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## EDUCATION

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Swarthmore College	Expected Graduation in May 2015
Candidate for B.A. in Computer Science with Minors in Mathematics and Engineering	
Grade Point Average: 3.83 (overall) 3.88 (major)	

**Computer Science Courses:** Natural Language Processing, AI, Algorithms, SICP, Data Structures and Algorithms Mathematics Courses: Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Several Variable Calculus **Engineering Courses:** Fundamentals of Digital Systems, Electrical Circuit Analysis, Computer Architecture

# Technical Skills

Computer Languages (Proficient):	Python, C/C++, HTML, CSS
Computer Languages (Familiar):	Ruby, JavaScript, Racket, Haskell, Bash, MIPS Instruction Set
<b>Operating Systems:</b> Linux, Windows, Mac OSX	
Toolbox:	Ruby on Rails, Git, RSpec, ${\rm I\!AT}_{\rm E}\!{\rm X},$ j Query, Heroku

# **PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

## Lectern.co - Co-founder, Developer

· Write backend software in Ruby on Rails for this RSS reading platform, including article parsing, authentication, and security

- · Implement user interface features using HTML, JavaScript, and CSS, including a sharing system and comment forum
- · Monitor database performance, scalability issues, and site reliability while troubleshooting problems quickly

### **Amazon Review Model**

- · Downloaded and organized thousands of reviews of popular products from Amazon, a large online retailer
- · Used probabilistic machine learning in Python to build a classifier that detects the emotional sentiment of the reviewer

## Smart Connect4

Fall 2012

FALL 2012 - PRESENT

· Wrote a Connect4 game in C where the user can play another human or a computer opponent on multiple difficulty settings · Computer player uses a variable-depth minimax AI algorithm to score future game states and pick the optimal move

## **Racket Interpreter**

- · Built a meta-circular read-eval-print-loop interpreter in Racket using knowledge of functional programming techniques
- · Designed the interpreter so that it can execute Racket programs of substantial complexity, including itself as an input

# WORK EXPERIENCE

### Swarthmore College Department of Engineering

Summer Research Assistant

- · Created an application support layer in C to facilitate benchmarking on the VirtualSoC prototyping platform written in C++
- · Ported parallel benchmarks to VirtualSoC to test transactional memory research advances
- · Wrote a parallel shared memory allocator for VirtualSoC, balancing speed and fragmentation to improve performance

### Swarthmore College

Student Academic Mentor

- · Advise peers on course selection, test taking / notetaking strategies, reading skills; hold weekly office hours
- · Serve as liason between resident students and the Deans Office on academic matters

## NASA Goddard Applied Optics and Detection Lab

Intern

- · Built a proof-of-concept two-way asynchronous laser transponder to measure short distances using diode lasers and detectors
- · Modeled the precision of the system using LabView and waveform analysis equipment

# INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

Grader / Tutor, Swarthmore College Departments of Physics, Math, and CS (Swarthmore, PA)	
Student Representative, Informational Technology Services Committee (Swarthmore, PA)	
Volunteer, Philabundance Food Distributor (Philadelphia, PA)	

Fall 2012 - Present Fall 2013 - Present Fall 2012 - Present

Spring 2013

SUMMER 2013

Swarthmore, PA

Summer 2013

Swarthmore, PA

2010 - 2011 Greenbelt, MD

Fall 2012 - Present