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OVERVIEW

I'm a hybrid reporter-programmer with six years in professional journalism and four years in online development. My specialty is coding editorial multimedia projects based on large datasets. I can complete every stage of a project, from collecting and storing data, composing the code to analyze it, conducting interviews based on the findings, writing accompanying articles, and developing user-friendly, interactive visualizations to make the data come alive. My projects range from serious investigative work to whimsical means of representing otherwise opaque topics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Yahoo News, Jan. 2012 - present
Editor

- Develop editorial interactives and data-driven reporting projects.

Slate Magazine, Dec. 2007 - Nov. 2011
Senior Editor, Director of *Slate Labs*

- Developed several dozen multimedia features, such as maps, reader contests, and data visualizations.
- Founded [Slate Labs](#), a sister site for experimental web projects.
- Wrote over 100 articles on technology, politics, and culture, including an [expose](#) on how Saddam Hussein was captured using social network theory.
- **Winner of the [2010 Media Vanguard Award](#) for Best New Web-Publishing Idea Factory**

U.S. News & World Report, Jan. 2007 - Dec. 2007

- Founded the News Desk blog and wrote several dozen articles as a reporter on the National Desk

Congressional Quarterly, Jan. 2006 - Dec. 2006

- Developed visualizations of Congressional and industry data.

Washingtonian Magazine, Sept. 2005 - July 2007

- Wrote longform science-related features for the magazine.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| Languages: | Javascript, Python, PHP, Actionscript, Flash, Flex, Octave |
| Data visualization: | Raphael, Flare, Processing, and Protoviz. |
| Databases: | MySQL, SQLite, RDF-based (such as DBPedia) |
| Markups/data formats: | HTML/HTML5, XML, JSON, RDF |
| Platforms: | Django (on which I run Slate Labs) |
| Operating systems: | Linux, OSX (with Darwin), Windows |

EDUCATION

University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.) 2001-2005

B.A., English; Concentration in physics; GPA: 3.59 (total), 3.80 (major)

Echols Scholar (Honors program for top 8.5% of Arts & Sciences students)

[Stanford Machine Learning Class](#) (advanced track)

MISCELLANEOUS

Cofounder of [AnalyzeWords.com](#), a site that uses natural language processing to determine your personality on Twitter.

Short story "[The Dry Season](#)" nominated for the Pushcart Prize.