# THOMAS OIDE

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## **EXPERIENCE**

#### The Star Tribune

Digital Design Intern, June 2019-Present

- · Use HTML, CSS, and client-side Javascript to create custom presentations for some of The Star Tribune's content.
- · Also use technologies and platforms like AirTable and Django to generate server-side data for some presentations.
- Occasionally use a workflow that relies on front-end framework Svelte|S.

### The Right to Know Project

Developer, August 2018-Present

- · Working on a two-person team to redesign The Houston Chronicle's rtk.net, a website tracking chemicals at factories nationwide.
- · Primarily focusing on back-end development and the ETL process, transforming the dataset into a more understandable format.
- · Also working on front-end and UX development, making sure that the site works on mobile screens as well as desktop.

#### The Columbia Missourian

Staff Writer and Graphic Designer, August-May 2018

- · Developed a web application using Django to track lobbyists who testify at senate bill hearings in Missouri.
- · Created several data visualizations to accompany reporters' stories using Adobe Illustrator.
- Analyzed school suspension data using R and built a searchable interactive tool using Django for a longform project.
- Wrote several stories about ballot proposals and campaign finance during the 2018 midterm elections.

#### The Boston Globe

Reporting Intern, June-August 2018

- · One of seven paid metro reporting interns who worked as general assignment reporters for the Globe.
- Averaged two to three articles weekly, working on both daily and long-term feature stories.

#### The Sacramento Bee

Real Time Desk Intern, May-August 2017

- Used tools like CrowdTangle and Tweetdeck to spot and write about trending topics to generate page views.
- Wrote and edited three to five posts per day, attached visuals and wrote SEO-friendly headlines and summaries for each post.
- Served as the Bee's night editor twice a week: Oversaw breaking news coverage and edited content before it went on the site.

#### The Maneater

Staff Writer and Photographer, August 2015-May 2016

- · Wrote about social justice and higher education for the University of Missouri's student-run newspaper.
- Contributed to award-winning coverage of widespread campus unrest that made national news in November 2015.

#### The Davis Enterprise

Staff Writer, October 2012-July 2015

· Covered high school football, basketball and baseball, as well as lacrosse and soccer for award-winning daily newspaper.

#### The Sacramento Bee

Intern, May-July 2016

· Covered crime, local government, health and Sacramento County Superior Court.

## **EDUCATION**

#### University of Missouri (2015-2019)

Degree: Bachelor of Journalism with emphasis in data journalism

Minors: Computer Science, Information Technology

## SKILLS

SQL, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Node.js, Python, Django, R, AWS, Git/Github, C/C++, Linux, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator

# **AWARDS & HONORS**

- · Walter Williams Scholar at the University of Missouri School of Journalism
- University of Missouri Dean's List: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- · 2018 AAJA Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship recipient