

Interactives Editor

April 2012 – Pres. | New York City | Full time

- Codes full-stack to create interactive data visualizations, games, and news apps
- Created some of *Slate's* most recognizable work, including the [Game of Thrones Graveyard](#), [Creationism Map](#), [Middle East Friendship Chart](#), and [Shootings Map](#)
- Develops news games, such as the [Gerrymander Jigsaw Puzzle](#), [Slate Friday News Quiz](#), [Electoral Map Quiz](#), and [The Great Gatsby Game](#)
- Developed and coordinated *Slate's* [Gun Deaths](#) project, featured on NPR, MSNBC, and *The Daily Show*.
- Built the [Outrage Calendar](#), a National Magazine Award finalist
- Developed a dynamic quizzing system that supports a variety of question types and media components and produces [audio](#) and [video](#) quizzes with it
- Developed a desktop email client with Node and nw.js and chronicled the process in a [long-form piece](#)
- Manages an assistant interactives editor and an interactives intern
- Set *Slate's* all-time traffic record with the ["Travoltify Your Name" generator](#)

City University of New York

Adjunct Lecturer

Sep. 2015 – Pres. | New York City | Full time

- Teaches interactive data journalism to graduate students at the Graduate School of Journalism

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Interactives Intern

Sep. – Dec. 2011 | Pittsburgh | Full time

- Developed interactives, including [a timeline of the Jerry Sandusky scandal](#) and an historical income tax calculator

Yahoo!

New Media Intern

June 2010 – Sep. 2011 | Sunnyvale, CA | Mixed

- Produced [front page news packages](#)
- Strategized and curated content for new digital news products
- Analyzed market data crucial to product strategy
- Evaluated new editorial tools
- Worked full time for two summers, part time for eight months

CPK Creative

Freelance Web Designer

June 2007 – Pres. | Part time

- Builds websites for small businesses
- Clients included a national eyeglass repair franchise

SKILLS

Javascript, ES6, Node, Express, React, Sails, MVC architecture, jQuery, D3, NPM, AMD, RequireJS, Browserify, Babel, Git, Grunt, Gulp, Mustache, Handlebars, Leaflet, Mapbox, MySQL, NW.js, SVG, Raphael, SASS, Tilemill, QGIS, CartoDB, Canvas, AWS, PHP, Python, Adobe Creative Suite, Unix, R, SPARQL, Unix

Evanston Now

News Reporting Intern

June – Sep. 2010 | Evanston, IL | Full time

- Covered city council and crime at Evanston's online newspaper
- Produced 63 stories, including 11 video stories

The Daily Northwestern

Online Managing Editor

Sep. 2008 – Jun 2010 | Evanston, IL | Part time

- As online managing editor, redesigned the website, developed interactives, and led Web and video teams
- As photo editor, shot and edited photos four days a week
- As city editor, managed team of 10 reporters
- As a police reporter, wrote crime stories three days a week

Hotel Arista

Editing Intern

Sep. – June 2008 | Naperville, IL | Full time

- Edited company documents and graphics and started newsletter

RECOGNITION



Finalist, Multimedia Feature, National Magazine Awards 2015



First Place, Multimedia Feature, Associated Collegiate Press 2011



First Place, Photo Essay in a Daily Newspaper, Illinois College Press Assoc. 2010