Todd Anderson

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Education

Brown University, Providence, RI MFA in Digital Language Arts

Sept 2015-June 2017

School for Poetic Computation, New York, NY

Sept 2014-Dec 2014

Studied code, electronics and tech theory with Zach Lieberman, Taeyoon Choi and others

Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Sept 2007-June 2011

BA with English Major, GPA 3.705. Commencement Speaker and winner of the Huntington Poetry Prize.

Teaching

The New School Eugene Lang, Assistant Professor of Code + Liberal Arts Fall 2018-Present

- Viruses, Botnets and Ransomware: An Interactive History of Computers Doing Bad Things

 Explores the history and aesthetics of computer viruses and malware through essays,
 creative responses, and coding exercises
- Performing the Internet Using custom websites and browser extensions for live performance in music, theater, and performance art (co-taught with Kate Bergstrom)
- Digital Creative Writing What new forms can writing take with the use of code and digital tools? Topics include generative text, memes, twitter bots, twine games

Hunter College, Film & Media Studies, Adjunct Instructor

Spring-2018

- Web Projects 300-level advanced web development workshop
- Performing the Internet One-credit graduate version

NYU Tandon, Integrated Digital Media, Adjunct Instructor

Spring-2018

Creative Coding - Graduate-level Introductory coding class using Javascript & p5js

Pratt Institute, Game Design + Interactive Media, Visiting Instructor

Fall 2017-Spring 2018

- Game Production I Introduction to game design and C# programming in Unity3D
- Game Production III Advanced game development workshop
- Interactive Narrative Design How stories are told in games/interactive experiences
- Game Analysis and Strategy Strategy game design using odds and game theory

The New School, Parsons Design+Technology, Visiting Instructor

Fall 2017

• Web Advanced: Javascript – Graduate-level course on interactive web design

Brown University, Literary Arts, Instructor

Fall 2016-Spring 2017

- Digital Language Arts I Earlier version of Digital Creative Writing
- Digital Language Arts II More advanced, code-focused version of DLA I

Workshops

- "Turning Words into Sounds" 90-Minute workshop at Live Code Lab Feb 2019
- One-day poetry instrument workshop for kids at Eyebeam Digital Day Camp July 2017
- "Make and Play Your Own Poetry Instrument" Two-day class at School for Poetic Computation Code Poetry Summer Session – July 2015
- "Learning to Code with Online Rap Bots" One-day workshop for middle school-aged kids at Silent Barn in Brooklyn November 2014
- "Poetry to Multimedia Experience" 3 session workshop at Shelter Studios NYC May 2014

Publications

- An Experience Chrome-extension based alternate reality game published on Chrome Web Store – May 2017
- Hotwriting A book of 17 playable digital poems from Instar Books Jan 2017 (http://instarbooks.com/books/hotwriting.html)
- "Advertisements in My Dreams" -- interactive music video in QRO Mag Dec 2015
- Just Because They're Pieces Doesn't Mean It's a Puzzle Fully illustrated 44-page poetry chapbook. Received the Huntington Poetry Prize from Carleton College June 2011
- Poetry published in Muzzle Magazine, -gape-seed, The Legendary, The Manuscript

Notable Performances, Talks and Exhibitions

- Panelist on Code in the Liberal Arts panel at Processing Community Day NYC Feb 2019
- HOTBOX Electro-musical theater piece about online shopping and connecting with commercial avatars. I co-wrote the piece live-edited web pages using a custom chrome extension. Presented as part of All New Talent Fest at Ars Nova Theater – NYC – June 2018
- Featured closing performance for NYU's Creative Coding Fest NYC Nov 2017
- Opening speaker and performer at Oslo Poesifilm Fest Oslo, NO Sept 2017
- Panelist and performer at Source NYC Livecoding Festival NYC May 2017
- Ad2Cart Earlier version of Hotbox Providence Feb 2017
- Opening performance at RISD's Vernacular Spectular Exhibition- Providence Dec 2016
- Web Writer installation at Kilroy Metal Ceiling's 'Kilroy Was Here' NYC Aug 2016
- Opening night performance at Refest art+technology festival NYC Nov 2014
- Hotwriting exhibited at Little Berlin's "Heavily Scripted" Philadelphia Oct 2014
- Featured performer at NYC Code Poetry Festival at Cornelia St Café NYC April 2014

Arts Organizing

Founder, Curator & Host

WordHack, New York, NY

July 2014 - Present

- Founded popular monthly event showcasing writers, game makers and media artists from across the country. Over 150 speakers featured in three-year run.
- Organized and produced The WordHack Biennial, a DIY conference with 20 presenters
- Curated and produced WordHack: Installed, a month-long exhibition featuring 12 artists

Non-profit Board Member

Babycastles, New York, NY

July 2014 – Present

- Leading member of volunteer-run collective dedicated to presenting independent video games and digital culture to new communities in a shared physical space
- Created the Babycastles Residency Program and Babycastles Academy workshop series
- Curated and hosted game release parties, book launches, workshops and coworking

Steering Committee Member

School for Poetic Computation, New York, NY

Summer 2015-Present

- Designed curriculum, organized teachers and hosted on-site for three, two-week intensive summer sessions on themes of code poetry and subversive computation
- Created budgets, invoiced students and paid teachers in Xero accounting software
- Regular meetings with steering committee to discuss and design future of the school

Co-Organizer

Processing Community Day NYC, New York, NY

Oct 2018-Feb 2019

- Coordinated space, A/V, logistics and afterparty for one-day creative coding conference at The New School University center with 25 presenters and ~200 attendees
- Hosted and MC'd the Open Projector section of lightning talks

Organizer & Host

Interrupt Conference, Providence, RI

Feb 2017-May 2017

- Coordinated team of volunteers to produce a two-day media arts conference at Brown University with 28 presenters and 100+ attendees
- Created conference budget, schedule and website and managed event on-site

Founder & CEO

Medi.ci, New York, NY

March 2013 - Dec 2014

- Came up with idea, assembled team for, and built a sustainable arts crowdfunding platform based on monthly donations (a competitor to Patreon)
- Designed and coded front-end interface using Ruby on Rails and Bootstrap