

Design Researcher

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about

As a designer and technologist, I am obsessed with discovering how technology may be deployed to deliver an alternative future. As a graduate design researcher, I have learned to temper this obsession through a range of ethnographic research techniques and critical theory that have taught me to resist the internal inertia technologies tend to assert and instead apply user-centered, systems-level thinking to the awesome challenge of improving people's lives.

OutVote/COMM!T

work experience

2017 Cambridge, MA, USA Founder / UXR / Data Scientist
 Founded civic tech startup COMM!T to test efficacy of peer-enforced smart contracts in driving civic participation.
 Joined forces OutVote civic networking startup in running 2017 election MVPs.

Civic Tech Fellow

Summer 2017 Cambridge, MA, USA UXR / Designer / Engineer
 Developed civic technology for the City
 of Cambridge with a focus on open
 source citizen analytics apps that can be
 deployed by volunteer organizations with
 minimal technical volunteer labor.

education

2016 - 2018

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Master's degree, Design Technology Studies

MIT Community Innovators Lab

2016 - 2017 Cambridge, MA, USA

Project Lead / UXR / 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.

SKIIS

Design Research
UI/UX Design
Data Science
Software Engineering
Hardware Engineering
Public Speaking
Project Management
Product Design

Fulbright Research Fellow

2015 - 2016 Cambridge, MA, USA Design Research / Project Mgmt
Researched community fablabs at the
Center for Media, Data and Society at
CEU in Budapest. Also piloted OpenLab
public design workshops in UXR,
interface design and hardware/software
prototyping for public projects.

SEIU

2009 - 2014 Portland, OR, USA

Data Architect

Full-cycle design and development of a financial-member system handling 25M records, 50 corp. partners, \$5M revenue.