Mark Bryk

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Helen Zell Writers' Program
MFA in Creative Writing – Fiction
2022–2024

Sackett Street Writers' Workshop
MAY - JULY 2021

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
BSE in Electrical and Computer Engineering
2011–2015
4-Year Full Tuition Scholarship
Summa Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Administrative Assistant — *University of Michigan: Hopwood Program / Detroit River Story Lab*
SUMMER 2024 - PRESENT

Planned, promoted, and staffed in-person and virtual events within U-M and across Detroit, and helped run extra-curricular programs for Detroit grade-school through college-aged students.

Designed and edited promotional flyers, annual reports, fundraising one-pagers, print and digital newsletters.

Implemented full website overhaul with improved organization of projects, blog content, and contact lists.

Led multi-organizational grant-writing team, and managed student employees across both programs.

Managed rollout of new contest submission/judging platform, and helped coordinate annual ceremony celebrating over 100 winners totaling $300,000 in awards.

Graduate Student Instructor — *University of Michigan*
FALL 2023 - WINTER 2024

Courses designed and taught:
ENG 223: Introduction to Creative Writing—Fiction and Playwriting
ENG 125: Writing and Academic Inquiry

Program Manager / Staff Writer / Policy Associate — *Renew Democracy Initiative*
DECEMBER 2021 - AUGUST 2022

Helped organize and staff planning sessions and fundraising events for international political dissidents.

Developed and implemented tech and internal strategies for fundraising and political outreach.

Edited weekly opinion essays for a newsletter audience of ~15,000.

Wrote and led art direction of a graphic novel exploring alternative less-democratic American histories.

Election Coordinator / Pollworker — *Brooklyn Board of Elections*
OCTOBER 2020 - AUGUST 2022

Freelance CTO / Project Manager / Software Developer for Early-Stage Startups and Nonprofits
DECEMBER 2015 - OCTOBER 2021

- CTO of **Prax**, an experiential education platform hosting creative prompts from online teachers.
- CTO of **SendThanksNow**, a social platform to send tips and thank you messages to frontline workers.
- Lead engineer of **OpenTent**. Built relationship management tools for nonprofits and community organizers, including dynamically generated community graphs of campaigns, donors, and relationships.
- Customized CMS + development/design for **Hunter Hillel**, **Hillel Office of Innovation**, and other related sites.
- CTO of **SeeThru Healthcare**, a start-up marketplace for health services in NYC with transparent pricing.
- Designer and developer of multiple web and mobile apps for **Poshly**, a data-driven beauty marketplace
- Designer and developer of a website and mobile app for the NYC **Makeup Museum**

Software Development Engineer — *Amazon.com*
JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2014 (Internship)

Private Tutor — *Grade Expectations*
DECEMBER 2012 - JUNE 2014

Software Developer / Project Manager — *Clevertech Development Team*
MARCH 2012 - JANUARY 2014

Division Director — *Camp Stone*
SUMMER 2012 - SUMMER 2013

VOLUNTEERING

Mock Interviewer — *Emerald Isle Immigration Center*
MARCH 2025 - PRESENT

PlebeianHelpers for Ukraine
SUMMER 2024
Web development, fundraising, and humanitarian aid delivery in Krakow.

NYC Cares, Invisible Hands
APRIL 2020 - SUMMER 2022
Delivered meals, packed and distributed food at pantries during the pandemic.

Lander For NYC 2021, Felicia Singh 2021
MARCH 2021 - NOVEMBER 2021
Canvassing, door knocking, fundraising, and data entry.

"Big Brother" — *Metro Denver Partners*
DECEMBER 2016 - AUGUST 2019
Spent ~1 night a week mentoring and bonding with an at-risk teenager and his two younger brothers.

Denver Writes
2017 - 2018
Led after-school workshops for writers aged 10-13 and facilitated collaborative writing sessions.

WRITING AWARDS / PUBLICATIONS

Gnats: The Masters Review, February 2025
Hopwood Graduate Drama Award, 2024
Hopwood Graduate Fiction Award, 2024
Frederick Busch Prize in Creative Writing, 2023
Hopwood Graduate Nonfiction Award, 2023
Nimrod Literary Awards, Quarter-Finalist, 2017
Glimmer Train, Honorable Mention, 2016