#### Kevin Fei Sun

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## **EDUCATION**

## Columbia University - Graduate School of Journalism

New York, N.Y.

Master of Science, Data Concentration (Part-Time)

May 2017

Additional coursework in photo skills, neighborhood beat reporting, investigative reporting, and statistics

#### Projects:

- Master's Project: Long-form data story based on scraped soccer player transfer data for all top-tier European football leagues for the past 20 years, examining the intersection between the business of sports, globalization, and inequality, supplemented with interviews of sports business researchers and player union representatives
- Group Project: Website with series of stories on Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran, with data visualizations explaining the decades-long history of the Afghan refugee crisis (http://www.columbia.edu/~kfs2110/afghans/)
- Group Project: Investigation of the mismanagement of Venezuelan oil subsidies to countries in the Caribbean; consolidated team's findings into an interactive web application (http://kebuhcah.herokuapp.com/petrocaribe/)

## Columbia University - Columbia College

New York, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science & Linguistics (magna cum laude)

May 2012

## HONORS

Magic Grant, Brown Institute for Media Innovation (Columbia University)

September 2017-May 2018

Funding to create a journalistic video game on the topic of online privacy and personal data security

## Critical Language Scholarship, U.S. Department of State

Summer 2010

Funding to study Russian language and culture at Bashkortostan State University in Ufa, Russia

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

The Real Deal, New York, N.Y. Data Journalist

April 2018-present

- Reporting, research and analysis for long-term investigative projects using public data and open source intelligence
- Analysis, writing, and visualizations for periodic market trend stories using data collected by research team
- Identify issues with existing data pipeline and work with data engineer to propose improvements

## Morgan Stanley, New York, N.Y. Technology Associate

August 2012-March 2018

- Maintain and improve a data warehouse for equity swaps business, providing multiple interfaces for data exploration
- Led design and deployment of new swap-pricing platform, with input from users in N.Y., London and Hong Kong
- Write, debug and upgrade various financial simulation scripts for regulatory reporting purposes

# ProPublica, New York, N.Y. Research Assistant (part-time)

January-August 2016

- Analyzed and cleaned government subsidy data acquired by ProPublica through Freedom of Information requests
- Designed workflow for merging and cleaning datasets, facilitating efficient division of work among team members

# SKILLS

**Technical Skills:** Java, Python, q/kdb+ (functional array processing language);

HTML, Javascript, D3, relational databases, Inkscape, Excel, OpenRefine, Tableau

Natural Languages: Native: Mandarin, English; Advanced: Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, German;

Intermediate: Portuguese, French, Persian, Hindi/Urdu, Arabic, Indonesian

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Ann Cooper, International Director, Columbia Journalism School, akc24@columbia.edu, 212-854-9696 Susan McGregor, Assistant Director, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, sem2196@columbia.edu, 212-854-9523 Mark Hansen, Director, Brown Institute for Media Innovation, markh@columbia.edu, 212-851-9652 Ben Lesser, Editor, The New York World, benjamintlesser@gmail.com, 212-854-5981