

Professional Summary

Writer, researcher, coder. BA Cognitive Science, MFA creative writing. After 6 years as a journalist and writer, during which I wrote "one of the best magazine articles ever," in 2020 I trained to become a frontend web developer, and later became a dev/project manager. I've now switched back to writing work, mainly focused on effective altruism.

Work Experience

"Humans of Effective Altruism" Oct 2022-present
grant-funded project for FTX Future Fund Regranting Program

- ◆ I am in the early stages of launching a series of magazine-style profiles on interesting people doing high-impact work related in some way to effective altruism

Copywriter Aug 2022-present
contract for Reforge – remote/New York, NY

- ◆ I distill lesson plans into a series of concise insights for improved pedagogy

Writer / Researcher 2020-present
freelance for Arb Research and Resource Movement – remote

- ◆ I am currently helping Arb Research write, research, and edit various pieces. Arb mostly works in the effective altruism space
- ◆ Most recently I've helped Arb with: a piece on prediction markets for *Works in Progress*; on AI talent for the Mercatus Center/Schmidt Futures/the UK government; and on 'advanced evaluation systems' in collaboration with the Quantified Uncertainty Research Institute (QURI)
- ◆ I also helped Resource Movement research and write an open letter on behalf of researchers at DeepMind and elsewhere about AI automation's impact on labor

Web Developer and Project Manager 2021-present
freelance for Astera Institute – remote/Berkeley, CA

- ◆ I single-handedly coded *astera.org*, and managed the entire project, from handling the contracts, subcontracting a designer, liaising between the designer and the client, and organizing daily stand-ups during crunch time, and setting up the server and custom blog. Wordpress, Cloudflare, REST API (Lever integration), PHP, Sass CSS, HTML, JS.

Web Developer and Project Manager and Docs Writer Jan 2021-May 2022
Plogg Media – remote/Quebec, Canada

- ◆ I create modern responsive websites using Wordpress, PHP, VueJS, CSS/HTML/JS
- ◆ I manage large-scale projects using Agile techniques (sprints, epics, stand-ups, Asana)
- ◆ I wrote all the developer documentation for working within a new project, *synode.ai*

Freelance Journalist 2014-present

- ◆ "The Legion Lonely" was Hazlitt's 5th-most popular article of the decade, nominated for a National Magazine Award, & called one "of the greatest magazine articles ever."
- ◆ Fluent in a wide range of tones and approaches: conversational news articles for *The Daily Dot*, humor for *McSweeney's*, clickbait for *Vice*, personal storytelling for *CBC*, cultural analysis for Snapchat's *Real Life Magazine*, longform research for *Hazlitt*

Copywriter & Interviewer 2019-2020
Innovate USA – remote/USA

- ◆ I created content for dozens of entrepreneurs for a series of B2B books. From one

interview with each entrepreneur, I would create two pieces: a 'Thought Leader' piece (written in their voice), and an 'objective' third-person 'profile' of them

Copywriter & Interviewer 2017

George Brown College – *Toronto, ON*

- ◆ Rewrote all the recruitment material for every diploma program in the college
- ◆ Interviewed faculty from each program and summarized each program's highlights
- ◆ Summarized and translated their information into catchy, easy-to-understand copy

Writer/Researcher and Website Manager 2007-2008

Probe International – *Toronto, ON*

- ◆ For this environmental advocacy NGO, I researched, wrote and edited web content and a weekly newsletter, working closely with subject matter experts to develop high-impact content for the general public

Literary Writer / Scriptwriter 2009-present

- ◆ Created a scripted internet TV show, "Miss Misery," an official selection of 9 web series festivals and the winner of the 2020 British Web Awards' "Best Script"
- ◆ Wrote a book of short stories, *The Jokes*, published by Book*Hug in 2016
- ◆ Recipient of grants from Canadian Arts Councils totaling about \$50,000
- ◆ Edward F. Albee Foundation fellow, 2012, Truman Capote Foundation recipient, 2010

Teaching

Creative Writing Professor 2015-2018

George Brown College Continuing Education – *Toronto, ON*

- ◆ Taught "Expressive Writing" and "Memoir & Autobiographical Writing"
- ◆ Consistently excellent feedback, updated all syllabi to reflect contemporary values

Graduate Instructor 2011-2014

University of Alabama – *Tuscaloosa, AL*

- ◆ Taught 100-, 200-, 300-level English classes (composition, literature, creative writing)

Education

Front-end Web Development Bootcamp 2020

Juno College of Technology – *online/Toronto, ON*

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing 2014

University of Alabama – *Tuscaloosa, AL*

Bachelor of Arts, Honours, in Cognitive Science 2008

University of Toronto – *Toronto, ON*

- ◆ Worked in the Cognitive Neuroscience Lab. I helped design perceptual psychology experiments, and invented a mathematical model for analyzing our results

Editorships

Assistant Editor 2013-2014

The Black Warrior Review – *Tuscaloosa, AL*

- ◆ Helped select and edit fiction and nonfiction manuscripts for the University of Alabama's literary magazine, one of the most prestigious literary journals in America

Assistant Editor 2012-2013

NANO Fiction – *Tuscaloosa, AL*

- ◆ Solicited, read, selected, and edited fiction manuscripts for this literary magazine