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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

AB in 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

Chicago 2011 Transition Committee, Chicago (Feb 2011 – 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 (Apr 2010 – 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
- Designed, developed, www.joeberrios.com, negative campaign site (*currently offline*)

City of Chicago, 1st Ward (Jan 2009 – July 2009)

Aldermanic Aide

- Drafted and edited legislation initiatives, including BPA-Free Kids ordinance (enacted May 2009)
- Wrote, and disseminated weekly press releases; Developed and maintained relationships with local and national media, including *The New York Times* and the Associated Press
- Member of www.greeneconomychicago.com development team. Collaborated with experts, web developers and political consultants to develop content, site design, and site promotion strategy

SKILLS

Front End Web Development: HTML5, CSS3, jQuery, JavaScript

Programming: PHP, some Ruby, some Python

CMS, Marketing: Google App Engine, Django, MailChimp, SilverPop

Applications: Photoshop, Illustrator, MS Office

Languages: Proficient German, basic Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, basic Spanish