

SASHA BURCHUK *is a front-end web developer*

Education

Portland State University / BS in Social Science with emphasis on U.S./Mexican Politics

Universidad Latina de America / Study Abroad & Spanish language immersion

Portland Community College / Select studies in Computer Science & Programming Languages

Epicodus / Focus on Ruby, Sinatra, JS, jQuery, Ember, Angular, Git, OOP, BDD, Pair Programming

Currently

Freelance Web Developer / June 2013 - Present

- Focus on Content Management System development and customization using a wide array of different CMS platforms, including Shopify, Big Cartel, Squarespace, WordPress and Koken
- Most familiar with PHP, Javascript, jQuery, CSS and SCSS/Sass
- Obsessed with Responsive Web Development
- Exposure to JS frameworks like Ember and Angular, highly motivated to learn more frameworks
- Familiarity with Grunt, Vagrant, and VM testing using VirtualBox
- Using Git for version control and sometimes as a project management tool
- Very flexible working with people on creative projects and proactive at juggling tasks that don't necessarily fall under the purview of front-end, such as: templating applications and websites using Ruby/Sinatra, using SQL/Postgres, writing documentation, and setting up projects

Past Experience

David Heil & Associates / Project Coordinator / Dec 2011 - Dec 2012

- Conducted research on behalf of consulting firm to inform strategic planning for a panoply of clients in STEM education field
- Design and implementation of study, survey, and market research materials and subsequent analysis of data gathered from these tools
- Project management and client communication as assistant to the President
- Frequent business travel to meet with clients; coordination of travel and meeting agendas
- Regular reporting on research findings and synthesis of project information

Oregon Legislature / Legislative Aide to Speaker of the House / Dec 2010 - Dec 2011

- Used problem-solving skills and created plans to help constituents address issues that could be resolved using State resources
- Tracked potential legislation and corresponding supporting/opposing arguments and created databases to keep track of various stakeholder positions and desired outcomes
- Tracked and coordinated task force, commission, and work-group appointments; facilitated communication regarding appointments; managed data on every legislative committee that the Speaker appoints to; issued memorandums regarding appointments; gathered information and liaised with other offices and staff to procedurally confirm all appointments at the discretion of the Speaker of the House
- Promoted twice within a year

Freelance Writer / Sept 2008 - Dec 2010

- Culture blogger and profiling various individuals in columns (gallery owners, chefs, restaurant owners, artists, musicians, and others) for PDX Pipeline
- Assisted clients in preparation of work for submission or publication
- Served as ad hoc foreign correspondent for several radio stations and television stations in Caracas, Venezuela, and functioning as a source for *La Voz de Michoacan* in Morelia, Mexico
- Extensive research and travel to Latin America to conduct research on a number of subjects, including working conditions on the U.S.-Mexico border under NAFTA, food security in rural Mexico, Hugo Chavez presidency and social services in Caracas, Venezuela
- Collaboration with community partners on research projects, including MercyCorps and Portland State University

Short Term Career Goals

- Build something using a web audio API
- Build something using a web graphics library
- Master the art of virtualization!
- Continue to improve my Javascript skills
- Learning more about cryptography and encryption would be really fun