

James Moffet

Researcher & Technologist

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about

As a researcher and technologist, I am obsessed with understanding the mechanism by which technology delivers us into an alternative future. As a design researcher, I learned to temper this obsession, harnessing critical theory and a range of ethnographic research techniques that help to resist the internal inertia that new technologies tend to assert and to instead apply user-centered, systems-level thinking to the awesome challenge of improving people's lives.

education

2016 - 2018

**Harvard University
Graduate School of Design**

Master's degree,
Design Technology Studies

skills

Design Research
UI/UX Design
R, SPSS, Python, Torch
Software Engineering
Hardware Engineering
Public Speaking
Project Management
Product Design

work experience

OutVote.io & Commit.vote

2017 - Present
Cambridge, MA, USA

- Founder / UX Director
Founded civic tech startup COMM!T to test efficacy of peer-enforced smart contracts in driving civic participation. Joined forces w/ OutVote civic networking app post-election 2017.

Civic Tech Fellow

Summer 2017
Cambridge, MA, USA

- UXR / Designer / Engineer
Developed civic technology for the City of Cambridge, focusing on easy to deploy open source citizen analytics apps and consulting with GoINVO on UX research for new MA SNAP application.

MIT Community Innovators Lab

2016 - 2017
Cambridge, MA, USA

- Research Manager / Engineer
Managed a democratic capacity mapping project for the MIT Community Innovators lab. Oversaw research labor as well as designed and engineered a democratic capacity mapping and organizational partnership tool.

Fulbright Fellow

2015 - 2016
Budapest, HU

- Design Researcher / Lecturer
Researched community fablabs at the Center for Media, Data and Society at CEU in Budapest. Also piloted OpenLab public design workshops teaching UXR, interface design and hardware/software prototyping for public projects.

SEIU

2009 - 2014
Portland, OR, USA

- Senior Product Manager
Led design and development of in-house financial-member system handling 25M records, 50 corp. partners, \$5M revenue.