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Objective

I work to explore meaningful applications of technology for the most pressing social justice issues of our time. Through participatory design practices, I hope to reinforce the work of individuals and communities in a variety of fields - including grassroots activism, legal service, governance, and journalism.

Education

Tufts University, Medford, MA

Major in Computer Science, May 2013

Minor in Communications and Media Studies

GPA 3.7/4.0, Dean's List

ELISAVA School of Design, Barcelona, Spain

International Student, Spring 2012

Design, Architecture, and Urban Studies

Work Experience

JustFix.nyc

Co-Founder, Executive Director (*Fall 2015 - Present*)

- JustFix.nyc is a non-profit organization that provides digital services for New Yorkers dealing with neglectful housing situations. We work directly with community-based organizations and legal service providers to support their operations and increase their capacity.
- Coordinate a multidisciplinary team of designers, legal service experts, programmers, and organizers to fulfill our product and organizational vision.
- Work directly on-the-ground to deploy our services with tenant organizers across the city while participating in tenant leadership trainings and co-facilitation practices.

Blue Ridge Labs @ Robin Hood Foundation

Engineering Fellow (*Summer 2015*)

- 3 month intensive program dedicated to developing new technologies for underserved communities with a human centered design approach.
- Responsible for designing and implementing an MVP based off of 3 months of user interviews, community outreach, and coordination with organizations.
- Won for best overall project as well as the audience choice award at the final showcase, judged by high-ranking figures in the tech and nonprofit space.

Programs

The Focus Forward Project

Support Worker & Facilitator, Pre-trial (*2013 - 2016*)

- Coordinated and facilitated a 12-week course to federally incarcerated individuals that covered crucial life skills & planning for successful reentry.
- Certified by the Bureau of Prisons to work within prison populations at the federal level.

Digital Citizenship Project @ Tufts Fletcher School

Undergraduate Researcher (*2012*)

- This project explored policies and critiques of digital inclusion measures and the potential for e-governance in the developing world.
- Researched and investigated participatory mapping projects in the context of land rights and service delivery.

Coursework

Human Computer Interaction, Data Visualization & Mapping, Data Science, Multiplatform Journalism & Digital Storytelling, Media & Society, Anthropology of Placemaking, Theoretical Computer Science, Web Programming, Graphic Communication, Interaction Design, Typography, Computer Graphics