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## SKILLS

### Languages

HTML5 | CSS3 | JavaScript(ES6)  
RUBY | SQL | Python

### Libraries & Frameworks

React.js | Express.js | Rails5  
MongoDB | Mongoose | Heroku  
PostgreSQL | RESTful APIs  
Cloud Computing (AWS)  
SASS | Bootstrap | Handlebars  
Axios | AJAX | jQuery | Chart.js  
cURL | Postman | Node.js

### Philosophies & Practices

- Agile Development & Scrum
- TDD/BDD with RSpec
- Version Control w/Git & GitHub
- Pair & Mob Programming
- Wireframes, User Stories & ERDs

### Fluent English & Spanish

Some Portuguese, Russian, Chinese, & A.S.L.

## ABOUT ME

A full-stack Software Engineer with a foundation in theoretical Linguistics, and an ardent community advocate; I strive to understand the nuances of abstract systems and utilize them in accessible & effective ways. I've developed a passion for accessible, dynamic, and efficient code and am thrilled to both explore the productive power of software and be part of its immense impact in our world.

(I'm also an MMA fighter (JiuJiteira), ballroom dancer, aspiring polyglot, & world history buff!)

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY / Software Engineering Apprenticeship

JAN 2020 - APRIL 2020, BOSTON MA

500+ hour, 12 week Software Engineering Immersive program with intensive instruction in front and back end development; traversing a number of programming languages, technologies, philosophies, and best practices. Critically applied skills learned in number of projects:

- ❖ **MUTUAL AID, DUAL POWER / Full Stack JS app**  
a social networking app to facilitate and support mutual aid network organizing efforts, made with full stack JavaScript  
TECH: HTML/CSS, JS, React.js, Express, MongoDB
- ❖ **SUBIDOS / Image Hosting Application**  
a full stack virtual file system with ownership functionality  
TECH: HTML, CSS/Sass/Bootstrap, JS, AJAX, jQuery, Handlebars, Express, Postman, AWS Cloud Storage
- ❖ **MOOD TRACKER / Full Stack SPA**  
a full stack application utilizing a custom, RESTful API  
TECH: HTML, CSS/Sass/Bootstrap, JS, AJAX, jQuery  
Ruby on Rails, SQL, RSpec, Handlebars, cURL, chart.js
- ❖ **TIC-TAC-TOE WEBGAME / Dynamic SPA**  
dynamic, authenticated web app which communicates to a provided backend; built to someone else's specifications  
TECH: HTML, CSS/Sass/Bootstrap, JS, AJAX, jQuery

### COLLABORATIVE CODE CONTRIBUTIONS

- CODE FOR BOSTON 'Clean Slate' Sealing/Expungement App
- BOSTON DSA Tech & Infrastructure Committee Member
- SUBIDOS Image Hosting: team of 3 programmers
- FREELY GIVE COVID-19 Drupal Support System App

## UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS / B.A. Linguistics

COMMONWEALTH HONORS COLLEGE, ADVANCED SCHOLARSHIP  
SEPT 2012 - JUN 2017, AMHERST MA

Portuguese 2nd major, Russian & East. European Studies Minor

Independent Research:

**Cross-Linguistic Analysis of Grammatical Gender: [...]**

Multidisciplinary Honors Dissertation (Literature Review)

**Colonialismo e Identidade: Exploração dos Contos Lusófonos**

Capstone Thesis (O Conto no Mundo da Língua Portuguesa)

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### UMASS LINGUISTICS / Research Assistant

JAN 2015 - DEC 2016, AMHERST MA

Speech Perception & Contextual Influence; L1 & L2 Acquisition Research

#### CENTER FOR WOMEN & COMMUNITY / Educator Advocate

MAY 2013 - DEC 2016, AMHERST MA

Professional Educator on Sexual & Intimate Partner Violence Trainings

#### STONEWALL LGBT+ CENTER / Speakers Bureau Coordinator

JAN 2014 - DEC 2016, AMHERST MA

Independently coordinated large-scale volunteer program, Student Advocacy

#### SHAHA THE STORYTELLERS / Performer, Writer, Facilitator

JAN 2014 - DEC 2016, AMHERST MA

Critically Intersectional anti-oppression performances and workshops

#### AMHERST SURVIVAL CENTER / Community Server, Translator

JUN 2017 - JUN 2018, AMHERST MA

Translated for Spanish-speaking guests; cooked/served for community meals

#### CRAIGS DOORS HOME ASSOC. / Overnight Shelter Staff

JAN 2014 - JUN 2016, AMHERST MA

Supervised homeless shelter operations overnight, emergency response