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EDUCATION

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. B.A. December 2019

- Majors in English Literature and Computer Science, with Honors
- Associate Member, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honors Society
- Nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship

Phillips Academy, Andover, MA. September 2013—May 2015

Testing: LSAT 178/180 (99.9th percentile)

EMPLOYMENT

Founder, Returnit, Port Washington, NY. Summer 2020—

- Building a company that coordinates a network of workers who return purchases for people

Newsroom Intern, WHYY, Philadelphia, PA. Winter/Spring, 2019-2020

- Reported and wrote stories on homelessness, coronavirus, and infrastructure
- Investigated with computational skills the eviction practices of the city's housing authority
- Showed Fresh Air with Terry Gross how to improve their new public archive with AI

Research Assistant to Prof. Dennis Tenen, Columbia University. Summer 2019

- Sole assistant on project to detect formulaic novels in the pulp fiction corpus
- Improved the field of text reuse in machine learning
- Developed fuzzy similarity matching, specifically for identifying synopsis expansion
- Received a \$6,000 Google Cloud Grant and a \$5,000 Lang Center Grant

Grant Funded Independent Research, Swarthmore College. Summer 2018

- Received the Genevieve Ching-wen Lee Award in the amount of \$4,500
- Pursued work toward an oral history of the Afghan Hindu diaspora
- Produced a podcast with War News Radio on the topic

Research Assistant to Prof. Ameet Soni, Swarthmore. Summer 2017—Spring 2018

- Implemented convolutional neural networks in TensorFlow for DNA analysis
- Co-author on first-place student poster at ACMW Philadelphia 2018
- Received Surdna Fellowship in the amount of \$4,500

Title Closer, ASK Abstract, Manhattan, NY. Spring 2017

- Represented ASK Abstract at closings for residential purchases and refinances in New York
- Notarized affidavits and deeds; picked up closing checks and documents for recording

Intern, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School. Summer 2016

- Helped maintain the Lumen Database, the authoritative archive of online content removal.
- Blogged on contemporary events related to copyright, privacy, and free speech

EXTRACURRICULAR

Editor Emeritus, The Swarthmore Phoenix. Spring 2019

-20 hours/week. Previously: Managing Editor, Fall 2018

- Reporter and lead editor on investigation into fraternity misconduct that was picked up by The New York Times, AP, & NPR and led to the college's fraternities internally disbanding
- Created a regular email newsletter; got the provost to invite faculty to subscribe
- Managed a team of 30+ editors and writers
- Organized three events during my tenure, attracting over 100 community members
- Successfully lobbied for the college to participate in the Pulitzer Center's campus consortium program

Editor-in-Chief, The Daily Gazette at Swarthmore College. Spring 2018

-20 hours/week. Previously: Managing Editor, Opinions Editor, Webmaster, as of Fall 2015

- Merged the paper with the college's flagship paper, *The Phoenix*
- Preserved all 22 years of *The Gazette's* archive with a database merger; merged staff
- Oversaw all editorial content across five distinct sections; managed budgets

Publisher, Small Craft Warnings. 2018-2019

4 hours/week. Previously: Editor from Fall 2015 onward

- Published Swarthmore College's oldest literary magazine (biannual)
- Formerly edited by Jonathan Franzen & 2x Pulitzer Finalist Adam Haslett
- Raised funding to regularly print in color
- Liaised with faculty and alumni for contributions to the magazine

Founder, "Culture, Computation, and Society," Swarthmore College. Spring 2019

- Founded a lunch discussion group for faculty, students, and staff
- Organized talks from experts in the fields of technology law and digital humanities

SERVICE

- 190 hours of construction work, Habitat for Humanity
- Presented to donors about interdisciplinary study at Swarthmore by invite of the provost
- Asked to consult on college searches for both VP of Communications and Dean of Students
- Asked to give comment to Middle States External Accreditation Committee
- One of three student members on College Self-Study Action Committee, Spring 2016
- Member, Forum for Free Speech (allocates speaking funds for student events) 2015-2018
- Member, Library User Experience Committee, 2018-2019 academic year
- Events organized:
 - Local News, Digitization, and Democracy: A Panel, April 1, 2019
 - David Corcoran: A Life in Journalism, March 2, 2018
- The Abu Dhabi Bar Mitzvah, with Adam Valen Levinson, December 7, 2017

ADDITIONAL

- Skills: Web-dev, NLP, and AI tools in Python
- Languages: Intermediate in Hindi (spoken), Spanish (spoken, written), and Latin
- Licenses: Notary Public, NY State. Mortgage Loan Originator, NY State.
- Additional coursework: Harvard CopyrightX, Spring 2016
- Prizes: First prize, Newton Book Collection Competition
- Hobbies: Rock climbing (lead and bouldering), slack-lining, pottery, kayaking, reading