

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 critical theory and a range of ethnographic research techniques that have taught me to resist the internal inertias that technologies assert, and to instead apply user-centered, systems-level thinking to the awesome challenge of improving people's lives.

work experience

OutVote/COMM!T

2017 Cambridge, MA, USA Founder / UX Chief
 Founded civic tech startup COMM!T to test efficacy of peer-enforced smart contracts in driving civic participation.
 Joined forces w/ Outvote.io civic networking app post-election 2017

Civic Tech Fellow

Summer 2017 Cambridge, MA, USA Designer / Technologist
 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 Research - Technology

MIT Community Innovators Lab

2016 - 2017 Cambridge, MA, USA

Design Research Manager Managed a democratic capacity

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 Budapest, HU

- Design Researcher

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

Product Manager

Designed, built team and managed production of financial-member data software handling 25M records, 50 corporate partners, \$5M revenue