

William Merrow

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Portfolio: <https://wmerrow.github.io/>

Summary

Information designer with proven experience leading research, analysis, and data visualization for clients on a range of public policy issues. Ability to approach projects from technical, creative, and project management standpoints. High attention to detail. Passion for clear and effective charts.

Skills

research and data analysis
data visualization
design
project management
communication

Tools

R (ggplot2)
Excel (VBA)
Tableau
Adobe Creative Suite
Sketch
HTML
CSS

Education

Tufts University, B.A. 2011,
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Major: International Relations,
Minor: Sociology; coursework in
statistics and econometrics

School for International
Training, Cochabamba, Bolivia,
January to May 2010

Independent coursework:

Intermediate D3 for Data
Visualization, Knight Center

Data Visualization with D3,
Knight Center

Sketch 3: Mobile and Web
Designs, Udemy

Front-end Web Developer
Nanodegree, Udacity

Professional Experience

Data Analyst & Visualization Specialist

Graphicacy, Washington, DC

September 2015 to present

- Lead research, analysis, and data visualization design for major think tank and nonprofit clients, using Adobe Illustrator, Excel, Tableau, and R to create clear and compelling graphics, working with researchers to ensure visualization design clearly communicates results and accomplishes goals
- Design websites, using Sketch to create high quality wireframes and comps in a deadline-based environment
- Lead data analysis projects, using R and Excel to manipulate and analyze large public datasets
- Manage large projects (\$100k+), managing developers and communicating with client to ensure project success
- Develop content on data visualization best practices, creating data visualization style guides, leading workshops, and representing Graphicacy at conferences and events
- Contribute to business development and strategic planning, securing new clients and helping to grow business

Princeton in Latin America Fellow in Research & Evaluation

The DREAM Project, Cabarete, Dominican Republic

August 2014 to August 2015

- Managed and analyzed student data to assess education programs, identifying trends and ensuring data quality
- Led basic to advanced Excel workshops for all staff; trained managers in use of Salesforce and Tableau
- Led redesign, migration, and adoption of Salesforce database, creating objects, workflows, reports, and dashboards, using Tableau to visualize student data
- Managed data and reporting for USAID grant, leading to perfect score on audit of data system

Special Assistant to the President & CEO

InterAction, Washington, DC

August 2011 to August 2014

Language Skills:

Spanish - professional

German - conversational

- Authored remarks, blogs, and articles for CEO, researching and writing on range of international development topics; published in 2012 *Reality of Aid* report on the role of corporations in foreign aid; coordinated drafting, editing, and copyediting of 42 policy briefs for flagship publication
- Coordinated data and communications for \$1.5b food security pledge by 30 international NGOs; prepared data for use in remarks of President Obama and Secretary Clinton
- Managed advocacy projects, analyzing legislative language and meeting with congressional staff; managed CEO-level taskforces on aid reform and corporations in international development
- Promoted to Senior Associate level (2012) and Coordinator level (2014); voted Best Team Player

Congressional Program Intern

Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, DC

June to August 2011

Research Intern

Americans for Campaign Reform, Concord, NH

June to August 2010