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I am a software developer and data scientist with over two decades of experience designing, developing, maintaining and analyzing information infrastructures. I work best at the boundaries between the disciplines, and specialize in the application of both qualitative and quantitative methods to accelerate the work of research teams who work with the web as data.

Experience

Research Faculty
Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities
August 2014 - Present

- Social media data collection, analysis and preservation
- Digital humanities research and development
- Web and cloud based infrastructure development and sustainability
- Technical lead for Documenting the Now and Unlocking the Airwaves projects
- Instructor of record for courses in archival studies, digital curation, web and software development

Information Technology Specialist
Library of Congress
March 2006 – August 2014

- Digital preservation and repository software design and development
- Lead Software Developer on the National Digital Newspaper Project
- Social Media Archiving (Twitter)
- Design and implementation of the Library of Congress Linked Data Service
- Standards work in the World Wide Web Consortium: SKOS, RDFa, eGov

Senior Software Engineer
Follett Corporation
May 2002 – March 2006

- Design and construction of a distributed knowledge management application
- Requirements gathering and project planning
- Web Service design and implementation
- Metadata harvesting and analysis

Selected Publications

Summers, E. (2020). Legibility Machines: Archival Appraisal and the Genealogies of Use. *PhD Dissertation*. University of Maryland. https://drum.lib.umd.edu/handle/1903/26731

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Education

PhD Information Studies
University of Maryland
2015 - 2020

My dissertation project focused on appraisal practices in web archives and included a 16 month field study in the National Software Reference Library at the National Institute for Standards and Technology.

M.S. Library and Information Studies
Rutgers University
1995 - 1996

My studies focused on the use of the emerging Web to deploy metadata standards and services.

B.A. English
Rutgers University
1987 - 1991

In my senior seminars I focused on the study of the African American experience through the works of James Baldwin. I minored in Computer Science where I focused on object oriented programming languages.

References available upon request.