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EXPERIENCE

Teachers Pay Teachers, Software Engineer; New York, NY Sep 2016 – Present

- ◇ Teachers Pay Teachers is a marketplace for teachers to buy and sell teacher created learning resources, think “Etsy for Teachers”
- ◇ Backend system component development *Elixir/Phoenix*
 - Architected and developed a distributed asynchronous task processor backed by Redis
 - Redesigned feature toggle updates, decreasing update time from ~10mins to <30secs
- ◇ Created a continuous integration and deployment pipeline for containers deployed to Kubernetes *Groovy*
- ◇ Wrote an internal web application to centralize the deployment process for all applications *Elixir*
- ◇ Automated infrastructure management *Chef, Terraform*

Venmo, Software Engineer; New York, NY May 2015 – Aug 2016

- ◇ Worked on the Platform team developing a backend serving millions of users *Python/Django*
 - Redesigned payments news feed to improve performance and allow for future feature development
 - Improved system reliability and scalability by optimizing MySQL, Mongo, and Cassandra database access
- ◇ Improved the state of developer tooling and increased development velocity *Python, Packer, Bash*
 - Owned upkeep and release of development virtual machine
 - Eliminated most test state issues by replacing legacy static test fixtures with dynamic data creation
- ◇ Improved monitoring/logging/alerting systems and managed infrastructure *Puppet*
- ◇ Developed a deep fondness for emojis

Recurse Center, Recurser; New York, NY Jan 2015 – Mar 2015

- ◇ A self described “retreat for programmers” (recurse.com) where I talked about, read about, and programmed computers. Also played a lot of chess.

University of Vermont Medical Center, Research Assistant; Burlington, VT May 2013 – Dec 2014

- ◇ Studied genetic regulation of sporulation in the bacterium *Clostridium difficile*

OPEN SOURCE

- ◇ Flask developer tool for source code manipulation *github.com/pallets/flask-ext-migrate*
- ◇ Co-maintainer of:
 - Elixir job processing system *github.com/edgurgel/verk*
 - Command-line tool for rapid large-scale refactoring *github.com/facebook/codemod*
 - Python web framework *github.com/pallets/flask*

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Microbiology, University of Vermont; Burlington, VT 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Pishdadian, K., Fimlaid, K.A., & Shen, A., (2015) SpoIIID-mediated regulation of σ^K function during *Clostridium difficile* sporulation. *Molecular Microbiology*, 95:189–208.

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