

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.

Civic Tech Fellow

Summer 2017 Cambridge, MA, USA

work experience

OutVote/COMM!T

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 w/ OutVote civic networking app post-election 2017.

- 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 Budapest, HU

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.