

## CAREER PROFILE

Full stack web developer dedicated to building web apps that support social and ecological entrepreneurs in achieving their goals. With experience in Ruby on Rails, JavaScript, React, and WordPress theme development, and a background in Applied Gerontology, I am seeking a compassionate and supportive team interested in using programming as a force for good.

## PROJECTS

### earlybird.io

[GitHub](#) | [Heroku](#)

A shopping cart feature for a farmers market ecommerce platform

- Built front-end UI using React and Redux to respond to and modify state change.
- Collected and persisted data to a Rails API backend.
- Applied React Router to create dynamic RESETful routing.
- Utilized async actions within Redux-thunk and fetch().

### Anomalous Encounters

[GitHub](#)

A public repository of extraterrestrial, supernatural, and unexplainable experiences

- Developed a Rails API backend with an endpoint for encounters.
- Implemented RESTful routing to create a scalable CRUD application.
- Applied OmniAuth for flexible authentication with Google.
- Utilized AJAX to dynamically render requests to API backend.

### Dream Catcher

[GitHub](#)

A smart Dream Journal that keeps track of and interprets users' dreams.

- Built a CRUD, MVC app using Sinatra to create a simple content management system.
- Utilized Nokogiri to scrape an online dream dictionary for dream interpretations relevant to user submitted dreams.
- Designed database schema and managed data with SQLite and ActiveRecord.
- Applied validations and flash error messages to handle invalid user input.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Polypore Design LLC, Brooktondale, NY

[polyporedesign.com](#)

Freelance WordPress Developer, May 2017 - Present

- Collaborate with clients to create custom web solutions that increase conversions and streamline business processes.
- Develop custom WordPress themes with Bootstrap, Custom Post Types, and Advanced Custom Fields.
- Provide ongoing maintenance services, including updates, backups, hosting and security monitoring.

### Ithaca Beer Company, Ithaca, NY

Tour Guide, December 2015 - July 2016

- Led brewery tours describing brewing process while creating an engaging and informative environment for guests.
- Demonstrated extensive knowledge of brewing and craft beer by answering guest questions and facilitating beer tastings.

### Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Cleveland, OH

Research Assistant, April 2011 - July 2014

- Recruited participants and collected study data through structured telephone interviews with veterans with cognitive impairments and their family caregivers.
- Collaborated with a research team to replicate and evaluate the evidence-based intervention BRI Care Consultation.
- Disseminated research findings at [conferences](#) and through a peer-reviewed [journal publication](#).

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## Full Stack Developer

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## SKILLS

Ruby Rails Responsive Design Git  
React.js Redux JavaScript SQL  
OmniAuth HTML5 WordPress CSS3  
ActiveRecord Bootstrap

## EDUCATION

### Full Stack Web Developer Program

Flatiron School

2019

### BA Aging Studies and Journalism

Ithaca College, Cum Laude

2010

## INTERESTS

Homesteading  
Evolution of Consciousness  
Mycology  
Simple Living