# Jade McPherson

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**EXPERIENCE** 

#### Web Developer and Instructor

San Francisco, CA 2015

App Academy

• Build and maintain App Academy internal admin systems code base

- Independently learned React/Flux and built curriculum in less than a month
- Conduct technical interviews with prospective students
- Lecture and mentor students through a 9-week intensive web development course

Sr. Research Associate, Center for Systems and Synthetic Biology University of California San Francisco

San Francisco, CA 2012-2015

- Differentiated light-controlled stem cells into neurons
- Developed a MATLAB genome alignment analysis pipeline

Research Technician, Harvard Human Embryonic Stem Cell Core Facility Children's Hospital Boston

Boston, MA 2009-2012

- Reprogrammed diseased stem cells into blood and pancreatic tissue
- Created macros for robotic high throughput automation

## **PROJECTS**

#### **TakeASpin**

Social bicycle sharing program for San Francisco

- RESTful Rails backend serves JSON to Backbone
- Google Maps API and Cloudinary API allow users to search bikes and upload photos
- Custom authentication using BCrypt secures user passwords

#### Ribbit

Javascript browser game inspired by the classic arcade game, Frogger

- Dynamic rendering intervals update upon game's level of difficulty
- Keymaster.js binds keys for quick, responsive jumps
- Draws graphics on HTML5 canvas element for smooth rendering

### **EDUCATION**

App Academy

San Francisco, CA

2015

Northeastern University,

Boston, MA

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Cum Laude

Full-stack Web Development, < 3% acceptance rate

2009

PUBLICATIONS

Cell Systems (2015), Nature Biotechnology (2014), Cell Stem Cell (2013)

**AWARDS** 

Northeastern Provost Grant (2009), Matz Biotechnology Award (2007), FURI Award (2006)

**MISCELLANY** 

Moonlighted as an indie electronica DJ for the band, Great Highway (2013-2015) Organized and completed coast-to-coast bicycle trip from Boston to San Francisco (2012) Schlaeger Lab Charades Champion and renowned "Scientific Paper-Mache" artist



























PostgreSQL

CSS

HTMI.

GitHub

React

Flux

jQuery

Backbone

Ruby

**RSpec** 

JavaScript

Rails

Python