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## Overview

Self-taught full-stack developer with a background in linguistics. Possessing nine years' experience in planning and implementing onsite and online learning material, and a desire to leverage strengths in communication toward exciting projects.

## Work Experience

### **Vegan Consulting Japan** Tokyo, Japan (remote)

Website Administrator (part-time) April 2023 – present

- Updating and maintaining a bilingual Squarespace website for an agency that helps Japanese businesses apply for the British Vegan Society Trademark.

### **(Volunteer) Vegan Tokyo** Tokyo, Japan (remote)

Web Director (part-time) March 2023 – present

- Migrating existing WordPress site to Squarespace while completely overhauling the design and structure of contents
- Coordinating translators and implementing parity between Japanese and English content

### **J Prep Liberal Arts** Tokyo, Japan

Instructor (part-time) April 2022 – present

- Continuing to teach high-level classes to students wishing to enter top universities abroad and in Japan

Chief of TOEFL Curriculum March 2018 – present

- Produced curricula for ESL students at advanced levels, including test-specific courses and general academic skills courses, to stringent deadlines
- Adapted existing courses for online instruction
- Managed web-based learning environment (Moodle), created resources for teachers and students including quizzes and revision tools
- Oversaw teaching and online grading of written assignments by native and non-native English teachers
- Worked with a team of engineers, content creators and illustrators to build a vocabulary app for IOS

Head Instructor May 2015 - March 2018

- Created and implemented Writing for Academic Purposes curriculum, incorporating style guides such as MLA and Chicago
- Designed workshops for teachers based on instituting theories from applied linguistics in the classroom

Instructor (part-time) Nov 2013 - May 2015

- Facilitated discussions between junior- and high-school students on academic topics and current affairs
- Graded students' essays and prepared speeches

**ACE Pronunciation School** Tokyo, Japan

Instructor and Curriculum June 2013 – May 2015  
Coordinator (part time)

- Authored comprehensive grammar curriculum for adults
- Contributed to published English pronunciation textbooks
- Produced content for company social media
- Tutored adult learners of English (largely doctors, executives and other professionals)

**RIKEN Brain Science Institute** Saitama, Japan

Research Assistant Sept 2012 – Nov 2013

- Conducted linguistic experiments with infants
- Edited videos of experiments and analyzed data
- Presented research to peers and the public through 'open day' events

**Kuju Entertainment Ltd.** London/ Brighton, UK

QA Assistant June 2006 – December 2006

- Provided quality assurance for video games produced for publishers such as Sony, Nintendo and Sega
- Used database and workflow software to catalog bugs and collaborate with developers
- Communicated with international staff, particularly Japanese representatives from publishing companies

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## **Volunteering Tokyo Vegan Meetup**

### **Experience**

Co-organizer

2016 – present

- Organize and promote events through social media
- Participate in panels about veganism, SDGs, and related topics at universities
- Curate YouTube channel
- Communicate with restaurants and festival organizers to host events
- Welcome attendees and provide information  
<https://www.meetup.com/vegan-389/>

## **Education**

### **University of Helsinki**

Full Stack Open

Mar 2023 – May 2023

- Focused on MERN stack and GraphQL

### **Coursera**

Meta Front-End Developer

Aug 2022 – Feb 2023

Professional Certificate

- In-depth courses in HTML/ CSS, JavaScript, (Advanced) React, version control, UI/ UX design

### **University of Amsterdam**

MSc Brain and Cognitive

Oct 2011 – July 2012

Sciences (First Year)

- Cognitive Science track with concentration in linguistics
- Studied popular science writing

### **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, University of London)**

Linguistics and Japanese BA

Sept 2007 – June 2011

- First Class with Honors
- Included year abroad in Kyoto, Japan

## **Technical Skills**

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript (some Typescript)
- MERN stack (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js)
- GraphQL
- GitHub

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- Netlify, Render, Vercel (static sites, API)
- CMS (WordPress, Squarespace)
- LMS (Moodle)
- Microsoft Office suite including Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Online collaboration via Microsoft Teams, Dropbox and Google Docs
- Basic familiarity with design tools (Canva, Figma, Adobe Photoshop/ Pixlr, Adobe Illustrator, Final Cut Pro) and audio software (Audacity, Praat)

**References available upon request**

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