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## EDUCATION

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**McGill University** | Montreal, QC *September 2012 to Present*  
*B.A. | Software Engineering & Philosophy | Minor, Music Science and Technology*

**Royal Conservatory of Music** | Toronto, ON *August 2010*  
*Piano—Grade 7 (Practical) & Advanced Rudiments (Theory) with Honours*

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## EXPERIENCE

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**Hack McGill** Montreal, QC  
*Web Developer* *March 2016 to Present*  
Executive on coding community Hack McGill's board of directors a.k.a HackBoard. Redesigning our websites [McHacks](#) and [Hack McGill](#). Logistics/organization for McHacks, a large student-run hackathon hosted annually in Montreal.

**GradeSlam Inc.** Montreal, QC  
*Web Developer* *June 2016 to August 2016*  
Full stack web developer for ed-tech startup GradeSlam, which provides chat-based live tutoring. Developed and deployed major product features, including in-browser audio recording and messaging, authentication throttling, and user settings. Worked primarily with PHP and Javascript, using Laravel and Node.js.

**McGill Faculty of Arts OASIS** Montreal, QC  
*Web Developer* *September 2014 to May 2016*  
Redesigned and maintained the [website](#) for the McGill administration's Faculty of Arts academic advising office. Developed an internal wiki for faculty academic adviser staff.

**McGill Tribune** Montreal, QC  
*Web Developer* *September 2014 to May 2016*  
Completely redesigned [mcgilltribune.com](#) twice over two years. Added responsive layout and migrated to a new server. Developed a new microsite every week of the semester for each [feature](#) article. Developed a [referendum microsite](#) to promote the McGill Tribune's existence referendum. Developed two [conference](#) microsites to promote annual journalism lecture series. Developed new backend/analytics web position, doubling average pageviews and page speed (s).

*Arts & Entertainment Editor* *February to December 2013*  
Coordinated contributors; arranged interviews, previews, and reviews; edited content and layout. [Publications](#).

**Wavo.me Inc.** Montreal, QC  
*Marketing Intern* *June to August 2014*  
Interned at marketing/music sharing startup [Wavo.me](#); focusing on increasing userbase, managing, editing, and writing content, testing new features, and managing online partnerships.

**McGill Digital Humanities** Montreal, QC  
*McGill Digital Arts Engine Project* *February 2014 to Present*  
Received grant from McGill Digital Humanities to create an instrument sample website (in development). Recorded multiple instrument samples; continuing to develop and test website built with PHP, Python, Javascript, and JQuery.

**Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre** Toronto, ON  
*Administrative Assistant* *Summer Contract—July to August 2013*  
Completed a employee-wide survey of recent office renovations. Assisted in secretarial duties. Programmed three Planar ContentSmart digital signs to display content on weekly cycle.

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## LANGUAGES

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**Proficient:** Python, PHP, Javascript, HTML, CSS

**Familiar:** C, C++, Java, F#, Ruby, Assembly

*N.B. Further references available upon request. I am a dual citizen and thus legally authorized to work in both the United States and Canada. Portfolio with additional projects available on my personal website, [wbrgss.com](http://wbrgss.com).*