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# 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 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

### 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

## 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

## 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