

# SHAWN FRAISTAT

## WEB DEVELOPER | EDUCATOR | PLAYWRIGHT

### Summary

Full-stack web-developer with a lifelong love of programming and deep commitment to social justice. The time I spent in the ivory tower left me hungering for ways to make a concrete difference in the world. Pursuing a career in tech will allow me to employ my passion for coding to create products and services that will improve people's lives.

### Skills

HTML, CSS, Javascript, Ruby, React, Ruby on Rails, Express, MongoDB, JQuery, Bootstrap, Handlebars

### Employment

#### General Assembly

##### Web Developer in Training

Providence, RI  
Oct. 2018 to Jan. 2019

Completed four full-stack web applications as part of a 500+ hour immersive course that prepares students for a career as full-stack web developers. My projects include:

##### Petsitter.io:

Petsitter.io is a full-stack web application that allows users to search for pet sitters in their area. The app employs JavaScript and React on the front-end, and Ruby on Rails on the back-end. It also utilizes a third-party API to calculate the distance between clients and sitters based upon their zip codes.

##### Encourage:

This project is a full-stack web application built using JavaScript and Ruby on Rails that allows users to view and share pieces of advice or encouragement relevant to their interests. The program also performs sentiment analysis on pieces of advice, scoring how emotionally positive it is and re-coloring the app's background accordingly.

##### Tic-Tac-Toe:

A tic-tac-toe client built using JavaScript that allows users to play a game of tic-tac-toe against themselves, another person online, or an AI opponent with three different difficulty settings. It communicates with a third-party API, enabling users to save and load games.

#### Brown University

##### Visiting Scholar

Providence, RI  
June 2018 to Current

Conducted political science research and completed a book manuscript arguing in favor of a more caring politics.

##### Postdoctoral Fellow

Sept. 2016 to May 2018

Conducted political science research, worked on my book manuscript and scholarly articles, and taught a class American political thought.

##### Visiting Lecturer

Jan. 2015 to May 2015

Taught a course on American political thought.

#### University of New Hampshire

##### Lecturer

Durham, NH  
June 2018 to Aug. 2018

Offered an introductory political theory course to international students in the university's Global Student Success Program.

#### Quinnipiac University

##### Lecturer

Hamden, CT  
Sept. 2014 to May 2016

Led courses on American political thought, politics and the family, and critical inquiry.

#### Yale University

##### Lecturer

New Haven, CT  
June 2014 to May 2015

Taught courses on subjects including intro to political theory as well as the history of slavery in Western political thought.

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### Education

#### Yale University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2014

M.Phil., Political Science, 2010

M.A., Political Science, 2010

#### London School of Economics and Political Science

M.Sc., Political Theory, 2006

#### University of Maryland, College Park

B.S., Government and Politics, 2005

B.A., Philosophy, 2005

### Awards

Charles Koch Foundation · Postdoctoral Fellowship 2016

Institute of Humane Studies · Humane Studies Fellowship 2012

Yale University · Dissertation Fellowship 2011

Yale University · Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Doctoral Fellowship 2006

Yale University · Sterling Prize Fellowship 2006

### Activities

#### Playwriting

Co-authored over eight full-length plays with Ann Fraistat, including *Romeo and Juliet: Choose Your Own Ending*:

<https://www.playscripts.com/play/2558>