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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
AB Fundamentals, minor in Classical Studies, 2008
GPA: 3.8/4.0; College Honors; Journalism Fellow

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, 2012

EXPERIENCE

Obama for America, Chicago (Sep - Nov 2012)
Frontend Developer, Digital
- Member of development team on election day volunteer app
  (barackobama.com/gotv)—a major web property that registered over 50k volunteers
- Developed microsites for various state offices and constituencies
- Improved internal web apps for field and GOTV teams

Chicago 2011 Transition Committee, Chicago (Feb – May 2011)
Technology Associate
- Product manager for transition website, www.Chicago2011.org *(currently offline)*
- Worked in close conjunction with development and design team to move site from a
  vague idea to a responsive crowdsourcing application in six days
- Designed and developed www.ChicagoTogether.org, a website to handle ticketing and
  provide information for the inaugural weekend

Chicago for Rahm Emanuel, Chicago (Nov 2010 – Feb 2011)
Deputy New Media Director
- Added blog posts, landing pages, and sections to campaign website using HTML, CSS,
  jQuery, Google Maps API, and template customization in Merb-based CMS
- Developed social media presence. By end of campaign Rahm had 60k+ Facebook fans
  and 13k Twitter followers
- Coordinated with other departments to recruit over 5k volunteers online

Citizens for Claypool, Chicago (Apr – Nov 2010)
Research Associate
- Compiled and analyzed opponent's campaign finance data, rendered visually into
  interactive map using Google Maps API (www.conorgaffney.com/claypoolmap)
- Analyzed and manipulated data from FOIA requests to calculate wide variety of
  assessment reduction figures from Cook County Board of Review, used in WGN
  investigation

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Aldermanic Aide, 1st Ward, City of Chicago (Jan – June 2009)
- Intern, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network, Sarajevo, BiH (June – Sep 2008)

SKILLS

Frontend Web Development: HTML5, CSS3, jQuery, JavaScript
CMS, Marketing: Google App Engine, Django. MailChimp, SilverPop
Applications: Photoshop, Illustrator, MS Office
Languages: Proficient German, basic Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, basic Spanish