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## SKILLS

Python	HTML	public records & data
Django	CSS	interviewing
storytelling	JavaScript	content strategy
web scraping	regex	writing
deployment	analytics	editing
	QA	information design
	documentation	social media
		project management

## EXPERIENCE (or: for job in jobs)

**Coding Campus**, Provo, Utah, 2015. *Junior Python developer.*

- Followed an intensive three-month course of study in Python, Django, HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Returning to Pittsburgh in October 2015.
- When no good API was available, built a Python crawler using lxml to scrape many data targets across multiple website pages in a script that also parsed and cleaned the return for MySQL database storage.
- Wrote a unit-conversion Python script for an app to scale recipes.
- Manually deployed Arthur, a Django website showing interactive visualizations of my grandfather's work using custom CSS, JavaScript and jQuery, on a Linux server.
- Used regex to parse data for validation.
- Aggregated granular database objects to csv and json for easier template handling.
- Wrote custom search functions for database queries.
- Wrote Python script to handle database-object creation from multiple data sources.
- In progress: an inventory webapp for home cocktailians and a Markov-chain Twitter bot for Eddie Izzard's "Dress to Kill" show.

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2011-2015. *Breaking-news editor, audience engagement editor.*

- Beginning in 2014, helped manage the launch of a new user-generated content platform and content verticals, working across departments to conceive and integrate functionality and user experience and QA-testing prototypes.
- As breaking-news-editor from 2011-2014, recreated the job from the ground up, leading the region's largest news outlet to post more news faster and to update stories more frequently.
- Coordinated with senior editors across various desks and shifts to update workflows and make our operations more digital-first.
- Incorporated analytics – real-time and aggregate – into decision-making.
- Breaking news was the only category in 2014 in which the PG held all three finalist spots in the local Golden Quill awards.
- Worked closely with social-media and online presentation editors across platforms, sometimes managing our main accounts.
- Edited at times dozens of stories a day – words, headlines, multimedia, HTML – and also served as rewrite on big breaking stories, found leads and sources, helped reporters shape information into daily and enterprise stories as they developed.
- Wrote occasional pieces about cocktails and wine.

**Carlow University**, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2013-2015. *Adjunct instructor and student newspaper adviser.*

- Helped students learn journalism at a university without a journalism curriculum as they resurrected a campus publication story by story, online and in print.

**Freelance writer, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2010-2012.**

- Wrote news and features for clients including the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Arkansas Life, Pittsburgh Magazine, Craft Pittsburgh and Patch.com on topics including ghost bikes, craft beer, Southern barbecue in Yankeeland and the business of a changing Italian neighborhood. Also ran the Wordpress website Eatsburgh, dedicated to food and drink in Pittsburgh.

**Gas Business Briefing, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2011. *Staff writer.***

- Covered the business, legal and regulatory sides of the natural gas industry for this B2B online publication focused on North America.
- Wrote from the road or the office on tight deadlines, usually several stories a day.

**Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock, Ark. 2007-2010. *Staff writer.***

- Lead law-enforcement reporter.
- Go-to reporter for front-page enterprise, breaking news and features. Developed strong sources. Document sleuth.
- Worked closely with new reporters and interns, training them in information-gathering and writing.
- Broke the story of a deal a police chief made with a city council member so a personal client wouldn't go to jail despite an arrest warrant.
- Revealed that state police used Tasers lacking any policy allowing them.
- A police officer denied disability benefits for his PTSD credited my stories with his later victory – the first of its kind in the state.
- Officers killed in 1887 added to state and national memorials after my research.

**Portland Tribune, Portland, Ore. 2004-2007. *Staff writer.***

- Won awards for projects, comprehensive coverage and spot news as the criminal justice reporter at a publication chosen the nation's best non-daily paper in 2006.
- Co-founded a consortium of reporters from different publications dedicated to increasing the use of public records statewide.
- Built records databases and showed that 10 percent of cops accounted for almost 50 percent of all uses of force.
- Stories on the holes in county-run jail-intake background checks prompted broad changes in those policies.
- Reported and wrote a series on ex-drug cops sick from exposure to meth-lab chemicals.

**The Sun, San Bernardino, Calif. 2003-2004. *Staff writer.***

- Developed a new beat in the fastest-growing coverage area.
- Placed on special team covering wildfires, handling breaking news and enterprise stories.
- Wrote takeouts from forgotten desert towns about their oddities and economic struggles.

**The Desert Sun**, Palm Springs, Calif. 2002-2003. *Staff writer.*

- Investigated pastor of the largest church in the area using sources, public and private records and databases. Repeatedly broke exclusives about the pastor's questionable financial practices at the church and his separate nonprofit ministry. He resigned.
- Led newsroom public records training.

**The Philadelphia Inquirer**, Philadelphia, Pa. 2000-2002. *Two-year intern.* 2000-2002.

**The Sacramento Bee**, Sacramento, Calif. *Freelance correspondent.* 1999-2000.

**Newsday**, Melville, N.Y. *Reporting intern.* Summer 1999.

**Reno Gazette-Journal**, Reno, Nev. *Design/copy-editing intern.* Winter 1999.

**Nevada Appeal**, Carson City, Nev. *Reporting, design/copy-editing intern.* Summer 1998.

**Tigard Times and Tualatin Times**, Tigard, Ore. *Reporting intern.* Summer 1997.

## EDUCATION

**University of Nevada, Reno.** 1996-2000. Reynolds School of Journalism. Top print student, 2000.