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EDUCATION

Columbia University - Graduate School of Journalism

New York, NY

Master of Science with Data Concentration (part-time)

May 2017

Columbia University - Columbia College

New York, NY

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

May 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon Web Services, Remote Machine Learning Data Linguist

May 2022-present

- Work with data scientists and vendors to process and analyse data for the evaluation of LLMs
- Assist language engineers with tooling improvements, guideline refinements and task design
- Annotate linguistic data for projects including Lex (chatbots), Kendra (search) and Bedrock (LLMs)
- Developed internal React web application to help managers track annotators' tasks and workloads

The Real Deal, New York, NY Real Estate Data Journalist

Apr 2018-Jul 2021

- Conducted investigative research using public filings and financial documents in multiple languages
- Coordinated with research team and third parties to collect data for rankings and data-driven stories
- Reported and wrote breaking news stories on deadline for website, several times a week
- Reported and wrote long-form features (trends, profiles, narratives) for monthly magazine

Morgan Stanley, New York, NY Technology Associate

Aug 2012-Mar 2018

- Maintained and improved data warehouse and desktop application for equity swaps business
- Led design and deployment of new swap-pricing platform for users in NYC, London, and Hong Kong
- Wrote, debugged and upgraded financial simulation scripts for regulatory reporting purposes

ProPublica, New York, NY Research Assistant (part-time)

Jan-Aug 2016

- Analyzed and cleaned government subsidy data acquired through Freedom of Information requests
- Designed workflow for merging and cleaning datasets with several team members

HONORS

National Association of Real Estate Editors (NAREE) Journalism Awards

Dec 2020

Silver Winner (Best Team Report) and Bronze Winner (Best Economic Analysis)

Magic Grant, Brown Institute for Media Innovation (Columbia & Stanford) Sep 2017-Aug 2018 Funding to create a video game on the topic of online privacy and personal data security

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Active use: Python (Pandas, Numpy...), Javascript (React, Node, Svelte);

AWS Services (S3, Lambda, EventBridge, CloudFront...)

Prior professional experience: Java, C#, Perl, Tableau, q/kdb+

Natural Languages: Native: English, Mandarin;

Advanced (C1): German (Goethe-Zertifikat), Russian;

Upper Intermediate (B2): Spanish, French, Korean, Serbo-Croatian; *Lower Intermediate (B1):* Japanese, Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi/Urdu, Turkish