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Education:

University of Colorado – Boulder: (Current)
PhD Candidate – Education Foundations,
Policy, and Practice; Research, Evaluation, and
Methodology.

University of Pittsburgh:
BPhil - Philosophy (3.7 GPA in major)
BS – Economics (3.55 GPA in major),
Minor- Physics

Oxford University – Christ Church College:
Visiting Student, 2007-2008
Area of Study: Philosophy, Politics, Economics
US Equivalent GPA: 3.8

Honors and Awards:

- Received Honors for Undergraduate Thesis
- 2009 Honors College Dean's Fellow

Current Work:

University of Colorado – Boulder

- Working in the intersection of education, law, and computer science developing free online tools for educators.
- Researching testing methods and the nature of public/private ownership of educational materials.

Current Work – continued:

CoLab

- Co-founder of non-profit organization that focuses on 'equal access to education and open access to information.'
- Research and build our own sustainability projects then create online educational models for others to learn from and replicate.

Past Experience:

University of Pittsburgh – Fiez Lab
(April 2011 – January 2013):

- Research Assistant with primary responsibilities of programming behavioural experiments and writing.
- Secondary responsibilities include data management, overseeing and directing the work of other researchers, working on grant proposals, and editing works we are publishing.

Carnegie Museum of Natural History
(June 2012 – September 2012):

- Volunteer as a teen mentor helping students around the area learn about science and develop projects for the museum to prepare them for college.
- Consulted on SEPA grant proposal
- Aid in exhibit design.

The Original Magazine
(April 2011 – March 2012):

- Writer for Pittsburgh-based culture magazine. Wrote feature articles in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 issues on the dynamics of university life and the history of jazz and labor in Pittsburgh, respectively.

WPTS – Pittsburgh
(September 2011 – December 2011)

- Hosted two-hour talk show about current political and cultural topics.

Past Experience – continued:

Epic Systems

(August 2010 – March 2011):

- Project manager in charge of software installation at hospitals and medical centers.
- Certification: Epic – Radiant

University of Pittsburgh Academic Resource Center

(December 2008 – May 2010)

- Role of Master Tutor whose job was tutoring students in economics, physics, philosophy, logic, and writing.
- Taught a workshop on “Surviving Math and Science Courses.”

Undergraduate Research: Economics Department

(May 2007 – August 2007)

- Helped correlate historical financial data for research project on the link between corruption and economic growth in developing countries.

Carnegie Science Center: Program Presenter/Educator

(May 2007 – September 2007)

- Created and presented physics experiments for kids while working on the center’s submarine.
- Gave tours and answered questions about both science and the submarine.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort: Snowboard Instructor

(December 2006 – March 2007)

- Taught both children and adults of all experience levels snowboarding.

Engineering Field Study: Augsburg, Germany

(Summer 2006)

- Researched and created presentation on Audi looking at the integration of business strategies with scientific development.

Language Skills:

Spoken

- English (Native)
- French (Intermediate)
- Romanian (Beginner)

Programming

- ActionScript, Python, HTML, PHP, JavaScript, C++, MatLab, SPSS, Visual Basic, Java

Other Interests and Activities:

- Doing editing work for other writers. Most recently, Edward McCord’s book, *The Value of Species*.
- Founder and former president of *Pittsburgh Society of Intellectual Discussion and Creative Expression*
- Writing fiction, screenplays, poetry, and blogs
- Travelling
- Making music (piano and guitar)