

Michael Epstein

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English

May 2016

Minors: Creative Industries (Game Design), Creative Writing

- Focused English coursework on period and genre fiction such as Science Fiction, Medieval Romance and Fantasy literature, along with Shakespearean drama and other classics
- Conducted independent studies on *Faces of Evil in 19th Century Literature* with Gary Goshgarian and *Medievalist Literature and Games* with Kathleen Coyne Kelly in Spring 2016
- Represented Northeastern University at the 2016 Greater Boston Intercollegiate Undergraduate Poetry Festival

Northeastern University Game Development Club

Sept. 2011–May 2016

- Elected Secretary Sept. 2014 – May 2016, Social Chairperson Sept. 2012–May 2013
- Facilitated weekly meetings, brought industry speakers to campus, and maintained social media
- Attends events and game jams regularly, including the annual Global Game Jam 2011 – 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Copper Frog Games LLC

Arlington, MA

Director, Lead Designer

Sept. 2015–Present

- Founder of indie game company specializing in tabletop board and card game products
- Designed and ran Kickstarter for *Tattoo! The Game of Ink* in Aug. 2016 with Gaming Paper LLC
- Orchestrates many contract artists and graphic designers towards defined vision to market
- Manages and develops several concurrent board and card game titles in varying genres and styles

Empow Studios Inc.

Lexington, MA

Senior Instructor

Sept. 2016–Present

- Supervises and instructs grade 2-8 students in Minecraft building, 3D modeling, stop-motion animation, and game design
- Develops innovative and educational activities for engaging students
- American Red Cross certified in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, Jan. 2017

Zephyr Workshop, Inc.

Worcester, MA

Associate Designer

May 2015–Sept. 2015

- Collaborated remotely with a small team to develop new strategy games for hobby markets
- Streamlined communication and planning processes within company using Trello, Google Apps
- Wrote and formatted WordPress blog and social media updates regularly, developed styles

Northeastern University Writing Center

Boston, MA

Writing Consultant

Jan. 2015–Dec. 2015

- Tutored undergraduate and graduate-level students in effective written communication
- Improved understanding and competency in various academic and everyday writing practices
- Assessed and administered assistance for international and native English-speaking students, focusing on higher-order writing issues such as organization, clarity of ideas, and thesis-writing

TechTarget

Newton, MA

Editorial Assistant

Jan. 2014–June 2014

- Wrote consumer electronics news articles, reviews and editorials for NotebookReview.com
- Delivered quality daily and weekly content with a small in-office and remote team

Technical Skills: Google Apps, Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, HTML/CSS, XML, Trello, Dropbox, Hootsuite, WordPress, Windows and Mac OS X

Interests: Board, card, and roleplaying games, rock music, cooking, playing bass guitar, writing sonnets